

The National Federation for the Unification Movement of North and South Korea

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Following the anniversary celebration, the inauguration ceremony for the new president of the National Federation for North-South Unification Movement was held to build a foundation for the peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula and to prepare for the unified era, with over 200 members of the National Federation in attendance. The ceremony marked a critical step toward a peaceful unification and preparedness for a unified future.



Chairman Song Kwang-seok reflected on his term, highlighting the achievements made in the educational sphere and the consensus built on unification, which earned a presidential commendation in 2016. He termed unification as "the terrestrial task of our nation" and called for collective efforts to realize this dream within our generation.

Taking charge, Chairman Hwang Sun-jo acknowledged the big task ahead of him, leading a unique NGO that has championed the unification cause for four decades. Despite the challenges posed by the renewed global cold war era and strained inter-Korean relations, he remained hopeful, drawing on the founder's vision to forge paths for happy and cooperative coexistence.



On this day, Jo Myung-chul, the governor of South Pyongan Province appointed by President Yoon Seok-yeol, said in his congratulatory speech, "The National Federation is one of the top three dynamic unification movement organizations, and the founders Rev. Moon Sun-myung and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have been presenting a balanced view on unification accompanied by practical actions." He continued, "I believe that following Chairman Song Kwang-seok, Chairman Hwang Sun-jo will also bring the founder's grand vision of national unification to realization. South Pyongan Province will support this wholeheartedly."

Since its inception on May 15, 1987, the National Federation has spearheaded various domestic and international unification initiatives, seeking global cooperation to fulfill the longstanding national wish of North-South unification.

Noteworthy achievements include the '2014 Unification Prayer Korean Peace Unification Conference,' attended by over 100 key unification movement organizations representatives from over 50 countries, and the 2015 'Peace Road marathon,' a collaborative event with the Ministry of Unification, the Ministry of Public Administration and Security, and 14 municipal governments, that garnered the participation from citizens of 120 countries in Gwanghwamun Square.

Recognizing these efforts, they received awards including the Minister of Unification Award in the private unification movement organization category in 2014, followed by the Prime Minister Award in 2015, and the Presidential Award in 2016.