

Seminar at the UN for UPF Ambassadors for Peace

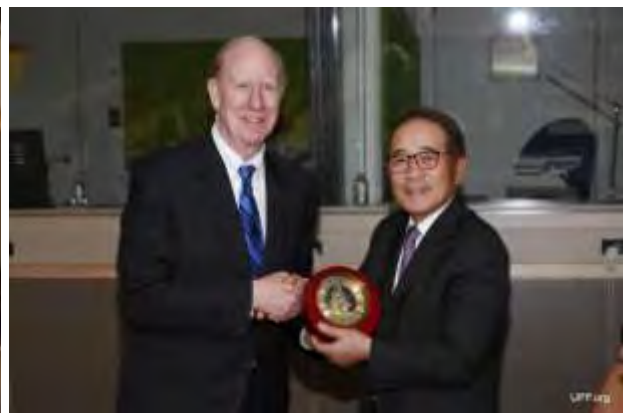
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Forty Ambassadors for Peace from Universal Peace Federation-Korea took part in a seminar at the United Nations on May 13, 2015 in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Moderated by Mr. John Paul Hong, UPF vice president, the seminar was opened by Dr. Tageldin Hamad, UPF secretary general, who spoke about the work of its founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and their emphasis on creating peace in families, nations and around the world. The founders' call for a global day to honor parents bore fruit in the passing of a UN Resolution by the General Assembly in 2013 establishing a "Global Day of Parents."



Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF president, talked about the history of wars and the great role the United Nations has played in reducing or averting the possibility of another large-scale war, as occurred during World Wars I and II. He spoke about Dr. and Mrs. Moon's initiatives for peace including a proposal for an interreligious council at the UN, programs for strengthening the family, and forming peace zones in conflict areas.



H.E. Mr. Denis Antoine, ambassador of Grenada to the United Nations, shared that 2015 is a historical transition period at the United Nations, in which the Millennium Development Goals will be replaced by Sustainable Development Goals in order to bring about a brighter future for humanity.

Minister Yu Sam Nam, former Minister of Ocean and Fisheries of South Korea, talked about the importance of the United Nations especially in regard to a peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula, building a Peace Park in the DMZ, and opening a 5th UN office in the Republic of Korea. Minister Yu led the delegation of Korean Ambassadors for Peace on a tour of the United Nations after the seminar

