

## 2014 World Blessed Family Children Coming of Age Ceremony - Pursuing the Identity as a True Child

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The '2014 World Blessed Family Children Coming of Age Ceremony' was held from 7. 14 – 15 by the heavenly calendar (August 9-10, 2014) at Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center with around 450 2nd generation from around the world.

The Coming of Age Ceremony started with True Parents' words 'The 2nd and 3rd generation who are 18 years old and above from around the world must attend a Coming of Age Ceremony' (November 12, 2004, CheongShim International Youth Center) and since then every year alongside the summer vacations it has been held at Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training

At the opening address, Rev. Yeong-ho Ha, president for Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center, explained about the bar mitzvah for the Jews and emphasized, 'Just like True Father who was enlighten at Mount Myodu as the Lord of the 2nd Advent you must become 2nd and 3rd generation who will realize their identity as blessed 2nd and 3rd generations'.

Dae Mo Nim was happy to see the 2nd and 3rd generation attending the Coming of Age Ceremony and said, 'I wish you who were born without the original sin become precious 2nd and 3rd generation who will establish the culture of heart in the society and not follow their culture after attending this Coming of Age Ceremony.'

The actually ceremony started at 4:00 pm on August 10 in the Main Hall with Rev. Vice President Gi-seong Lee and his wife as the main officiators. Rev. Myeong-gwan Lee, Director for the Department of Education and Planning, Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center was the main emcee.

At the same time we could see excitement in the faces of the 2nd and 3rd generation attending the coming of age ceremony but see some feeling the responsibility that they have to carry as they become adults. The male participants wore a blue gown and the female participants wore a pink gown over their dress suites.

As representing all participants there were flowers to be offered to True Parents from Korea and Japan. Then through the Holy Water Ceremony, it marked a time to make a new resolution, and after reciting the Proclamation of Coming of Age, the participants proclaimed that they became adults and owners of Cheon Il Guk in front of Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Rev. Vice President Lee said, 'The Coming of Age Ceremony is the first ceremony to realize the 3 great blessings. As an adult you must accept your mission and become a person who will practice and make it so that Heavenly Parent could change your future.' And also explained about the important value of the Coming of Age Ceremony.

Then the ceremony was followed by the reading of the poem 'Crown of Glory' by Lee-yon Ang and a congratulatory song sang by Fumika Goto (2nd generation of 777 blessed couple).

At the time of receiving the certification of adult it was given out to all the participants.

The Coming of Age Ceremony is the first stage of the 3 great blessings and an important ceremony for the children to become true sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent. It is a time to realize the important responsibility of leading the God's Will and a time of resolution of preserving one's purity and prepare a mind and body of the original nature for the true partner.

The Coming of Age Ceremony began from 2011 and until now more than 2,000 blessed children have had attended. It is starting to establish as a ceremony for the 2nd and 3rd generation who will be carrying out the future of the Unification Family to inherit the heart of Heavenly Parent and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for them to properly realize the identity as a True Child.