The 2023 Peace Road Unity March, spanning Iceland, Paraguay, and Mexico City

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Marking the 70th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement, the 'Peace Road Unity March' was initiated to commemorate the valorous sacrifices of soldiers from 22 nations. Emblematic of aspirations for both the reunification of the Korean Peninsula and worldwide peace, this monumental event simultaneously unfolded across 160 countries, engaging around 400,000 global participants.



In Iceland, under the banner of 'Efforts to Address Climate Crisis', a poignant 15 km march toward a volcano was staged on July 21st. This assembly not only facilitated dialogues among diverse groups but

also amplified the shared anxieties and despair induced by climate change, kindling a renewed consciousness about the burgeoning environmental crisis.

Shifting to Asunción, Paraguay, a 'Walking for Peace' campaign was done on the 12th of June. Esteemed members from institutions like the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), and International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) graced the occasion. The spotlight was on the ideals championed by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, envisioning a heavenly unified Korea and a harmonized world. Participants exuded optimism, fervently wishing for an everlasting commitment to global peace and a sustained drive towards achieving it.



Meanwhile, in Mexico City, the atmosphere was electrifying as the 9th edition of the Peace Road event took center stage on June 13th, this time at the iconic Azteca Stadium. This bicycle-led peace expedition, themed 'Lead the Way to Peace', drew over 300 enthusiasts, including delegates from Mexico City's UPF, FFWPU, WFWP, and the IAYSP. Guided by the poignant mantra, 'Peace Begins With Me', and backed by the unwavering support of local law enforcement and administrative agencies, the event unfolded seamlessly.

The 2023 Peace Road Unity March, spanning Iceland, Paraguay, and Mexico City, culminated as a resounding success. Navigating environmental and geographical adversities, participants wholeheartedly embraced the ethos of the Peace Road, victoriously culminating the journey with a united spirit across regions.