

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Sun Moon University

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Sunmoon University Wonhwa-gwan Building Art Hall, Assan, South Korea



A celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Sun Moon University was held on October 26 in the Wonhwa Hall at the Assan Campus. The ceremony was attended by True Parents, the university's founders, as well as a number of important figures, including major leaders of FFWPU, Hwang Seon-jo, president of Sun Moon University, Song Yongcheon, president of Sunhak Academic Foundation, Kim Ji-cheol, Chungnam Superintendent of Education, National Assemblyman Lee Myung-soo, Won Seong-su, president of Gongju University, Kim Yong-ha, president of Konyang University, Kim Yong-chan, president of Chungnam Provincial University, Yang Seung-jo, former governor of Chungcheongnam-do..



Before the main event there was a choral performance by international students, 'Jinsoe Nori' by the Little Angels of Korea, and a video screening of congratulatory messages. The main event began with an opening declaration by the MC, the pledge of allegiance, introduction of guests, a report from the head of the chaplaincy department, a historical report by the head of the planning department, a commemorative speech by Sun Moon president Hwang Seon-jo, an encouraging speech by Sunhak Education Foundation President Song Yong-cheon, congratulatory messages from distinguished guests, and awards to exemplary teaching staff. President Hwang Seon-jo then shared the vision of the school. The closing portion of the event included an Offering ceremony and speech by the founder, cake cutting in the presence of local and foreign guests, a congratulatory performance, singing of the school song, and closing remarks.



Here is an excerpt from True Mother's founder's speech, "Distinguished guests, executives and staff of the elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, universities, and graduate schools under the Sunhak Educational Foundation, and the first, second, (third,) and fourth presidents of Sun Moon University: In front of Heaven, I would like to thank you all sincerely for your effort and hard work since Sun Moon University began as the Unification (Tongil) Seminary. " After congratulating them, she said, "This is my call to you all. Unification cannot be achieved through human power, or through political power, or even through economic power. Unification can only be achieved by attending Heaven. The providence of Heaven is fulfilled through the Messiah, who promised to return. The desire for the returning Messiah is to become the True Parents. They are the parents that humankind has been longing for. We have now reached the end point and must disembark, meet the True Parents, and through them, establish and firmly settle Cheon Il Guk where we can attend our Heavenly Parent. We must know that such a time has come. "



True Mother also said, "The proud sons and daughters of Sun Moon must become exemplary citizens of central nations who serve Heaven first, to show before the world and before the nation that there is hope for the future and that together we can solve the problems facing this nation. May all faculty members and students at Sun Moon light up this gloomy world by finding the path where you can substantially influence and be central to this country and the world, by adhering to the founding ideology of Sun Moon University, 'Love God, Love Humankind and Love Your Country' as the basis for your thoughts and actions Following were words of encouragement by president Song Yong-cheon, Soo Myung-soo Lee, President Won Sung-soo, Superintendent Kim Ji-Cheol Chungcheongnam-do Education Agency, and Chungnam-do Governor Yang Seung-jo. In addition, 50 faculty members received long-term service awards, and parents in eight families received merit awards for having sent three children to the school.



President of the Hwang Seon-jo, then introduced Sun Moon's vision for the next 100 years.

In his statement about Sun Moon's future vision, Hwang Sun-jo emphasized the school's achievements, including solid education finances with state support of about KRW 230 billion since 2012, proven educational innovation and competence, leading internationalization competence, proven educational innovation and capabilities that have distinguished the school as the only one in the Daejeon – Chungnam – Sejong district with a top class A rating three times in a row.

Based on those achievements, President Hwang shared a vision to make Sun Moon University a "leading university in the glocal (global + local) community." The path to this goal includes five major focuses leading toward the school's 100th anniversary, including being a Global University based on the implementation of internationalization campuses while establishing a network overseas; a university with effective interdependent platforms connecting to the local region, realizing social values as a university in the local community; a university that practices social values, nurturing and catering to leaders who embody a mind of true service and contribute to the community with ESG management innovation; and a university specializing in new digital new technologies focusing on smart mobility and convergence technologies; and an innovative university driving students towards success based on digital-based future educational innovation and AI-based personalized educational innovation.



Sun Moon University 50th Anniversary Ceremony

"Sun Moon University is starting a new 50-year journey by making a 'leap to the world and into the future,'" said President Hwang. "Let's work together with a community spirit based on our founding ideology!"

The history of Sun Moon University began in 1972 I in what is now Sutaek-dong in the city of Guri in Gyeonggi Province, with True Parents' fundamental educational ideology of "Love God, Love Humankind and Love Your Nation." When it first opened its doors, the school had 114 enrolled students. After operating for a time as Unification Theological Seminary, the name was changed to Seonghwa Theological Seminary in 1986, and the school was upgraded to Seonghwa University in 1992, relocating to Cheonan in South Chungcheong Province. The Asan Campus was added in 1993, and the school's name was changed Sun Moon University in 1994. Now it has grown into a prestigious private school in Chungcheong region with an on-campus enrollment of about 10,000 students.



10-year, 20-year and 30-year awards to loyal staff members and proud parent awards, Performance by international Sun Moon University students

Sun Moon University is the first university in Korea to introduce the '3+1 study abroad system' earning a high reputation as a leading international university where students can study at a domestic university for three years and a foreign university for one year. Currently, more than 1800 students from 76 countries all over the world and 8,000 Korean students study on the campus together making it a small global village. In addition, CEN-SAD, Sunhak Global Education Foundation, and Sun Moon University signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in August of this year to expand opportunities for foreign exchange education. Graduates of the school have made it a truly global university with 47 alumni vice presidents, ministers, and lawmakers in 42 countries around the world, and exchange programs interacting

with 154 overseas universities in 43 countries.



Singing of the school song (Little Angels and Faculty Choir)

(Photo on first page) Message of encouragement from Chairman Song Yong-cheon, Sun Moon President Hwang Seon-jo declaring the university's vision, Education Superintendent Kim Ji-cheol delivering his congratulatory message, Congratulatory message from former Chungnam Governor Yang Seung-jo, Gongju University President Won Seong-su delivering his congratulatory message, Congratulatory message from National Assembly Member Lee Myeong-su