

Inaugural World Assembly of IAPP

Introduction of Co-Founder

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Good morning!
Your Excellencies, Distinguished Parliamentarians, Participants in this Inaugural World Assembly of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, Hon. Dan Burton and Hon. Speaker Jose De Venecia (who gave a very passionate speech!) who are the Co-Chairs of IAPP International, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am honored to be with you today and to have this opportunity to share a few words on this important occasion, to introduce my Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the dignitaries who, I know, despite your busy work and travel schedules, came all the way to Korea to attend these very significant programs dealing with key world issues surrounding global peace, humanitarian aid, education, sustainable ecological solutions, and a conscious human development.

My mother was concerned about the tight schedule of events. She was very pleased when you all joined in with the joyful festivities, celebrated globally, and watched via internet by people in more than 150 countries, to commemorate True Parents' Birthday. Every year we offer praise and rejoice in the memory of my Father's heroic life of service for peace and to our courageous Mother, who is valiantly, at 74 years old, carrying the torch of true love, peace, and the legacy of living for the sake of others. It was

our great honor to host all of you. Your presence deeply moved my mother, my entire family and our worldwide movement. Thank you very much!

I am sure you also all witnessed the impressive Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, honoring Dr. Strada and Dr. Yacoobi, whom I had the blessing to sit next to at lunch yesterday. I am in awe of their magnanimous heart of love, care, service and devotion to displaced women and children of the world, at the risk of their very lives. Seated to my other side was my mother, who has also risked and offered her life to serve and save the world. We shared a passionate conversation about how we can do greater work for humanity. I am greatly humbled and enthused to have such role models in my life. The honor extends to all the participants in this room who have nobly dedicated their lives for the wellbeing of others and future generations. Your life's work is essential to establishing a world of peace. So thank you for joining us on this IAPP assembly and world summit conference and I hope we can have sincere, significant, purposeful dialogue to move this world toward peace and prosperity for all. All the events this time were spearheaded and led by my breath-takingly beautiful mother, whom you will see in a moment, who celebrated her 74th year birthday! At a time when she should have been rejoicing, she could not ignore what was happening in this

world. She is deeply pained and concerned about all the issues we are discussing here today.

The principles my parents have taught throughout their lives us are True Love; to forgive, love, and unite as one family under God, to LFSO by cultivating a culture of heart.

My father explained:

“The culture of heart transcends the barriers of race, nation, and religion; it is a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values based on true love.” (Chambumo Gyeong p969)

My parents have devoted their entire lives to this practice and they have never ceased educating men, women and children from around the globe to be devoted to God, our Heavenly Parent, and this global mission of peace.

My father said, in the last sentence of his autobiography:

“Each day I set out on my path with renewed determination..... My prayer is that every person on earth will be reborn as a peaceful, loving global citizen, transcending barriers of religion, ideology, and race.” (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen p343)

Now more than ever if we look out into this world today, no one can deny that this is the heart and mission we must share. Since my father’s passing in 2012, our True Mother has carried our father’s torch faster and brighter across the globe as she has led us to expand his work to higher levels, culminating in these events. She knows that to change the world we need to unite world leaders and lawmakers to change the tide of individualism, to live for the betterment of all humankind and creation. This is the heart and sincere intention behind the creation of the IAPP global tour of 2016 which began at the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. This initiative was met with enthusiasm by all those who attended the program, both members of the Korean

National Assembly and the international parliamentarians, of which there were approximately 140 from 70 nations.

On this great foundation, my mother advised UPF to carry out a series of International Leadership Conferences in 8 regions around the world, to promote and launch IAPP.

I know that many of you who supported and attended these programs are with us today. I am grateful for having you here. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Also in the spirit of one family under God, True Mother, as Dr. Walsh was saying, sent her family members, all led and unified by honorably esteemed Dr. Walsh, to tour the globe to enlist peace-centered leaders to realize a global change of thought and policy. My brother Kwon Jin Moon joined the IAPP programs in Costa Rica, Paraguay and Zambia. My sisters-in-law, Yeon Ah Moon and Julian Moon (with the beautiful Little Angels), represented my mother in Nepal. I am grateful for their amazing work and support.

It was my honor to have participated in the IAPP programs in London, in Tokyo, and in the US Congress in Washington D.C. Now we have gathered here full circle once again in Korea, for this Inaugural World Assembly of the IAPP. I know that you were at the National Assembly of Korea two days ago, and I heard it was a tremendous success.

I believe our gathering today, and in fact this entire World Summit 2017, will be a launching point for profound change and growth of the IAPP initiative that we will carry out during our 2017 mission.

So are we ready to meet our beautiful host, the one who brought us all here together? I hope you will join me in giving a very warm welcome to our host, the Co-Founder of the UPF and the Founder of the IAPP, my beloved mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.