

## The Hannam International Training Center and Guesthouse

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The Hannam-dong official residence, where True Parents' love and presence remain because they lived there from 1983 until 2006 has been re-sanctified as a guesthouse. With the third anniversary of True Father's ascension approaching, the History Compilation Committee is preparing ten books featuring photographs of life at the Hannam-dong official residence over the years. We will briefly inform you of the background to the transformation of the building as a guesthouse and its providential significance.



*Hannam International Training Center and Guesthouse Opening Ceremony*

**True Mother's benediction and dedication prayer:**

Loving, Heavenly Parent, on this day, a few days before the celebration of Foundation Day in the third year of Cheon Il Guk, we are opening a guesthouse here at the Hannamdong official residence and dedicating this to heaven.

Beloved Heavenly Parent, this is a historic place through which the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind manifested true love through their lives, shedding tears, sweat and blood for the sake of God's liberation and the salvation of humankind.

Father, may heaven embrace this place, so that when many of your children stay at this official residence in the future, they can personally experience our Heavenly Parent's existence, offer gratitude and glory for the achievements of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and truly feel and experience the perfection of Cheon Il Guk as your children.

I trust that this place will greatly contribute to the nation and world by allowing the people that come here to live according to their original minds and to practice true love, as True Parents did.

I pray that heaven can dwell in this place. Please remember all the many children who from today will visit this place and help them mature. I offer everything to you.

This I pray in the name of True Parents.

Aju.



*True Mother's dedication prayer*

True Mother offered the prayer on the day that she re-sanctified the Hannam-dong residence as a guesthouse, February 27, 2015. She had explained the significance of transforming the official residence into a guesthouse on August 8, 2014, at the sanctification of the True Parents' Historical Archives, which we held during the commemoration of the second anniversary of True Father's ascension. What follows is that explanation:

I thought of something on my way to the dedication of these archives. I received a report while in Hawaii. An elder member from Japan hoped to see for himself, before he died, the many achievements that he had heard True Parents had carried out for the Las Vegas providence. With this hope, he came to Las Vegas. When I heard the news, I thought that upon my return to Korea I should make better use of the Hannam-dong residence; I am thinking of using it as a guesthouse and as a church. This, too, would be recorded in the archives.

Even though members around the world are living in the same era as True Parents, among them still are members that have not been able to make it to Korea for particular reasons and those who cannot afford to. You know that there are members like that around the world, don't you? Even though many of the world's people have come here to experience many events, still some could not afford to come. For members, the place that True Parents stayed or lived... Aren't all members worldwide True Parents' children? As children, wouldn't they want to sleep at least once in a house their parents had lived in or stayed in? They would want to feel their love and



sense their essence, wouldn't they? That is why I am resolute about doing this.



*Korean church district leaders meet Father at Hannamdong*

### **A historical building**

The Hannam-dong International Training Center is the place where True Parents resided during the most important period of the providence. There True Parents educated members and sent them out as missionaries and tribal messiahs. There they shouted to the world about God's situation and heart.

True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for Unification and World Christianity at House of Three Doors church in Bukhak-dong, Seoul.

In 1955, he established the beginning stage churches by moving through churches in Seoul's Heungin-dong, Jangchung-dong church to Cheongpadong.

After their period of residing in the Shinmun-ro residence from 1981, they lived in Hannam-dong from August 29, 1983.

The Han River flows south of Han-nam-dong UN Village, which is in the Yongsan Borough of Seoul. Mt. Nam is to the north. Together these two features resemble a dragon's body. Thus, taking in the landscape, the site of the house seems to be the dragon's head.

Thus, according to geomancy, the place is said to have strong energy and is an area that will attract riches. In the 1950s, it was zoned as an area for foreigners, UN military personnel, embassy personal and official residences.

Recently, it has become the center for the diplomatic community. In the following quotation, True Father speaks of the Hannam-dong residence:

This house is at the highest location in Hannam-dong. It is known that the atmosphere of this site is so strong that not just anyone can live here. It is just like a dragon's head!

We can live here because Rev. Moon has come here. If any normal people had come first, they would all have died one-by-one. The atmosphere is strong. I am educating you here because it is like this. By representing the nation... They cannot attack this place without attacking the nation first.

Because this topmost location is like the head of a dragon and has a strong energy, nobody was able to settle there until True Parents came, and they passed this energy to the members and missionaries of the world.

On the first floor, True Parents would hold meetings. Celebrations welcoming them back to Korea took place there as did leader's meetings, etc. They taught members and celebrated holy days in the basement auditorium.

In good weather, they would go out to the garden and have Wonhwado classes or spend time with



members listening to testimonies. Particularly when Hoon Dok Hae officially started in 1997, many members came to hear True Parent speak.



*At the Hannamdong house, True Father wrote, “The path for the sake of the three great kingships and four-position foundation is the path to love the king.”*

They held numerous international or interfaith conferences there and received many political and societal figures such as ex-president Gorbachev, Pelé (Edson Arantes do Nascimento) the football legend, Neil Bush and Makarim Wibisono (an erstwhile president of the UN’s ECOSOC).



*Gorbachev visiting True Parents at Hannamdong house*



There they discussed methods of bringing about world peace. True Parents also brought about rapid providential development through important proclamations during their time at Hannam-dong:



*Members of the Soviet press with True Parents*

**September 27, 1988:** Proposal for the World Culture and Sports Festival

**January 3, 1989:** Declaration of Tribal Messiahship



*The first floor living room at Hannamdong house*

**February 27, 1990:** Declaration of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and Declaration of the Realm of the Liberation of the Spirit World

**July 1, 1991:** Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (Chil Il Jeol) and Declaration that all blessed couples would restore their tribes as tribal messiahs

**February 2, 1998:** (True Parents' birthday) Declaration of the Completed Testament Age and bequeathing the word for that age

**June 20, 2000:** Declaration of

Restoring the Cosmos to God and, on the 41st (True) Children's Day, Declaration of the Age of Family Kingship

**August 20, 2003:** Declaration of the Beginning of the Fourth Israel True Parents lived at the Hannamdong official residence for twenty-four years until their coronation and their entrance into Cheon Jeong Gung on June 13, 2006. True Mother, who understood the heart of her children who are longing for True Parents all over the world, bestowed her grace on us by rededicating this building as the Hannam-dong International Training Center and Guesthouse. As this is one of the holiest locations in the history of the providence, doing so was an expression of True Parents' love for all our Heavenly Parents' children in the world.



*The front of the Hannamdong house*