

This Week in History for February 22

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430-Couple Blessing Ceremony (February 22, 1968, Seoul Citizens' Hall)

Our church held the 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony in the Seoul Citizens' Hall on February 22, 1968 at 2:00 PM in the presence of around 3,000 guests. This was the first blessing ceremony that included Japanese members and became the basis for future cross-cultural blessing ceremonies. Following the ceremony, the brides and grooms got on twenty-five sightseeing buses and into dozens of cars and held a parade. The media featured the event with headlines calling it a “mammoth wedding.” This year, we celebrate the 48th anniversary of the 430-Couple Blessing Ceremony.

