

Special Luncheon Commemorating The Seonghwa Festival Of 10th Anniversary Of The Holy Ascension Of Sun Myung Moon, True Parent Of Heaven, Earth, And Humankind

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The "Special Luncheon Commemorating the Seonghwa Festival," commemorating the 10th anniversary of the holy ascension of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, took place at the banquet room of Cheon Jeong Gung on August 14. In particular, a ceremony to present honorary doctorates to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was held on this day in the presence of Dr. Rojas Aravena, Rector of the University for Peace (hereinafter referred to as UPEACE).



UPEACE was established to encourage a spirit of understanding, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence among all humankind and to stimulate cooperation among people for peace. UPEACE continues to provide human rights education, training and research, capacity building and awareness, and raising activities for policymakers. The UN staff and other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, practitioners, academia, and civil servants also maintain deep relationships with individuals, institutions, and various regions of the world (Africa, Europe, Asia, etc.).

Before the awarding ceremony, Dr. Yang Chang-Sik, chair of UPF-Central America, said, "The founder of the University is the former Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo, who is an Ambassador for Peace and participated in the Moscow/North Korea visit with Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

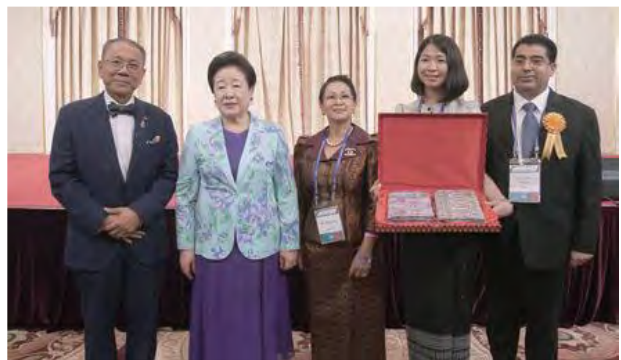
The UPEACE honorary doctorate has only been awarded to Nobel laureates and heads of state."

He added, "Ever since True Father's holy ascension in 2012 up to its 10th anniversary today, True Mother has been leading the Unification family forward without ceasing. This has enhanced her status as the 'Mother of Peace who wipes away the tears of humanity.'" this is the second time she has been presented with an honorary doctoral degree, following the one of 2015 from the University of Managua, Nicaragua, in Latin America.

The Council of the University for Peace is the University's governing body. It comprises 17 members, two members nominated by the Government of Costa Rica -- the host country -- a representative of the UN Secretary-General, a representative of the UNESCO Director-General, and the Rector of the United Nations University, together with 15 members appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the UNESCO Director-General.



Dr. Francisco Rojas said, "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for the commendable work for world peace that they have performed thus far. I am truly honored to present this degree to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, which was decided unanimously by the Council."



"By the authorization of the United Nations General Assembly, this degree is conferred upon Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in recognition of their dedicated life to the building of a world of lasting peace, their outstanding leadership for the diffusion of good global governance, and their laborious efforts for the establishment of the One Family Global and Community and the promotion of the culture of peace." -- San Jose, Costa Rica, August 4, 2022