

Open Hoon Dok Hae meeting

The True Value of Education

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All our best thoughts from Romania! We were very excited to announce that last Friday, on the 16th of January 2015, in the Peace Center from Bucharest, Romania, we were able to organize our first Open HoonDokHae meeting, entitled “The true purpose of Education”, with our sincere hope that young people could find the inspiration they need to pursue a form of education that can really help in their life – not just institutionalized education or that of an intellectual form, but to think about their moral, social and spiritual growth.

This new type of meeting wants to give the participants more freedom to firstly express their own opinion before we get to study the Divine Principle, for the ones that meet us for the first time or are not too spiritually inclined but need a positive, warm environment.

We started by reading True Father’s words, which reminded us that the family is the base of education, the place where virtues and principles are taught and that this emotional training ground is being helped later on by the social training ground to

open a person’s perspective of life. Our guests shared about their life experience but also about the disappointments they sometimes felt during the university, which has been lacking to provide enough food for their spirit and conscience.

We debated about the most meaningful form of education and also if they would rather attend a training program based on real-life experience compared to an institutionalized masters degree. Most of us agreed that there is not enough practice of our social skills in the school environment, that there is limited self-knowledge and also that the model established by the media is more destructive than we realize.

When we concluded, the students still had more to talk about and the final feeling is that everyone could gain good ideas and positive feelings in a friendly, family-like group. We can only thank our Heavenly Parent for the opportunity to meet each other and get a more realistic view over Education – its value and meaning.

Thank you very much!



Meeting each other... - Singing together – Team 1



Team 2 – Team 3 – Sharing our mind Understanding of heart



This year, we, Romanian Family, started the year with new hope and determination to spread True Parents' Words and teach this new tradition. We have some new programs, but we will keep the HoonDokHae meetings for our guests who already finished the 1Day Workshop and studied the first chapters of the Divine Principle. Through this meeting we want to feel more how Principle is working in our life and how we can apply its teachings.

This week, we choose as subject the title :“Why do I need to study?”. We used the text from True Father’s Autobiography, “As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen”, where he is sharing about a new vision for young people. We read how important is to have a dream that is guiding us to live for a greater good, and that we have to choose our studies considering what the world needs the most, so our studies can be truly helpful in developing new things and technologies. So only in this way our studies can be passionate.

After we read, we answered together to these questions: "How did you choose your studies?" and "How do you think that your studies can help and support the society?". Many admitted that they choose their studies just pushed by their parents or without thinking so deeply about the future, so they couldn't do it with joyful heart, or some even gave up later. But also some of our guests shared that they were inspired by their teachers or had always a dream that guided them, so they find a lot of joy through what they study.

We tried to guide them more on how to make their studies useful, for a greater good, how they can bring progress through an innovative spirit. Especially now, because studies have their exams, is important to find value and a meaning in what they do. So we want to continue guiding them and inspire them to live a true life, with a lot more passion.

We would like to offer this report, with sincere gratitude to our beloved Heavenly Parent, Thank you very much!

