### UPF International Newsletter: Rally of Hope Inspires Millions of Viewers

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## **Rally of Hope Inspires Millions of Internet and TV Viewers**



**Seoul, Korea**—On August 9, the Rally of Hope, a dazzling digital display, drew an internet audience of over one million from 194 nations, as well as 90+ million on television and other platforms.

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## 20th Anniversary of UPF Co-Founders' Addresses at the UN



**New York-T**he Universal Peace Federation was formed as a direct outgrowth of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) which was established in February of 1999. Click to read the **IIFWP Founder's Address**.

In August of the year 2000, the year of the

"Millennium General Assembly", the IIFWP [now called UPF] convened its Inaugural Assembly 2000 with sessions at the United Nations in New York. On August 18, both Co-Founders of UPF, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, spoke in Conference Room IV at the UN in New York, with more than 700 dignitaries in attendance, including a number of former heads of state and governments, religious leaders, civil society leaders and diplomats.

Dr. Hak Ja Han spoke on the topic, "God's Parental Heart for Peace" and Rev. Moon spoke on 'Renewing the United Nations to Build Lasting Peace.' One of the broad themes or categories is the relationship between religion, religious leaders, interfaith. and spirituality, on the one hand, and multilateral institutions, governmentcivil society partnership, and good governance, on the other hand.

### 'Peace Road' Marathoners Prepare for 15-Day Run



**Moscow, Russia**—One day before starting a 1,100-kilometer marathon, a group of runners gathered for a kickoff meeting.

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# Bangladesh 'Peace Talks' Focuses on the Role of Youth in COVID-19



Dhaka, Bangladesh—The role of youth and students in COVID-19 was the focus of a "Peace Talks" webinar UPF-Bangladesh hosted in partnership with Youth and Students for Peace.

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# UPF Supports the Philippines' Comprehensive Character Education Initiative



Manila, Philippines—UPF-Philippines has issued a joint statement in support of a character education initiative that was recently signed into law in the country.

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# **Czech Peace Embassy Holds Interfaith Breakfast**



**Prague, Czech Republic**—Eight people from different religious traditions attended an interfaith breakfast meeting at the UPF Peace Embassy.

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# **Upcoming Events**

AUG 18: 20th Anniversary of Founders Address at UN AUG 19: UN World Humanitarian Day SEP 12: 15th Anniversary of UPF's Founding SEP 21: UN International Day of Peace SEP 21: UPF-UK: Seeking Racial Harmony OCT 24: United Nations Day

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