

Opening of the Ocean Hotel Widely Reported by Korean Media

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Under the leadership of Chairman Kook Jin Moon, the Tongil Foundation opened the Ocean Hotel in Yeosu, South Korea on February 28, 2012. The Tongil Foundation was founded by Kook Jin Moon's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, who also founded the Unification Church. The opening ceremony of the hotel was held in its Grand Ballroom with Rev. and Mrs. Moon, International President of the Unification Church Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, and Mr. and Mrs. Kook Jin Moon in attendance.

Mr. Junhyung Park, governor of the South Jeolla Province, Mr. Dongseok Gang, chairman of the Yeosu Expo Organizational Committee, Mr. Chungseok Kim, mayor of Yeosu, and Mr. Yeong-gyu Kim, chairman of the Yeosu City Council, attended and congratulated the opening of the hotel. The Ocean Hotel will serve as part of the infrastructure for the Yeosu Expo, which will open in approximately 70 days.



The hotel was built on a 12,941m³ site with an investment of 70 billion won (roughly 70 million dollars). The gross floor area of the hotel is 28,050m³. It is located 20-30 minutes away from the site of the Yeosu Expo, and its rooms have views of the ocean and the setting sun. There is also an 18-hole golf course under construction, which will be completed in May. A total of 19 accommodation facilities are either under construction or fully constructed in preparation for the Yeosu Expo later this year. Of these 19 facilities, The Ocean Hotel is one of the largest.

Rev. Moon's original intention was for the hotel to be built with 72 floors, but the current building has been built with 17 floors above ground and two floors below ground. A total of 137 guest rooms are included, and there is a convention center on the first floor that can hold 1,000 people.

The opening of The Ocean Hotel has been reported by at least three well-known news stations, including KBC 1, MBC and Hankyung. The Korean church website has all three videos embedded on www.tongilgyo.org/tongil/index.php?document_srl=159052 along with newspaper articles from prominent news outlets such as Chosun Times, Yeonhap News, Newsis, Segye Times, Hankook Ilbo, and Cheonji Ilbo.

Kook Jin Moon's Remarks

At the opening ceremony, Chairman Kook Jin Moon gave the welcoming remarks and introduced his parents. The following are his remarks:

“Respected True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind, honored guests, leaders of the city of Cholla Namdo and city of Yeosu; I would like to express my sincere thanks that you have come a long way to participate in the Dedication and Opening Ceremony of The Ocean Hotel.

“In particular, I would like to offer greetings of congratulations and gratitude to my father who is present today. He is the returning Christ at the Second Advent. He is the substantial God who comes from the God of Night. He is the True Parents, the owner of true love, true life and true lineage who resolves original sin. He is the owner of peace who through his life has established a tradition of dedication, service and love. He is the owner of truth who comes among us as true love. In fact, the reason we are here is to inherit his true love and practice it in our lives.

“True Parents first visited Yeosu on January 8, 2003, and began the Yeosu project later that same month. Since then, he has invested tremendous *Jeong Seong* (devotion) in the Yeosu area. He established Cheonghae Garden and invited tens of thousands of our church members from Korea, Japan and other countries for prayer and education.

“The Ocean Resort Condominiums, and ParaOcean Waterpark and Sauna were opened in 2008. Last year, the Geomundo Island Hotel was opened. Today's opening of The Ocean Hotel will be followed in a few weeks by the opening of the The Ocean Country Club golf course and club house. All these investments are being made in accordance with my Father's overall plan. He plans to develop Yeosu as one of the most important centers in the world for the maritime leisure industry. My Father has been teaching for more than 50 years that the oceans will play a critical role in humanity's future, particularly as a source of food and other resources.

“The full-fledged support and love of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was critical in Yeosu's successful bid to host Expo 2012 Yeosu, Korea, which will open on May 12.

“On this occasion of the Dedication and Opening of The Ocean Hotel, please join me in conveying our grateful heart to the victorious king of peace, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind with a warm round of applause. Thank you.”

According to the Tongil Foundation Facebook page, Rev. and Mrs. Moon are very satisfied with the completed hotel.

Leisure facilities managed by the Tongil Foundation include the Yongpyeong Resort and The Ocean Resort, of which this hotel is part.