

CARP Malaysia's Annual Twenty-One-Day Divine Principle Workshop in Penang

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From July 2 to July 22, CARP Malaysia experienced its annual twenty-one-day Divine Principle workshop in Penang, a Malaysian state located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia, by the Malacca Strait. Penang has two parts: Penang Island, where the state's capital city, George Town, is located, and Seberang Perai, the part of Penang on the mainland of the Malay Peninsula. The island connects to the mainland via Malaysia's two longest road bridges, the Penang Bridge and the Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah Bridge.

This year seventeen CARP members participated in our workshop. The workshop covered the main lectures from Exposition of the Divine Principle and included some internal guidance topics to deepen the CARP members' understanding of the Divine Principle, to deepen their hearts and to help them meet challenges in their lives of faith.

Additionally, we carried out a variety of activities to help the participants experience Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' shimjeong. For anyone to understand the lives of True Parents or what they went through simply by reading our holy scripture books, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Cham Bumo Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* or even *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen* is not easy. Without harming our precious members (see photos), we wished that they have a experiences to help them feel closer to our True Parents by symbolically going through the type of difficulties our True Father and True Mother have faced. True Parents have indeed the front line and have gone through attacks by Satan to help rectify our sins and our mistakes and those of all mankind.

Experiential learning

CARP members performed creative movements in harmony with holy songs. They performed these during Sunday Service for blessed family members. Through drama performances, they also conveyed the deepest hearts of the various central figures including Abraham, Jesus and True Father. Through the drama performances, they could substantially feel True Father's sacrifices and love so very deeply.

We also conducted another activity with the name "Along with God," a game in which when a player makes a mistake God needs to carry the player on his back.

This game helped the participants to realize the truth that Heavenly Parent has been suffering so very much and enduring difficulties, despite not being the one who has made mistakes. Rather than Heavenly Parent, it is we, his children, whose ancestors committed the sin in the beginning, while we have also sinned and have prolonged the course of restoration through indemnity.

The twenty-one-day workshop has strengthened the faith of our CARP members. Their determination to make a difference in the providence was tested by the activity of "Moving toward your Dream." Despite all the discouragement and criticism surrounding them, they managed to accomplish the task of climbing up the beach for fifty meters. It seemed that from this all the participants felt inspired and gained greater determination to break through the trials in their lives of faith. Six of the CARP members that have just graduated from university pledged to become full-time members to support God's will wholeheartedly.