

Chairman Kook Jin Moon Advocates for Defense Buildup in South Korea

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(From left to right): Kook Jin Moon, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Rev. Hyung Jin Moon declare Korea as God's homeland.

In light of North Korea's attack on Yeonpyeong Island last year on November 23, 2010 Kook Jin Moon, chairman of the Tongil Foundation and son of Father and Mother Sun Myung Moon, has been touring South Korea to heighten public awareness of the importance of national security. On November 8, 2011, Mr. Moon gave a presentation titled "Strong Korea" at the Cheongshim Seminary to an audience of 200, which included his wife and WFWP International Vice-President Yeon Ah Choi. This presentation will air on MBCNET.

On November 10, 2011, Mr. Moon met with the regional pastors of the Busan-Ulsan region at the Unification Church in Busan and the following day, he gave the "Strong Korea" lecture in the Busan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Three hundred people attended this event, including Chairman Moon's wife, Mrs. Ji Ye Moon, Dr. Sun Jo Hwang, Busan Administrative Deputy Mayor Yoon Hwan Go, Mr. Chil Du Kim, a former assistant secretary in the Ministry of Industrial Resources, and Mr. Young Lee, a former Busan council chairman. As an introduction to the event, the participants watched a video, entitled *Strong Korea: the Cornerstone for the Establishment of God's Homeland*, which documented the peace-building achievements of Father and Mother Moon.



Chairman of the Tongil Foundation Kook Jin Moon presents his lecture "Strong Korea" at the Cheongshim Seminary.

On stage, Chairman Moon presented an analysis of the current military, political and economic situation of South Korea. He argued that South Korea must become strong militarily and provided four detailed reasons. First, the United States' economic difficulty diminishes the likelihood that the U.S. military will support South Korea in a crisis. Second, China's rapid ascent as a strong military nation and its ties to North Korea could place South Korea in a perilous situation. Third, China is the nation that most often has invaded Korea during the last 2,000 years. Chairman Moon reminded his audience that China invaded Korea sixty years ago, during the Korean War, in which China played the primary role in dividing the Korean peninsula. Fourth, there is reason to believe the threat of attack from North Korea is growing.



Chairman Moon and his wife Ji Ye Moon pray over the Beomnetgeol Holy Ground upon which the first Unification church building in Busan was established.

The Tongil Foundation chairman argued that just because Korea is small does not mean it has to be weak. Making comparison to Israel, he noted that Israel has a population of 7.3 million and its gross domestic product (GDP) is nearly \$217 billion, with a military spending of \$16.2 billion. Israel is outnumbered 500 to one by the combined populations of the surrounding Arab countries, but the country is able to field nineteen combat divisions during times of war and its air force can fly nearly three thousand sorties a day.

Moreover, he continued, even though Korea is the nation that gave birth to True Parents, there is no guarantee that it will not be invaded by neighboring nations again, repeating the course of the last 2,000 years. He concluded his presentation by urging the Korean people, who are chosen by God as the Third Israel, to fulfill their responsibility and to accomplish their mission. He again reiterated the importance of investing in military defense of South Korea.

Mr. Moon urged the friends and supporters of the Unification Movement to have a heightened concern for national security and to prepare for a range of eventualities in order to make Korea, the nation True Parents proclaimed as God's homeland, the center of the world. He said, "If you look at the Divine Principle, World War I and World War II were won by the Abel side, which led to the advancement of God's providence of restoration. These victories were possible because the Abel nations were stronger than the Cain nations." He then reemphasized that Korea must become militarily strong for the completion of God's providence.