

## FFWPU UK: Cheon Il Guk Leaders Top Gun Training Being Held In Korea

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Hear an update from Sophia on The Cheon Il Guk Leaders Top Gun workshop that is currently halfway through the programme in Korea...

I feel very grateful that I get to be one of the youth leaders representing the EUME and UK region here at this workshop. We are around 500 participants strong, with the majority coming from Korea and Japanese congregations but there is also representatives from Heavenly Asia Pacific, USA and Africa.

So far we have been engaging in a lot of lecture content from the Epic History of the Chosen Han People of Korea to the Chambumoron. We have been very grateful to have the best lecturers taking the time to teach us all the content. It was been very interactive with a lot of question and answer sessions being held where participants can directly ask the lecturers about the content, who do their best to give answers in as much detail as possible. It has been a very eye opening experience.

It has also been great to have the opportunity to try to bond more with my brothers and sisters from

across our global community and finding ways to communicate despite the different cultural and language barriers, we are truly trying to feel like one family. But despite our packed schedule we have also been able to engage in time to reflect, team meetings and also some fun and games. We eat all our lunches in our teams which almost always ends at the Buheung convenience store with everyone buying ice creams or cold drinks to enjoy the warm sunny weather that is now here in full swing. We went to the nearby Gapyeong playing field and were able to play big games of capture the flag which helped us to develop our strategy and team building/ communication.

Even today we were able to take part in a giant quiz and cheer on our team mates in an obstacle course challenge. We are a very big workshop with almost 50 teams so for events like sports we have been combined into just 4 teams, I am on team Peace. We also had an open mic event in the afternoon, with so many people signing up that unfortunately many people were not able to perform in the end. It was full of energy and heartfelt messages with everyone enjoying and dancing along, there was even a beatboxing and rap performance from some representatives from Heavenly Japan.

I got to take part in a big group performance of 'We are the World' featuring participants from all of the regions. It was really great to be able to meet and hear the skills of my fellow brothers and sisters from across the globe through this experience. We even ended up coming first and were able to enjoy Korean Fried Chicken together for dinner!

Of course we are only halfway through the workshop but I am feeling positive and excited for all there is yet to come such as the youth forum days where we will be speaking about new ideas as well as ways to refocus and improve our current communities. I look forwards to be able to learn from the intellect and experience of the leaders around me who are engaged in various activities from regional leaders to youth facilitators.