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Twenty-one Year Commemoration of True Parents' Visit to Okinawa



Dr. Sun Jin Moon appealed APTF convention attended by 1,700 people

Under the main theme 'True Family Movement and Realization of World Peace', on September 27th in the morning, about 1,700 people assembled in the Okinawa Convention Center in Ginowan city for 'Commemorative Rally of the 21st anniversary of True Parents' visit to Okinawa' organized by the Association to Promote True Family (APTF).

This Okinawa rally followed the 10,000-youth convention earlier in Tokyo, both with Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Director General of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International, as the keynote speaker on behalf of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. This rally was made possible thanks to the 21-year-

long aspiration of Okinawa members to 'receive True Parents to Okinawa'. It was in fact full of grace and benefits.

Still the summer temperature of nearly 30 degrees centigrade as well as the beautiful sea, once described by Nobel Prize winning novelist, Yasunari Kawabata, as 'the seven-colored sea' welcomed Dr. Sun Jin Moon in her first official visit to Okinawa. One of the most popular sightseeing spots in Japan, Okinawa was also the deadly battleground between Japanese and American armies in the Battle of Okinawa, in which 190,000 Japanese people lost their lives with over 120,000 being local Okinawa people.

Because of this history, upon arriving in Okinawa, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband In Sup Park went to the Peace Memorial Park in the south. They offered flowers and prayed at the monument called 'Cornerstone of Peace', on which inscribed are a total of 240,000 names of military personnel and civilians who had died in the battle including Japanese, American, Korean, British and Taiwanese nationals.

Referring to that history in her keynote address, Dr. Sun Jin Moon urged the audience this way: "I felt re-committed to eliminating conflicts and violence in the world. Let us work together to turn the painful history into a new era of true love

and sustainable peace!"

Referring to Dr. Han's Okinawa visit 21 years before, Sun Jin Nim introduced True Mother's words of encouragement: "A typhoon is formed in the south and moves northbound. Likewise, why not the flame of faith may be transmitted from Okinawa to other parts of Japan?" Sun Jin nim also stressed: "Okinawa has always been in Dr. Han's prayer and heart. Likewise, I, too, would like to affectionately love the land and people of Okinawa. I am truly grateful to spend such a precious moment together with you." Then, she read out True Mother's speech "The path to the future world of peace' on behalf of Dr.

- ① Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple being ① photographed in the waiting room
- ② The Yoshida Family band 3 Young people seeing Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple off
- 4 "Eisa" (traditional Okinawan dance) performed by the youth
- (5) The final performance was "Kachashi" (traditional Okinawan
- (6) Rev. Yeon Chong Song, APTF Honorary Director, giving the welcome remarks
- 7 Rev. Eiji Tokuno, APTF Director, giving the greetings from the host ® Greetings by Rev. Zin Mo Ham, Director of APTF Okinawa Council











Realizing True Families through the Blessing of Marriage

Expanding True Families to True Nations and the World

Han.

Sometimes, trying to contain her excitement and emotion, Dr. Sun Jin Moon read the message text through, to the repeated applause and cheers from the audience.

True Mother said in the keynote address: "Our Heavenly Parent, who is the embodiment of true love, stands ever ready to help us. However, it is all up to us now. We must awaken, listen to and obey our conscience. The conscience is our second God, our second Heavenly Parent. If we are always spiritually awake, with Truth and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, and we pray and live with gratitude for each circumstance of our lives, we will be able to hear our Heavenly Parent's voice and experience the Love that can quake your whole body."

Furthermore, True Mother said: "People, who have brought mind and body into unity and who practice true love by serving, volunteering and contributing to society in accordance with the conscience can truly be called good men and women. If these people meet True Parents, receive the Holy Blessing based on true love, and form exemplary families, these families will become the cornerstone of peace. A true family is the nucleus of a peaceful world. When a true family is expanded, a new era of true nations and a true world opens up."

She thus urged that the True Family Movement is really necessary to open a new future.

Prior to the keynote address, APTF President Dr. Eiji Tokuno said: "It is most vital for peace and security of Japan and East Asia to strengthen solidarity among Japan, South Korea and the USA, which share the similar values of democracy and freedom based on theism. Another important factor is to enhance True Family Movement on to a national dimension." He then proclaimed: "The base of generating peace in Asia at large and the kick-off point of True Family Movement should be found in your beloved Okinawa!"

In a welcome remark, Dr. Yeon Chong Song, Honorary President of APTF, pointed out that the declining birthrate and aging population are caused "not just because of young people's economic circumstances and child-rearing environment, but also, more essentially, their value systems and consciousness which do not appreciate family values." He urged this way: "The True Family Movement advocated by Dr. Hak Ja Han will be a national salvation which is indispensable for revitalizing Japan and its sustainable prosperity."

In the finale, as if to inherit the heaven's fortune brought by Dr. Sun Jin Moon, the whole audience sang a chorus of 'Heavenly Fortune Kachashi' in tune with the Rvukyu Band. As some VIP guests got excited and went on stage, many people stood up and dance the Okinawa's traditional Kachashi.

Finally, led by Mr. Chongho Chon, APTF Okinawa's Senior Advisor, all the audience said four cheers of Mansei. Then, centering on Dr. Sun Jin Moon's couple, the whole participants had the commemorative photo taken together, before closing the









The True Family Movement is the Salvation for Japan

Okinawa, Be the Origin of the Peace Movement!

[Some reflections]

This made me feel a day when the world will be united!

"I thank the invitation to such a great event! The dances by youth members were wonderful. Also I was moved by the Yoshida Family unit performing Okinawa music pieces together. The speech was plain to understand, feeling a day of the world's unity and peace is not far away. The final Kachusha made everyone dance altogether including the organizers. I want to join this movement and offer my help for world peace." (a male in his 50s from Uruma city)

I could find a sacred struggle to revive mankind

"In the Battle of Okinawa, young people of Japan and America had to be involved in the live-or-kill situation. But now we have True Family Movement advocated by Rev. and Mrs. Moon. This is the struggle to revive people by means of our lives and True Parents' love. I felt strongly how fortunate we were to live such a significant life! This Okinawa rally should be the kickoff of constructing a beautiful and proud Japan!" (a male in his 20s from Naha city)

Very much moved by True Family!

"The entertainment was really impressive. In every moment, I could experience a true family atmosphere, with singing and dancing, all wonderful. The message convinced me that, regardless of nationality, everyone wishes peace and happiness. While the translation was excellent, on-screen subtitles helped us understand the contents. The lottery was exciting and the final goat caused big laughter! This was my first participation, but I thank you for the invitation." (a lady in her 60s from Itoman city)

This made me realize this is a genuine movement!

"I was introduced by a 20-year-long acquaintance. President Tokuno had impressed me a lot at the Security Seminar the other day. This organization is genuine, as I experienced in today's rally, as well. I would like to participate in the True Family Movement more actively." (a lady in her 50s from Okinawa city)





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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Address (Summary)

The Path to the Future World of Peace

Sept. 27, 2014 Okinawa Convention Center

Okinawa, a place within the Heart of Dr. Han

Yesterday, we paid a visit to the Peace Memorial Park in the south and offered flowers at the "Cornerstone of Peace" monument where the names of more than 240,000 soldiers who fought in the Battle of Okinawa, including Japanese and Americans, are inscribed. We prayed for the peace and repose of those souls and made a strong determination to make this a world devoid of conflict and violence.

Today, September 27, is the day that my mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, visited Okinawa 21 years ago and spoke to the families at that time. Even though it has been decades since then, her heart and her prayers have always been with you.

My mother has taught me two precious phrases, which are, in Korean, 'Kamsa hamnida!' and 'Salan Hamnida!' meaning 'Thank you' and 'I love you'. If we apply these principles we can bring about true healing, liberation, and a peaceful resolution of all conflicts.

We are all truly one family under our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. Therefore, with a deepest heart of love and eternal gratitude to you all, please let me share my mother's keynote address with you.

Discovering God's Will and Setting off to the World

My husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, received Heaven's calling at the age of sixteen and strove to discover God's will. When he studied at the Waseda College of Engineering here in Japan, he sincerely devoted himself to becoming a true person. He lived according to the personal motto that he must achieve mastery over himself before desiring to have mastery over the universe. Ultimately, the young Rev. Moon uncovered the deepest heavenly truths: God's Purpose and Principle of Creation, the origin of sin and the human Fall, the

path of restoration that humankind must walk in order to become the people God originally intended, and also the principles of development in the natural world as well as of human history. Armed with this understanding, he set off on a journey to accomplish God's Will

When I was just six years old, it was prophesized that I would become the bride of Heaven. At the age of seventeen, I married Reverend Moon. My husband and I dedicated our lives to establishing the models of true parents, true teachers and true owners. Centering on this vision, we spent every day of our lives educating people the world over. Even though the way to liberating God, bringing salvation to humanity and realizing a world of peace has been a road of thorns, we walked this path with grateful hearts.

True Family is the Nucleus of a Peaceful World

Now the world is calling for a true youth movement and a movement for a true family vision that opens the way to a new future. If you respond to Heaven's call and fulfill your responsibilities, you will become heroes remembered by history. Otherwise, you will be completely vanished from history.

Human history has been the providence of restoration to establish one central figure. Finally, the Lord returned; he found Heaven's bride, the only begotten daughter, and together they emerged as the True Parents. Humanity has ushered in such a blessed era. All people need to be able to meet our Heavenly Parent's representatives, the True Parents. They should be able to attend and follow them. Only by doing so can humanity be rid of the original sin and be reborn as people filled with love and wisdom, which is the original ideal and standard envisioned by our Heavenly Parent at the time of creation.

When good men and women who practice true love meet True

Parents, receive the Holy Blessing based on true love, and form exemplary families, these families will become the cornerstone of peace. A true family is the nucleus of a peaceful world. When a true family is expanded, a new era of true nations and a true world opens up.

Risking our Lives to build the Foundation of Peace

My husband and I have put our lives on the line for the realization of peace. His critique of the Juche Ideology and his statement that the two Koreas must unite through true love centered on our Heavenly Parent, in 1991, given at Mansudae Assembly Hall, the very heart of North Korea, created shockwaves. Our meeting with North Korean leader Kim II Sung following such a critical moment opened a new door to the possibility of the reunification of the two Koreas.

In 1985, when the communist realm was at the peak of its expansion, hundreds of people from the Professors World Peace Academy gathered at the Intercontinental Hotel, in Geneva, Switzerland, which in those days was right across from the Russian Embassy, and made a historic proclamation. According to my husband's guidance, scholars at the conference proclaimed that communism would collapse within five years.

A few years later, CARP students marched to the Berlin Wall in Germany, shouting out that the wall should disappear as they prayed to God for that outcome.

Soon afterwards, an amazing event took place. The Berlin Wall collapsed. The collapse of the Eastern European communist bloc followed, and we witnessed the miraculous disintegration of the Soviet Union, where communism had originated, which provided great support in bringing an end to the Cold War.

Even though there are many who contributed to this result, I

believe Heaven was moved by the sacrifices and prayers of our young members who, at that time, risked their lives to carry forward this movement. They are the heroes and pride of history.

Four Important Guidelines

Then, what kind of lives must people lead to become leaders in a great revolutionary era?

First we must lead a life of gratitude. A grateful heart brings unity of mind and body. When we empty out our hearts and repent, a life of gratitude can begin.

Second, we must live a life of forgiveness. When my husband was unjustly incarcerated at the prison at Danbury, he said not to pray for him but to pray for the United States.

Third, we should live a life of love. True love is a love by which we continuously live for others, investing in others and forgetting that we have done so.

Fourth, we must live a life of unity. Our original minds and conscience, and our bodies and minds, must become one centered on Heaven's true love. When parents and children live in harmony within the family, when nations live in harmony within the world, and when the spiritual world and physical world harmonize, then and only then can an eternal ideal world of peace come about.

Rev. Moon and I have laid the cornerstone for one world and one family under our Heavenly Parent.

If we begin the peace movement on such a foundation, our lives, indeed all of history, will certainly change.

Gratitude brings about heavenly fortune; forgiveness opens the hearts of people; and love moves people's hearts. Let us all be grateful for everything, forgive our enemies, love our neighbors as one's own flesh and work in oneness for peace. Let us take the lead in achieving "world peace" through the "true family movement"!















- ① Rev. Yeon Chong Song giving his remarks at the welcome banquet on the evening of the 26th ② Rev. Eiji Tokuno giving his greeting at the welcome banquet on the evening of the 26th
- ③ Rev. Jongho Jeong, the Regional Director of the 13th District, proposing the toast at the welcome banquet ④ Members of the Naha Church taking a picture with Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple on the afternoon of the 26th ⑤⑥ Members of Okinawa singing and dancing at the welcome banquet ⑦ Dr. Sun-Jin Moon offering flowers at the "Cornerstone of Peace" monument ⑧ Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple receiving welcome bouquets at the Naha Church ⑨ The group offering a bow and silent prayer in front of the Korean Memorial Tower

The Unification Church Family Members are the True Victors of Peace

Sun-Jin nim offers flowers at the Peace Memorial Park where 240 thousand war victims rest

On September 26th, with the sun beating strongly down, reminiscent of a hot summer afternoon, Dr. Sun-Jin Moon, the Director General of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and her husband paid their visit to Okinawa. They headed immediately to the Peace Memorial Park in Itoman City, a forty-minute drive from Naha City.

Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's group first paid their respects at the "Cornerstone of Peace" monument where "inscription monuments" bearing the names of those who perished during the battle of Okinawa were erected in a radial pattern. After Dr. Sun-Jin Moon offered some flowers representing the group, they offered a bow and a silent prayer.

Turning around from the monument, the superb view of the turquoise ocean and the endless deep blue sky of Okinawa, jumped into sight at once. The gap between this beautiful view of Mother Nature and the blood and tears that were shed by thousands on this land made the group

appreciate the value of peace once again.

The group then walked to the "Korean Memorial Tower" just a few minutes away, and Dr. Sun-Jin Moon offered some flowers. The entire group offered a bow and a silent prayer for all the Korean souls who regretfully lost their lives in the war far away from their homeland.

Visitation of the Naha Church

The group then headed for the Naha Church.

At 4:30 in the afternoon on the same day, they were greeted by around 50 local church members with applauses and smiles. It was the very place where True Mother stopped by 21 years ago during her visit to Okinawa and had close exchange with the local family members.

Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple received flowers of welcome at the church lobby and took pictures with the "Indian Laurel" (120 years old), a tropical plant that the local members have diligently nurtured and raised.

Then they went up to the sanctuary on the fifth floor. Rev. Eiji Tokuno offered a representative prayer, in appreciation of True Mother who sent Dr. Sun-Jin Moon to the land of Okinawa, and for the victory of the Okinawa Convention to be held the following day.

As the entire group took a picture together in a very friendly atmosphere, Dr. Sun Jin Moon spoke to the gathered family members.

"I visited the Peace Memorial Park today and facing the reality of war, I was filled with grief and devastation.

However, in our church, we are one family whether we are Koreans or Japanese. In our church, even those members of one-time hostile countries are working together with absolute love and dedication, towards a common goal of peace.

I want to offer a heart felt "Saran hamnida" and "Kamsa hamnida" to all of you. You are the true victors of peace!"

Rev. Yeon Chong Song, the Chairman of the National Blessed Family Association, called out to the members; "True Mother sent Sun-Jin nim to Okinawa. Aren't you extremely happy?" to which the members replied very loudly; "yes!!"

The meeting ended with everyone applauding and shouting "Kamsa hamnida, True Mother!" following Rev. Song's lead.

Welcome Banquet at a hotel in Naha City

In appreciation to Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple's visitation to Okinawa, a welcome banquet was held at a hotel in Naha City in the evening of September 26th. Around 100 people

gathered for the event.

Rev. Eiji Tokuno greeted the guests. He explained that when he saw Dr. Sun-Jin Moon attend True Mother, he "realized how that is the ideal relationship between a mother and a daughter and how it made me happy just watching them interact." "Let us resemble Sun-Jin nim and demonstrate the highest level of filial piety."

In the welcoming remarks, Rev. Yeon Chong Song emphasized; "True Mother's message that Dr. Sun-Jin Moon will be delivering tomorrow (27th) at the Okinawa Convention is a very important message given to the Japanese people." "We must become one with True Parents through this message and bring the Rebuilding of Family movement to a higher level. Let's start the True Family Movement from Okinawa and spread it nationwide."

Dr. Sun-Jin Moon took the podium at the end. She expressed words of appreciation and touched upon her visit to the Peace Memorial Park. "We have seen how humanity repeatedly conducted manslaughter as long as we were not one family. However, through True Parents' Words, no matter how large the differences and how high the walls, no matter how sorrowful the past, we can overcome them based upon absolute and unconditional love. By forgiving, loving, and uniting, we can achieve peace. This is the core of True Parents' Words and their teachings, and this is the life that you have lived."

The banquet came to a close after a photo session with the participants surrounding Dr. Sun-Jin Moon's couple.