

UPF Korea and Korean Peace NGO Academy Joint Seminar on Climate Crisis and Environmental Solutions

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Amid growing national interest in overcoming the increasingly serious climate crisis and moving towards a low-carbon society, UPF-Korea held a joint academic seminar with the Korean Peace NGO Academy on July 4.

The seminar, themed "Climate Environmental Change and NGOs," proceeded as follows:

- First presentation: "Climate Change and Civil Society" (Lee Kyung-hee, Senior Researcher at North Korea Development Research Center, Export-Import Bank of Korea)
- Second presentation: "Diagnosis and Evaluation of NGOs' Climate and Environmental Movements" (Kim Young-jae, Professor at Dankook University)
- Third presentation: "Climate and Environmental Change, Exploring UPF's Direction of Activities" (Kim In-soo, Professor at SunMoon UP Graduate University)
- Discussion (Moon Byung-chul, Heavenly Unification Policy Research Institute, Kang Hwa-myung, Professor at SunMoon University, Cha Jun-young, Doctor at Hyojeong International Environmental Peace Foundation).

In his opening remarks, Jung Dong-won, Vice President of UPF-Korea, stated, "UPF-Korea is developing peace movements centered on three global agendas: unification, peace, and environment. Environmental issues, in particular, are a field that the whole world is experiencing together, and we need to strive to find wisdom for harmonious coexistence between nature and humans."

He then shared the organization's vision, saying, "We have been conducting workshops aimed at nurturing environmental activists since June, and we plan to continue such activities in the future."

Additionally, Wi In-kyu, President of the Korean Peace NGO Academy, in his opening remarks said, "At a time when the need for action on the climate and environmental crisis is clearer than ever, I hope there will be more discussions on the diagnosis and search for changes in climate and environmental movements, with the theory and practice of climate change movements active in the Universal Peace Federation."

President Do Hyun-sup said in his congratulatory speech, "The basic perspective of this academy today stems from the thoughts of Father and Mother Moon, the founders of SunHak UP Graduate University and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification." He added, "I hope this will be a time to renew our determination to awaken the value of nature and change our daily lives based on their great awakening about the relationship between God, humans, and nature."

This seminar became a significant occasion as it highlighted international efforts to respond to global climate change and the roles of UPF and Korean Peace NGOs, while also providing a platform for communication and cooperation.