

FFWPU Headquarters: 30th Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea

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Academic seminar discussing the topic "Seeking the Direction for Peace Education"

The 30th Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea was held on September 30, 2022 (9.5 HC) at the Hyojeong Cultural Center in Gapyeong in Gyeonggi Province, hosted by the International Headquarters of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and produced by the Sunhak Global Education Foundation. The topic of discussion for the forum was, "Seeking the Direction for Peace Education for the Establishment of the Heavenly Unified Korea."



Yoon Young-ho, Director-General of the International Headquarters of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, introduced True Parents' ideology of "Ae-cheon, Ae-in, Ae-guk" which means "Love Heaven, Love People, Love the Nation." He spoke about his recent trip to Niger, and of the importance of character education for young people in achieving a Heavenly Unified Korea. As he spoke about his meeting with President Mohamed Bazoum of Niger, he explained the reality of the young people of Niger, and of new projects in the works to make programs in character education for them and give them new direction and hope. At the same time, Director-General Yoon, once again emphasized the philosophical meanings of hyo (filial piety) and jeong (heart), which are emphasized through the concept of hyojeong in the Family Federation's Hyojeong Character Education programs, and also emphasized the importance of education about attending Heavenly Parent as our parent in establishing a heavenly unified Korea and heavenly unified world.



In his greetings, President Thomas Selover of the Professors World Peace Academy emphasized the importance of education in preparing for the era of the heavenly unified Korea. He explained three important factors in that preparation: developing "heavenly unified Koreans" with understanding of the factors such as government, economics, society, and cultural influences involved in establishing a renewed nation; cooperation through a "win-win-win" attitude and post-graduate education and training. In that regard, he expressed his deep gratitude for the contributions that True Parents have made toward the education and training for talented individuals.



Song Yong-cheon, president of the Sunhak Global Education Foundation, said in his greetings, "The role of Education in laying a strong stepping stone for a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, is an essential element. The reason why the founding ideology of all the schools established by the True Parents is 'Ae-cheon, Ae-in, Ae-guk' is that they are seeking to teach the practice of true love for the peaceful and prosperous unification of the Korean Peninsula and for the world to become one human family under Heavenly Parent. Based on this founding philosophy and educational vision, the Sunhak Global Education Foundation and Cheongshim Education Foundation are striving to nurture future talent by focusing on community happiness through individual growth rather than focusing on individual success and happiness."



In his keynote address, Jin Seong-bae, chairman of the Hyojeong World Peace Foundation, introduced the definitions of peace and peace-oriented education for unification. He emphasized that contradiction and conflict can only be solved through universal principles of heart, and that among the principles that bring harmony, the Divine Principle is the most effective. He also explained that True Parents' educational philosophy, which has been the guiding ideology of their own lives is most suitable as a universal model for educational philosophy.

A cultural performance followed, and then the second part of the forum, an academic seminar with the

theme "Seeking the Direction for Peace Education."

Joo Woo-cheol, secretary-general of the International Association of Academicians for Peace, SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University Professor Jeong Si-gu and Sunmoon University Professor Ahn Yeon-hee presented topic presentations, which were followed by an in-depth discussion by Sun Moon University Professor Kim Min-ji and SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University Vice President Do Hyeon-seop.

The first topic presenter, Professor Jeong Si-gu of SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University, compared and analyzed the educational theory of Adam Smith with the philosophy of "Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values" promulgated by True Parents, the founders of the Philosophy of Education for a Heavenly Unified Korea. He emphasized that moving toward order and peace in a heavenly unified world that can embrace a heavenly unified Korea begins with education, emphasizing that the path to world peace would come through True Parents' true love education. Professor Minji Kim of Sunmoon University suggested that a more detailed analysis of the differences between the two theories was needed, and the forum heated up with a discussion on the theological differences between the two.

The second theme was presented by Ahn Yeon-hee, a professor at Sunmoon University, and explored the idea that peace education on a global level is a fundamental requirement for peace, and he spoke about the awareness of the problem that a religious foundation can bring to peace education, and the possibilities, meanings and solutions for those problems.

Do Hyeon-seop, vice president of SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University, said that if religion is actively involved in a public role for the realization of world peace, and adopts programs of comprehensive peace education aiming at the universal public good, meaningful results could be achieved in the areas of peace character education, peace unification education, peace citizenship education and peace environmental education, and that religion-based peace education can be effective when it is connected to religion-based peace practices. In addition, he said that religion, not only as the driving force for peace education, but also for peace practice, and to concretely illustrate that, he introduced the educational philosophy and peace ideology of True Parents, who have lived their entire lives practicing the pursuit of peace.

The overall direction of the day's discussion, moderated by Uhm Yun-hyeong, director of FFWPU Heavenly Unified Korea movement, with the participation of professors from Sunmoon University and SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University, focused on the meaning and role of peace education in realizing a heavenly unified Korea.

Every month UPF's Forum on a Heavenly Unified Korea invites leading figures from around Korea to provide their views, and to discuss various topics related to the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, national development, and building a world of peace.