REPORT

Hyung Jin Nim's World Peace Tour : NEPAL

To our Beloved True Parents:

It is with humble pride I write this report about Hyung Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim's first visit to Nepal. It has been incredible! They are so happy here. Very, very excited. HJN said coming to Nepal was his dream come true. He wanted to come here for a long time. Finally, that dream came became a reality.

He is having a wonderful time. He loves the people, the culture, the religions, the food, and everything about Nepal.

True Parents, thank you for raising such a filial son and for letting him come to Asia. Asia is blessed to be the first region to receive Hyung Jin Nim on his World Peace Tour. And Nepal is doubly blessed to be the first nation in Asia to receive the representative and heir of our True Parents.

Following is a day-by-day report.

Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President, Asia

July 30:

Airport Reception

Hyung Jin Nim's couple arrived at the Tribhuvan International airport in Kathmandu, Nepal at 12:20 PM on July 30. They were received at the airport by four Members of Parliament from four different political parties and other Ambassadors for Peace.

The Additional Inspector General of the Nepal Police (the second highest ranking police office in the nation) received HJN and YAN in the VVIP lounge.

A complementary Mercedes Benz, police escort and security team were provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of Nepal. This car was the same car used when Secretary-General of the UN, Boon Ki-Moon, came to Nepal recently.

Emerging from the VVIP lounge HJN and YAN were greeted by hundreds of people, lead by Buddhist monks playing the *shanai* (an oboe like instrument used in religious rituals). Leading leaders from Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity welcomed HJN and YAN. An seemingly endless sea of flower bouquets, and *kadas* (shawls used to greed guests) were give to the International President of the FFWPU and his wife.



While leaving the airport nearly 3,000 members, associates, students and well wishers greeted the International President and his entourage on the street. They waved flags with the UC and FFWPU logos, and held pictures of True Parents.

After settling in the Peace Embassy and having lunch, the entourage departed at 2:15 PM for the first VVIP meeting.

Meeting the Rt. Hon. Parmananda Jha, Vice-President of Nepal

HJN and YAN were welcomed by the Vice-President in his office at 2.30 PM. The Vice-President, an Ambassador for Peace, has supported our programs in Nepal on several occasions. Previously, he came to the Peace Embassy to distribute prizes to guests; he was also the Chief Guest at our Asian Leaders' Meeting Brotherhood/Sisterhood ceremony last year.



Meeting the Rt. Hon. Subash Nembang, Speaker of the Parliament

Rt. Hon. Subash Nembang is also President of the Constituent Assembly of Nepal and we met in the Speaker's Chambers in the Nepali Parliament. The Secretary-General of the Parliament and other MPs were also present. Several years ago the Speaker signed the letter to officially welcome Father to Nepal on the World Peace Tour I in 2005 and the Mother-Son World Peace Tour II in 2006. He attended both events and stayed throughout the entire program.

In the meeting, the Speaker asked HJN to extend his personal greetings to Father and Mother Moon. In addition, he said he was very grateful for the work of UPF in Nepal and its support for the on-going peace process.

Visit Boudhanath Temple (Buddhist)



The evening was free, so HJN wanted to visit a Buddhist temple in Kathmandu. He recognized the name "Boudhanath Temple" when several other temples were mentioned. This temple is a landmark World Heritage site.

He went there to offer prayer and incense. This is the temple travelers first go to after crossing the Himalaya Mountains and the last temple before returning to China or Tibet. They pray there in gratitude for save passage. HJN told Dr. Yong, "Just the smell of the temple excites me." He really has a deep love for Buddhist culture.

<u>Nepali / Indian Dinner</u>

HJN loves Indian / Nepali food and wanted to go to a local, inexpensive restaurant. Amb. K.V. Rajan and his wife, Geeta, joined us. It was a wonderful evening, the food was excellent and the conversation unforgettable.



Afterwards we just walked around the tourist area, Thamel, and came to one shop that sold only Buddhist paintings, called *Tankas*. We spent several hours in this one shop until it was closing time. HJN knew the meanings, the imagery and the stories painted on the various canvases. He said, "I'm like a kid in a candy shop." It was beautiful to see his passion so focused and directed. In the end he bought two paintings.

July 31:

The day began with 3:00 AM exercise, meditation, and devotion. At 5:00 AM two testimonies were given before HDH. One from a blessed sister from the Philippines who is married to a Nepali brother. They live in Western Nepal where it is hot during the summer (up to 46 degrees c. in the summer). In tears she testified to her love for Nepal, her Nepali husband, and the Hindu culture (her family is Catholic).

The second testimony was from the NL, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal. He talked about his father who was a soldier and his grandfather who was a high priest serving the king of Nepal.

Meeting the Prime Minister of Nepal

HJN and YAN met the current Prime Minister of Nepal at his official residence at 7:30 AM. Hon. Ek Nath gave a brief introduction about HJN's "World Peace Tour" followed by comments from Dr. Walsh, Taj Hamad, Amb. Rajan and Minister G. M. Gurung from Sikkim. (The wife of the PM attended the Holy Blessing in Korea in Oct. 2009 with a photo of her husband.)



The first words of the PM were, "Please convey my warmest greetings to Father and Mother Moon."

The PM continued his comments by remembering his first meeting with Father Moon 10 years ago, in 2000. He recalled vivid details of the meeting with fond memories. (The PM has met Father three times.) Then he said, "I see how people respond positively to Father Moon and his teachings. It is good – they will have a bright future."

"To create a new world we must give inspiration to young people," he said, noting that his is exactly what Father Moon is doing. He lamented that "there was a denigration of moral values. We need to teach and provide the proper environment for youth today. This starts with the family."

The PM praised the leadership of the NL of Nepal, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, saying, "He is doing a great job."

Meeting the President of Nepal

At 8:00 AM HJN and YAN meet the President of Nepal, H.E. Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, who is the very first President of this nation. The meeting took place at the Presidential Palace.



The President began by noting the many nations that come together in the work of Father Moon. Next he added, "I am very happy to know your organization works for peace, social stability, democracy and human rights – centered on the family."

In a self-critical reflection he said, "Nepal is passing through a critical period, but it is essentially our own fault."

The President highlighted the fact that Lord Buddha was born in Nepal. And then went on to say that the most faithful woman in Hindu mythology, Sita, was also born in Nepal. In fact, Sita (the wife of Rama) was born in the home town of the President.

He wished the conference and HJN's World Peace Tour all success. He then provided a breakfast meal for all the delegation (about 15 people from UPF). We concluded the courtesy call with a group photos in the adjoining room.

Meeting the 1,200 Members

At 10:00 AM HJN and YAN met 1,200 members from all over Nepal. The hall was packed. The educational part of this session lasted about 1.5 hours and included an overview of Nepal's current situation by the NL and introduction of HJN by Dr. C.S. Yong.

During this time, HJN interacted with the members (in English) on a numerous occasions. The rapport with the audience was superb.



He taught the Nepali members that Father discovered this hidden mystery of God's essential nature — it is a love that willingly dies for the sake of its children. HJN emphasized that God is knowable!

HJN testified to his own struggles with trying to understandTrue Father asking himself how Father's love was different than other religious leaders. He shared both his challenges and his victories that lead him to discover the seven deaths and resurrections of True Father. The heart of a parent is to be willing to die, and die, and die again for the sake and well-being of their children.

HJN also explained that we should go beyond the brother / sister relationship, because brothers and sisters can still fight. We should, instead, think of other people as our own children... putting ourselves in the parent's position.

He taught the members that the DP could be taught in one sentence: "Inheriting the True Love of God." "What is the fall?" he asked. A/E did not inherit the True Love of God. Restoration is restoring the position where we can inherit the True Love of God. This is the mission of the Messiah.

At the end of this session, HJN and YAN took photos with each blessed couple (about 50 couples total). The they took group photos with each of the 20 centers in Nepal, with the Japanese missionary sisters (about 8 people), and with the Indian delegation (about 60 people) were taken. People were deeply moved by the openness and approachability of Father Moon's children.

Meeting 500 Ambassadors for Peace

This meeting took place at 3:00 PM in the same hall (Hotel Yak & Yeti) as the meeting with members few hours earlier. At least 500 AFP came to the event. The Prime Minister was the Chief Guest and stayed for the entire opening session.



HJN began by talking about Father's life. After meeting Jesus at the age of 16, Father's absolute focus became "one with the mission of God." HJN explained that Father "tirelessly invested everything" to accomplish this impossible mission.

HJN stressed repeatedly that "selfish love was the root of the problem—the very root of conflict" and that Father came to bring the "seed of True Love."

He pointed out that, "The key to peace is the family. The key to the family is God. The key to God is true love."

"I exist for the sake of others," is how he explained Father's famous, lifelong motto *live for the sake of others*. Then he underscored the fact that, "You have to let go of yourself in order to be able to become one with anyone whether it was being one with God, one with your spouse, one with your children or even one with yourself."

One AFP said afterwards, "I didn't want to listen to other speakers. I wanted to save my energy to listen to Dr. Moon. He could explain things so clearly and so deeply."

After the Opening Plenary session, there were two "Educational Sessions" that followed. The seminar was entitled, "**2010 Assembly of the Ambassadors for Peace – South Asia.**" People were very inspired and at the end of the program a lovely and delicious dinner was served.

Home Visitation

At the airport upon arrival, HJN drew a lottery to see which family would have the honor of his and YAN's to visit their home. He drew the home of the NL, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal. (Interestingly, when Dr. Sook came to Nepal, he also drew the home of the NL for his Home Visitation.)

HJN and YAN spent about two hours at the home of Ek Nath and Blessie Dhaka. Blessie, originally from the Philippines, is pregnant with their fifth child (all girls so far).

HJN's guidance focused on how to develop the church. He said two things were need: 1) charismatic leadership, and 2) an excellent base manager. He suggested that the Nepal church hire a profession business manager in order for the church to develop substantially.

Without a good manager, church development is like a balloon. KJN plays the key role of professional manager in Korea and internationally. He is a genius in management. The manager does not have to be a church member. But, slowly as he gets to know our movement more and more he will probably join. This happened in Korea. So the manager needs to be educated about TF's teachings.

He should not be too young; he should be in his 40's or 50's. But he must have lots of experience and be very successful.

HJN wrote a calligraphy which said, "Devotion and True Love."

In terms of Ek Nath's own leadership, HJN recognized that he has many good qualities. Nevertheless, he advised him that whenever he is praised, he must immediately offer this to Heavenly Father. If you focus on yourself, then God will take back this blessing.

Guidance also focused on personal family relationships. The NL, Ek Nath, was asked to point out three good points about his wife. Then three points about each of their children. Then Blessie was asked to do the same things. In the end, she cried as her heart was deeply touched with this recognition / love she received.

Next HJN and YAN advised the Dhakal family about raising children. Once a week he should make an appointment with one of their children. Take them to dinner; spent time with them; make them feel loved and special.

August 1:

The day began with 3:00 AM devotion, exercise, and 30 minutes of meditation. Because of limited time (we had to fly to Lumbini early in the morning) we only did 40 bows. Members of HJN's entourage were allowed to do HDH privately, since they had to pack, have breakfast and leave for the airport by 6:00 AM.

Visit to Lumbini (the Birthplace of Lord Buddha)

A plane was chartered and 16 passengers could attend the International President and his wife to their first trip to the place where Buddha was born. Everyone was so excited. While waiting at the airport, we realized it would be hot and sunny in Lumbini (in the southwestern part of Nepal near the Indian border). At the lounge in the airport HJN bought everyone a hat.

It is a 40 minute flight from Kathmandu to Lumbini. From the airport it is a half an hour drive to Lumbini park, the place where Buddha was born. The surrounding area is country side. It is basically rice farming. The road was unpaved for about a third of the way; the rest was paved. As usual we had a police escort.

From an internal perspective, this was surely the highlight of HJN's visit to Nepal. It was a pilgrimage to the historical site that marked the birth of one man who had such a powerful influence on human history. We walked about the memorial park with signs indicating that this site dated back to the 7th BCE. We saw the pond where Buddha was given his first bath after being born and the tree under which his mother placed and raise him. HJN stopped and offered a pray here.

On the other side of the pond was an original Askok pillar that marked this as the spot where Siddhārtha Gautama was born into a royal family. Part of the inscription reads,

Because Lord Buddha was born there, he made the village of Lumbini free from taxes and subject to pay only one-eighth of the produce as land revenue instead of the usual rate...

We took off our shoes to enter the main excavation site which marked the actually birth place. We spent about 20 minutes inside. HJN obviously want to get as close as possible to the heart and spirit of Buddha. He offered prayers and afterwards touched the stones, apparently wanting to take something of Buddha's essence with him.

Following this we went to the office of the Lumbini Development Trust and heard a presentation about the future plans to develop the area. HJN and YAN signed the VIP guest book.

Next was a short – unplanned – UPF program organized in one of the Buddhist temples, apparently the temple was constructed by the Sri Lankan government. (Each Buddhist nation has been given land to build a temple in this area.) The Chairman of the Lumbini branch of area had organized about 100 participants for a short program.

Initially HJN hesitated to sit in the chairs prepare for him and YAN. He said later it was because they were placed right in front of the statue of Lord Buddha and considered this disrespectful.

When the 20+ Buddhist monks became chanting, it seemed to change the atmosphere. Things became more comfortable, familar and peaceful. At the conclusion of the program, HJN and YAN were offered many, many garlands of marigold flowers.

We traveled back to "Gautum Buddha Airport" flew back to Kathmandu, had lunch at the international airport and took a Thai Airlines flight to Bangkok.







