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True Mother: "Witnessing will cultivate and enrich your characters!"

Original point of 55-year mission inscribed at the commemorative rally

On October 15, 2013 from 6 am, a Hoon Dok Hae session celebrating the victory of the Hokkaido Rally commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the Unification Mission in Japan was held, welcoming True Mother and Mrs. Yong Ah Choi at the Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo Hotel in Sapporo City, Hokkaido.

President of the Unification Church of Japan, Rev. Eiji Tokuno, acted as the emcee in the session. After the bowing to True Parents and the presentation of a bouquet of flowers, a large cake was cut to celebrate the victory of the rally on the previous day.

Mrs. Rumiko Nakazato, director of women's department of South Hokkaido Parish offered a prayer: "After the ascension of True Father, contrary to anxiety of the people around her, True Mother became absolutely one with True Father and declared 'March on without interruption!' towards building the substantial Cheon Il Guk (CIG) as desired by Heavenly Parents. She unified leaders and members of the worldwide Unification Family. I was moved by her example of total commitment on the frontline of God's providence and her ultimate determination. The confident and warm 'true love leadership' of True Mother showed to brothers and sister of the Unification Family the clear direction and goal in the age of the substantial CIG.



Church members of Hokkaido and Tohoku regions welcome True Mother with applause

Next, Mrs. Eriko Honda, director of women's department of North Hokkaido Parish, read the Chapter 1 of the Book 1 'True Parents' from the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk, "Cheon Seong Gyeong." Through this reading, the participants could realize more deeply that the greatest blessing and gift given by Heavenly Parents to us was none other than True Parents.

Then, Mrs. Michiko Yuga of Ehime Parish, who is a member of the CIG Witnessing Troop, gave her testimony. She introduced her parents and



Cake-cutting ceremony



The 1st Region presented a woodcarving relief of cranes to True Mother



① True Mother speaking to members ② Mr. Yabuki, leader of the 1st Region, reports on the Hokkaido Rally ③ Dr. Chang, International Chairman of UPF, reports on UPF's peace initiative in the Middle East ④ Mr. Hayade, leader of South Hokkaido Parish, and Mrs. Kumiko Hama, representative of women's department, present a bouquet of flowers to True Mother ⑤ 40-member Korea-Japan Joint Choir sing 'Akatombo' and 'Arirang'

⑥ Mrs. Yuga of Ehime Parish gives a testimony on her witnessing efforts ⑦ MC: Rev. Tokuno, President of the Unification Church-Japan ⑧ Mrs. Nakazato, representative of women's department of South Hokkaido Parish, offers prayer ⑨ Youth choir "Signal" ⑩ Chamber music ensemble by the Suzuki Family ⑪ True Mother nods a consent to a testimony ⑫ Mr. Sotoji Maeda and his wife, on behalf of the 6,000 Couples, presented a clock to True Mother

Devoted to witnessing, overcoming illness and loss of her home in a fire

Opposing son was guided by God and followed His providence. Mrs. Michiko Yuga of Ehime

relatives to the church, bringing seven new members to True Parents during the last 50-day special witnessing campaign. Based on these merits, she was asked to testify on her experience and conviction regarding witnessing in front of all members gathered there.

She suffered a painful experience of losing her home in a fire, which reduced everything to ashes. But she found letters of 'BLESSING' vividly remaining intact in the ruins of her house. She got inspired of a certain heavenly intervention. She thought that Heaven wished her to convey the words of truth revealed by True Parents not only to her own family members and her kin but to many people in order to guide them to the Blessing. Thus, she devoted herself to witnessing activities. Shortly afterwards, however, she found herself tested in a severe depression. By overcoming these challenges, she could bear fruits in the

witnessing.

Her son who had opposed to her religion, was guided by heaven and came to appreciate True Parents' words of truth and true love. Thus, he could participate with her in the one-year memorial of True Father. As she recounted her story, the audience burst into thunderous applause of encouragement and blessing.

True Mother constantly smiled and nodded her consent to Yuga's testimony, reaffirming the participants that Heaven and True Parents wish the Unification Family to realize True Parents' ideal through witnessing and Blessing.

Then, Mr. Kyoichi Yabuki, leader of the 1st Region, reported on the previous day's Hokkaido Rally and some reflections from the audience. He expressed his determination: "Based on the rally's success,

leaders and all our members will go forward altogether so that the 1st Region can continuously offer glory and victory to Heaven."

Dr. Chang Yang Shik, International Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, briefly reported about the UPF's initiative for religious harmony and peace in the Middle East including the Syrian civil strife which is one of the latest global issues. He appealed the audience to inherit True Parents' passion and efforts for peace and go forward.

Korea-Japan Joint Choir trolled 'Aka-tombo (red dragonfly)', one of Japanese favorite songs, and 'Arirang', one of the most popular Korean folk songs, in chorus. Their performance gave a strong sense of unison between Korea and Japan. Then, a young a cappella group consisting of members of the CIG Witnessing Troop sang fervently a gospel song called 'Ride on the Chariot'. Finally,

from the Teine west church, the Suzuki Family Chamber music ensemble consisting of four members, who had received much appreciation from True Parents before, played one of their originals, 'For Eternity'.

Then, members of the 1st and 2nd Regions thankfully presented an Ainu-style woodcarving relief of cranes to True Mother. As the previous day fell on the wedding anniversary of the 6,000 Blessed Couples, a precious clock was presented to True Parents on behalf of the group.

Finally, True Mother spoke to the participants: "Everyone wants to get rich, but the shortcut to getting rich is the witnessing. The outside world shows a decline, while families following True Parents are becoming happier. When you can enlighten the world with the knowledge about True Parents through witnessing, you will surely get





The whole audience gives four cheers of Og-mansei centering on True Mother

richer than anyone else.” She emphasized the value and importance of witnessing.

True Mother spoke briefly but strongly that the very mission of the Blessed Families is the witnessing. Incidentally, right after her speech, True Mother noted some young children of the second and third generations who had attended the rally by watching the live video at a separate room on the 1st floor with members who could not enter the main hall. As a grandmother, she acknowledged her sympathy towards grandchildren. Like a

grandmother who would offer petty cash for a beloved grandchild to buy and eat snacks, True Mother granted some money to Director Yabuki, suggesting him to “Buy and give sweets to younger children, even high-school students, of the second and third generations of the Blessed Families in Hokkaido.”

With True Mother’s message given, the Hoon Dok Hae session was concluded with four cheers of Og Mansei and Kyong Bae (bowing).

One of the participants reflected: “Through this Hoon Dok Hae celebrating the Hokkaido Rally’s victory, I could seriously confirm that True Mother’s wish for the Blessed Families in Japan is achieving success in witnessing. For that, I also learnt, I have to inherit the kind of passion and love attained by the early members of our church who had pioneered the path after the seeds were planted by the mission endeavors until they stocked and bore fruits. I must succeed the church tradition filled with Holy Spirit and truth so that I can give joy and glory to Heavenly Parents and

True Parents by victorious witnessing.”

All the leaders and members of Hokkaido have gratefully received the seeds of true love, true life and genuine truth as planted by True Mother during her stay stretching 3 nights and 4 days. They concluded the official programs in Hokkaido with new resolution and readiness to march forward so that they can submit a victory report on restoring Hokkaido to heaven in the year 2020. (end)