

## Inauguration of Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea

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### Daejeon Region

The Inauguration Ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea was held on March 31st in the Daejeon Great District. About 210 individuals, including notable figures such as Yun Jeong-ro, the Co-Chair of the Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Lee Byung-ju, a former professor of the Daejeon Health Institute of Technology, Lee Sang-gwi, a former president of the Daejeon Health Institute of Technology, Song Bong-sik, Chairman Yuseong-gu, and representatives from Daejeon's peace-loving organizations attended the event. A few VIPs, who couldn't attend the ceremony, sent congratulatory video messages, including National Assembly members, regional leaders, and a regional government officer.

The inauguration ceremony followed a specific sequence of events, starting with a pre-meal performance, followed by a welcoming speech from Lee Sang-gwi. The sequence continued with an address from Im Moo-sang, Chairman of the Daejeon Area Association of Elders, words of encouragement from Song Bong-sik, congratulatory performances, a report from former Health University Professor Lee Byung-joo, and a special lecture from Chairman Yun Jeong-ro.

In his welcoming speech, Lee Sang-gwi, the former president of Health University, emphasized the critical role of elders, especially during challenging times. He urged everyone to strive in various fields to create successful results through reorganization and adaptation to the current generation. In a special lecture, Chairman Yun Jeong-ro mentioned that the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea was founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on January 8th last year, and it has educated more than 3,000 Korean leaders. He also revealed that the International Elders Roundtable would be established on May 3rd this year, with many top-level leaders in attendance. Yun Jeong-ro emphasized the importance of the Association convincingly presenting the vision of the Heavenly Unified Korea, centered on the principles of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values to create a consensus among the people.

In the future, the Daejeon Area Elder's Association aims to unite local elders and undertake activities to pass on a unified homeland to future generations of the Republic of Korea.

### Chungnam Region

The inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea for the Chungnam area was held on April 4th at the Cheonan Unification Culture Center. The event was attended by around 300 people, including various notable figures such as Jo Man-woong, Co-chairman of the Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Kim Jae-bong, Chairman of the Chungnam Peace Ambassadors Association, Kim Beom-hye, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Unification Buddhist Association, Song Young-kyu, Chairman of the Korea-U.S. Alliance Forum for Freedom and Peace, and Jo Gyu-seon, former Mayor of Seosan City, along with other peace advocates.

The Chungnam Conference proceeded with introductions of distinguished guests, a welcome speech by

Ok Yun-ho, President of the Family Federation Chungnam Region, a speech by Kim Chang-geun, President of the Chungnam Elders Association, and a special lecture by Co-chairman Jo Man-woong. In his speech, Kim Chang-geun emphasized the basic principles of the Association, which are focused on the thought of love for heaven, love for the country, and love for people, and the principles of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values to prepare for North-South unification. He also mentioned the upcoming official launch of the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World on May 3rd this year.



During his encouragement speech, Vice President Jo Seong-su stressed the importance of the wisdom of the 'elders' to overcome the current situation facing the Republic of Korea and establish a national 100-year plan. He expressed his hope that the Chungnam Elders Association will inherit the proud tradition of Chungnam, which has produced many patriotic martyrs, such as Admiral Yi Sun-shin, General Kim Simin, Yu Gwan-sun, who led the March 1st Independence Movement, Dr. Yoon Bong-gil, General Kim Jwa Jin, and Teacher Han Yong-un.

In his special lecture, Co-chairman Jo Man-woong spoke about the vision of integration from the standpoint of the International Elders Roundtable and the importance of realizing a world community filled with inclusiveness and love. The attending members pledged to be the driving force for realizing the vision of a Heavenly Unified Korea, and the entire inauguration ceremony came to a successful end with three cheers of Eog Mansei.

### **Chungbuk Region**



The inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea for the Chungbuk area was held on March 26 at the Cheongju Family Church in Chungbuk Greater District. Over 300 people attended the event, including notable figures such as Jo Man-woong, Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, and Kim Byung-guk, Chairman of Cheongju City Council, along with various peace advocates from the region.

In his speech, Chairman Kim Jong-chul emphasized the importance of the seniors of Chungbuk uniting

and using their accumulated experiences and wisdom to create a peaceful world. Chairman Yu Kyung-deuk also highlighted that the Elder's Association is not just a gathering of older people, but a gathering of experienced veterans. He expressed his hope that the inauguration assembly would become a torch of hope for future generations in realizing a Heavenly Unified Korea.

Local government heads expressed gratitude for the formation of the Chungbuk Elders Association by the Family Federation and urged participants to contribute to the peaceful world envisioned by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. With the cheers of Oeg Mansei led by Shin Dae-sik, Chairman of the Elders' Association in Cheongju City, the inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea came to a successful conclusion.

