



Foundation Day 2017 Message

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Dear Family,

Greetings from Korea, where our American Ministry team has been privileged to attend so many outstanding events with our True Mother over the past ten days. We've celebrated the 50th Heavenly Parent's Day, True Parents' Birthday, the award of the 2nd Sun Hak Peace Prize, and the world-level inauguration of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. Each of these events was inspiring and broke new ground. We're sure that many of you were able to watch some of these programs through live streaming or on our website, thanks to our hard-working media team.

Over the past three days, we've joined the annual Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly, where our Apple Heaven USA band did a great job helping to lead the songs and worship during the meetings. Each of the 13 Continental Regional Directors presented brief reports of the highlights of 2016, together with the key points of the plans for 2017. There is a real sense in the air that 2017 can be a year of inflection, and that victory in 2020 is really possible. True Mother has great confidence!

Today we had a little down time, and went into Seoul to visit two very different museums: the Changdokgoong Palace, where great King Sejong's family once lived, and then on to the National War Museum. The latter has an enormous display of Korea's military history, from the earliest days up until the Korean War. We were again reminded of the tremendous sacrifices made by so many foreign soldiers – and millions more Koreans. There truly was such a profound foundation of suffering that helped qualify this nation to be the one to receive True Parents.

On the way back, we stopped for dinner and also celebrated the 42nd Blessing Anniversary of the 1800 couples, represented in our group by Dr. & Mrs. Kim and Rev. & Mrs. Inose. Congratulations to them, and to all the 1800 couples on this auspicious day!

Tomorrow, February 9, we will observe the 4th Anniversary of Foundation Day. During the celebrations, True Mother will present awards for a group of about 60 families with an outstanding record of tribal messiahship, including two from the United States. Congratulations to Joe and Sun Willett from Kentucky, and to Dennis and Mayuri Hoffman from South Dakota for receiving this honor!

Happy Foundation Day to everyone!

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