

Report on Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony in Tacloban City, Philippines

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1,200 Couples Join in the Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony in Tacloban City

Around 1,200 couples coming from four provinces in Eastern Visayas Region joined in a historic Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival held in Tacloban City Convention Center last July 14, 2012.



Tacloban City has been one of the areas in the Philippines during World War II which experienced the bloodiest battle fought between the Allied forces and the Japanese Imperial army after Gen. Mac Douglas Mac Arthur made the historic landing in Palo, Leyte to fulfill his promise of returning and liberating the Philippines.

Providential event has been accomplished in Tacloban City in which a big Blessing event was held for the first time in this region in the Philippines. The Tacloban City Blessing Ceremony is part of the series of Blessing events that will be held in major cities in Visayas which will include Dumaguete City, Iloilo City, Bacolod City and Cebu City before the 13,000 couples Blessing event in Manila by January next year.

A pre-program was first held before the actually ceremony began. Video presentation on the Blessing was shown, after which a lecture was held to explain the significance and the meaning of the Blessing as well as an explanation about the Holy Wine ceremony.



In the main Blessing Ceremony, the participating couples who went through at least one-day Divine Principle seminar were filled with joy. The program went through following the Heavenly standards and procedure. The ceremony was modelled exactly based from the Blessing event recently held in Korea. The benediction prayer of True Parents in Korea blessing was shown on the screens and everybody can hear True Father's solemn prayer. Representing the True Parents as officiator was the Regional President in Asia, Dr. Chung Sik Yong.



Hon. Sultan Pax Mangudadatu, the Chairman and Host of the Mindanao Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival held in Sultan Kudarat last March 31, 2012, gave a very inspiring congratulatory remarks. He started by inviting everybody to offer a one-minute silent prayer for True Parents. He then testified strongly to the audience how grateful he is to Father and Mother Moon for doing tremendous work in order to unite all people regardless of belief and religions. He said that from the time he met UPF and recognized Rev. Moon, he started praying for them 5 times a day. He again proclaimed that Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival should awaken us that nothing is impossible if we believe in God and that UPF is truly the best organization he has joined. He further said, that everywhere he go, he try to testify about UPF and propagate the vision of Rev. Moon.



The ceremony ended with cheers of Eog Mansei and Mabuhay and followed by hugs and kisses by the couples who joined the Blessing.



Blessed central families, tribal messiahs, leaders and members coming to Eastern Visayas who took part in the mobilization were so happy to be able to educate and prepare their tribes for the Blessing. They are determined to do more in order to prepare **Philippines to welcome Foundation day by carrying out God and True Parent's dream.**

