

UPF International's 2025 New Year's Message to Ambassadors for Peace

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Dear Respected Ambassadors for Peace,

The eventful year of 2024 is now becoming a page in history. I extend my deepest gratitude for your dedication across various fields throughout the past year. The cold winter wind blows harshly across the Republic of Korea at year's end.

2024 began with many challenges, including two ongoing wars, but this was not a new phenomenon. Despite numerous efforts and attempts to resolve the conflicts, opposition, and resulting pain and sorrow that humanity has experienced, we still haven't been able to bridge the huge gap between our ideal of peace and the reality of conflict. A key factor is that human-centered ideals of peace, driven by reason, have failed to provide ways to

overcome selfishness, materialism, hatred, and the spirit of struggle.

Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who have lived their entire lives as pioneers of peace, established UPF in 2005 as an international civil society organization for peace. As prepared righteous people of this era, they have shared and practiced their vision of a Heavenly Unified Korea and Heavenly Unified World with peace leaders worldwide. Particularly, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon proposed the creation of the Asia Pacific Union in Japan in 2019, which resulted in the establishment of the World Peace Charter. She is now devotedly preparing for the 2025 World Summit, which could become a crucial turning point for the Korean Peninsula and world history, through the collective will of global leaders.

2025, marking both the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the 80th anniversary of Korea's division, will once again focus global attention on the Korean Peninsula. We must use this opportunity to move beyond the current state of chaos and establish a new foundation for reconciliation and peace between North and South Korea, based on worldwide cooperation. World Summit 2025 will be held with heads of state, speakers of parliament and parliamentarians, ministerial-level government officials, and leaders of major religious orders.

We pray that the spirit of Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon - who lived their entire lives giving sweat for the earth, tears for humanity, and blood for heaven - will be revived through all of us who yearn for peace, connecting people's hearts with streams of love, and making 2025 a year of peace, harmony, unification, and prosperity.

We pray for good health and God's blessings upon your families and endeavors in the New Year. Thank you.

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