Interview of Park Jong-eun, Pure Water Assembly 2026 Operations Team Leader

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In the summer of 2026, Pure Water youth from around the world are gathering in Korea. Now in its second year, Pure Water Assembly 2026 (PWA) is an international workshop where members of the rising generation from around the world live together and experience what it means to be one family under Heavenly Parent. True Peace Magazine spoke with Park Jong-eun, who is responsible for managing the workshop, about her memories of last year's assembly, what will be new this year, and the message she would like to share with Pure Waters around the world. - Editor's note

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Questuon: I imagine there were some programs that last year's participants particularly enjoyed. Could you tell us about some of the activities that were especially popular or memorable?

Answer: Many Pure Waters have told us that one of their most memorable experiences was the three days they spent in Yongpyong.

They lived together in nature and took part in a variety of programs. They worked hard together, laughed together and prayed for one another, and I think it was a time when they naturally grew closer in heart.

We're planning another stay in Yongpyong this year, but we're preparing something a little different from last year.

Questuon: What will be the biggest difference this year compared with last year? What changes will returning participants notice?

Answer: This year will be different right from the start. The first three days of the schedule, including the opening ceremony, will be held primarily at Cheon Won Gung.

One of the biggest differences from last year is that we'll be able to spend more time at Cheon Won Gung. It is such a special place, built with so much jeongseong and filled with providential significance.

We're also planning ways to help PWA participants from around the world connect more closely with the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing and build deeper relationships with them.

Questuon: Now I'm even more curious about what these 14 days at PWA will be like. I'm sure there are some things you can't reveal yet, but can you give us a little preview of what you have planned?

Answer: The entire workshop has been designed as one interconnected journey. Each program leads toward greater unity with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, stronger relationships with our brothers and sisters around the world, and a renewed determination as we look to the future.

We're also planning a special session where participants can hear firsthand about the lives of young people from other parts of the world.

I hope that hearing how other young people their age are taking on the challenges of life and fulfilling their responsibilities will help each of the participants discover their own potential and mission.

Toward the end of the workshop, we'll also have a vision session where participants can reflect on the grace and insights they have received over the 14 days and make concrete plans and resolutions about the values and goals they want to live by when they return home.

I would like to tell you more, but I think I'll keep the rest of the program a secret so that participants can discover it for themselves when they get here.

Questuon: I imagine there are many staff members working behind the scenes to make this a great workshop. How are preparations for PWA going?

Answer: Our Human Resources Development Institute is working closely with many staff members from other departments at the world headquarters, as well as with various other organizations and outside professionals, to prepare for the workshop.

We're carefully checking every aspect of the participants' stay, including accommodations, meals, medical support, interpretation and transportation, as well as everything that has to happen for the programs themselves to run smoothly and successfully.

Thanks to the hard work and devotion of so many people, preparations are going very well.

Questuon: Finally, what would you like to say to the Pure Waters around the world who are looking forward to this year's PWA?

Answer: I think it takes a lot of courage to take that first step into a new and unfamiliar environment.

Some of you may be nervous about being in a new place with new people, new cultures and unfamiliar languages, but you really don't need to worry.

There are many older brothers and sisters here who are eagerly waiting to meet you and are ready to take good care of you. More than anything, Heavenly Parent is waiting to embrace and love each and every one of you.

I hope you will come to the Assembly, jump in, take on new challenges and receive an abundance of love. I also hope you will actively share the love and joy you receive here with your Pure Water brothers and sisters who were not able to join us this time.

We will continue investing our whole hearts in the preparations until the very last moment so that you can have a safe and happy experience here.

Pure Water Assembly 2026, alive with the passion and faith-filled determination of Pure Water youth from around the world, will continue through August 26.

Just as drops of water come together to form a river, we look forward to the bright future these Pure Waters will create as they move out into the world with hearts united