

55th Anniversary of Japanese Mission Speaking Tour in Hokkaido

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The rally honoring the 55th Anniversary of the arrival of Unificationist Missionaries to Japan was held at the Gato Kingdom Sapporo Hotel on Hokkaido, on September 9, at 1 p.m. by the Heavenly calendar,(10.14 by Gregorian calendar). Approximately 3200 guests including church members, peace ambassadors and VIPs gathered for this event.

The purpose of this event was to welcome the first True Mother's visit after True father's Seong Hwa last year on September and to commemorate 55th anniversary of Japanese mission.



The performances before the opening uplifted the atmosphere in the hall. Performing were the 'Peace Angels' choir, composed of middle and high school students from Sapporo church, martial arts by Asahigawa high school and university students and finally North Hill Choir with members selected from 14 churches in Hokkaido.

True Mother appeared on the stage with enthusiastic welcome. On behalf of the attendees, Rev. Yasda and his wife presented flowers to True Mother.



President Dokuno announced the opening and strongly appealed to participants, saying, "This speaking tour will give us a chance to inherit the will of Rev. Sun Myung Moon who dedicated his life for world peace and to become one for a new beginning, centering on True Mother."

Then Cheon Il Guk anthem were sung. The distinguished VIPs from home and abroad were introduced ; Mrs. Yeon Ah Choi, international vice president of Women's Federation, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, International chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, Mr. Yong Cheon Song, president of National

Blessed Family Federation and Mrs. Hae Ok Lee, and leading figures from Dohoku, Hokkaido.



After a video about True Parents' activity in Japan is shown, the congratulatory address and telegram followed. Mr. Geiko Suzukki delivered the message while his family played musical instruments for background music.

On behalf of all Japanese Unificationists, the president Yong Cheon Song gave the welcoming address in which he showed his gratitude for True Mother leading world-wide unification movement with great leadership after True Father's Seong Hwa.

Additionally, he encouraged church members by saying, "I wish you to start anew for the victorious VISION 2020 with luck of Hokkaido which is head of the Japanese Archipelago."

Next, a video featuring one of True Mother's recent speech was shown to the audience, moving some to tears.



During True Mother's keynote address she said, "In honor of 55th anniversary, we must again recognize and appreciate the fact that the mission to Japan is fully mature. Japan stands as a Mother to the other, younger missions around the world. Now,, Japan has the responsibility to achieve the national providential mission."

"You are living in the Cheon Il Guk era that True Parents inaugurated. It was your ancestors' dream and hope. Japanese Unificationist and blessed families should create eternal environment for the world." True Mother requested.

The Hokkaido Peace Ambassadors Committee presented an art painting (image of father and son crane) to True Mother and took a commemorative photograph.

The Hokkaido rally successfully finished with three four of Eog Man Sei by Mr. Yabuki Gyichi.

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