

Heavenly Korea prepares for the upcoming May 2023 Hyojeong Blessing Festival

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1. Sub-region 1: Education for Blessing Candidates in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-in

On March 11th, Sub-region 1 hosted the "2023 Blessing Candidate Education" at Cheonwongung Cheonseung Church. The education session was conducted in-person and attended by a total of 53 candidates (1st and 2nd gen) who will participate in the upcoming 2023 Blessing Ceremony as bride and groom.

The Blessing Candidate Education began with a social gathering led by Jo Hwa-yeon, the Sub-region 1 Blessing Director, followed by prayer and worship led by Kim So-young, the head of the Seoul Southern and Incheon Great District Leader, a lecture by Ju Jin-tae, the head of Sub-region 1, a principle test, a lifestyle principle lecture by Kanehira Takafumi, Sub- Family Department Director, a testimony from Kim Seong-in and Lee Ga-eun, a 2nd generation blessed family, blessing administration guidance by Kwon Han-suk, the head of the Seoul Northern Great District Leader, a prayer report for those going to the blessing this time, writing of reflections, and closing remarks.

Ju Jin-tae, the Sub- President, emphasized the importance of establishing a mindset centered around Heavenly Parent and True Parents first, as well as the significance and value of the blessing in a speech entitled: "The True Path of Life for those who received the Blessing."

He explained that as Heavenly Parent's children, our life path can be divided into five stages: first, as young adults growing into mature men and women; second, as blessed families inheriting the Blessing; third, as victorious Heavenly Tribal Messiahs engaging in activities; fourth, as precious CheonBo families, and fifth, as spiritually mature individuals standing before Heaven.* Ju Jin-tae expressed his earnest hope that all the candidates who attended the education session would be able to live the path of life as Heavenly Parent and True Parents' children and form a complete three-position foundation.

The session ended with an explanation of the preparation process for the Blessing, guidance on the future meetings, and other administrative matters.

Sub- has entered into a full-scale effort for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival, which includes the "2535 Blessing Profile Recommendation for Blessed Children," Blessed Children Profile Exhibition," "Seoul Northern and Gyeonggi Northern Hyojeong Matching Festival," "Online Parent Education for Children's Blessing," "2030 Blessing Profile Recommendation for Blessed Children," "2535 Hyojeong Matching Festival for Blessed Children," and "Blessing Candidate Education."

2. Sub-region 2: Programs for Prospective and Matched Candidates in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeon-won

Sub-region 2 hosted a program for Prospective and Matched Candidates called "The Happy First Steps of Two" on March 4th at the headquarters and online. The event, held virtually, was attended by around 50 couples, public officials, and other guests. It included an opening ceremony, report prayer The program included an opening ceremony, report prayer (Park Jeong-hee, Director of Sub-region 2 South Gyeonggi District), lectures and blessing guidance (Kwon Yeonhyang, Director Blessing Department for the Sub-region), a special lectures and prayer by Hwang Bo-guk, Chairman of the Sub-region, and the closing ceremony. On this day, around 50 couples, public officials, and other guests attended the event.

During his remarks, Hwang Bo-guk, Chair of Sub-region 2, said, "Before attending the blessing

ceremony, I would like to ask the matched candidates and confirmed couples to first, have reverence for Heavenly Parent, second, aim for vertical love rather than horizontal love, and build a deeper relationship with Heavenly Parent, and third, look at the good side of their partner and help each other overcome their shortcomings to perfectly complete each other." He continued, "The Blessing is the greatest gift given by Heavenly Parent and that gift is your partner who is right beside you. I hope you will prepare well and attend this historic blessing, which will take place for the first time in 6,000 years of human history at Heavenly Parent's Holy Temple (Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum) and understand the value of the blessing."



The matched candidates who participated in the program concluded the schedule by submitting their testimonies about "The Happy First Steps of Two." Sub-region 2 is making full preparations for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through various events, including the 120-day Special Condition of Devotion and Activity Launching Ceremony for Victory in the 2023 Single Candidates Blessing, the Sub-regions 2, 4, and 5 Joint Online Parent Matching and Exchange Meeting, the "Engagement Candidates and Confirmed Couples Program," and "Joint Hyojeong Matching Festival of Gyeonggi North District and Seoul South District."



3. Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4: "Blessing With You" Hyojeong Matching Festival for the Heavenly Nation of Chungcheon and the Heavenly Nation of Jeolla

Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4 jointly organized the "Blessing With You" Hyojeong Matching Festival, which was held on March 11th at the Kona King Cafe in Sunmoon University, with 22 single blessing candidates in attendance.

This year's Hyojeong Matching Festival was:

- 1) The first executed by the Sunmoon University Japanese exchange students and Sub-region 3 and Sub-region 4 alliance,
- 2) A collaboration of YSP public officials, the future generation,
- 3) Held at SunMoon University a school created by True Parents, and
- 4) Korean and Japanese candidate parents attended the event online (via interpretation services).

The Hyojeong Matching Festival proceeded in the following order: Jeong jin-guk, Blessing Department

Director of the Sub-region 3, for MC, Yokoi Toshiaki Church leader, giving the report and prayer, an opening statement from Oh Sang Jin, Sunmoon University's special education District leader, orientation by Yang Gil-moon, Sub-region 4 Blessing Department Director, themed meetings, candidate introductions (parents and supervisors), one-on-one meetings, and a closing ceremony.

District leader Oh Sang Jin, said, " Blessing is marriage, but marriage is not a blessing. Therefore, blessing is what we receive, and marriage is what we do." He added, "Marriage is problematic because many still pursue their own self-interest, and divorce occurs when conflicts arise. However, the Blessing is received from Heavenly Parents and True Parents, by looking at things from their perspective and point of view, we can understand why we need to receive true blessing. We receive the Blessing to be happy. However, for happiness, the prerequisite condition is our own responsibility. That responsibility is acknowledging our differences, recognizing the need for our own efforts, and investing in mutual growth and development. When that happens, blessing becomes happiness, joy, and excitement."



After the closing ceremony, they gave more information on the blessing and information and steps participants should follow including a three-day preparation period and both parents and children, supervisors and candidates, prayed together for the upcoming Blessing.

Sub-region 3 has entered full-scale event preparation for the victory of the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through various programs such as the Blessing Program, " Monthly: 'Our' Beginning," "Blessing Candidate Education," and the "Sub-region 3 and 4 Sunmoon University Japanese Exchange Student Hyojeong Matching Festival." Meanwhile, the fourth Sub-region is focusing all its efforts on preparing for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival through programs such as the Joint Online Parent Matching Exchange Meeting for the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sub-regions, Profile Matching Exchange Meeting for the 4th and 5th Sub-regions, Parent-Child Communication Program, and the Sunmoon University Japanese students exchange Hyojeong Matching Festival for Sub-region 3 and 4 students.



4. Sub-region 5: "Profile Matching Event" to Successfully Match 2nd and 3rd Generations of the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang

On February 9th, a profile matching event for single blessing candidates of the 2nd and 3rd generations, was organized by Sub-region 5, in the seminar room of the Changwon Church in Gyeongnam District, with 51 Church officials in attendance. The profile matching consisted of introducing 46 candidates (33 women and 13 men) and recommendations for potential partners. The event proceeded with an opening ceremony, words of encouragement, a report prayer (delivered by Fujiwara Miyo, Gyeongnam District Family Happiness Committee Chair), a welcome speech (delivered by Morinaga Emiko, the Sub-Region Family Happiness Committee Chair), introduction of the matching profiles, individual prayers, and a closing ceremony.

Park Young-bae, the chair of Sub-region 5, said in his words of encouragement, "I think that this is a new starting point and a good opportunity to have this time together with those who work hard for the

matching in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang. I hope that this year, a blessing movement can take place where we can work diligently like mountain rabbits."

Furthermore, Jang Deok-bong, the Gyeongnam Great District Leader, Yoo Jun-soo, the Daegu/Gyeongbuk Great District Leader, and Lee Ki-sik, the Busan/Ulsan Great District Leader, pledged to dedicate themselves and their efforts towards the blessing ceremony in May, based on the situation of each district's blessing candidates. The district vice-chairmen also shared their experiences and messages of support as blessed 2nd generation seniors.

After the entire profile introduction schedule was completed, Sub-region 5 concluded the event with a unison prayer for the 2nd generation blessing.

In preparation for the successful Hyojeong Blessing Festival, the Heavenly Nation of Gyeong-sang, of Sub-region 5 begun organizing other events such as the "Profile Matching Introduction hosted by the Family Happiness Committee Chair," "2nd, 4th, and 5th Sub-regions, Profile Matching Exchange Meeting for the 4th and 5th Sub-regions," and "Korean-Japanese 1st and 2nd Generation Meeting."



5. Cheonwon Special Region: Engagement Ceremony Service

On February 17, 2023, the engagement vow ceremony for the 2023 Hyojeong Blessing Festival, organized by the Cheonwon Special District, was held at the Cheonwongung Cheonwon Church small hall of International Headquarters. In particular, the engagement ceremony was conducted as a vow service for Lee Yeon-jun and Komatsu Misato 2nd generations.

On this day, the ceremony was proceeded by an MC 2nd generation couple who proceeded to lighting candles, the engagement ceremony, congratulatory remarks, engagement declaration, proposal, cake cutting, greetings from the families of the bride and groom, three cheers of Eok Mansei, and a commemorative photo.

District Leader Sang-sun Park said, "I sincerely congratulate the engaged couple. As a pastor, the day of engagement is more precious and special than any other day. I sincerely hope that you will always find peace and rest in the love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents and every day that the two spend together."

The Cheonwon Special District is accelerating its final preparations for the Hyojeong Blessing Festival in May through engagement ceremonies, online principle education, education for candidates on True Parents' life Course, and parents' education.