

General Orientation Program (GOP) at the HJ Cheonwon complex

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The General Orientation Program (GOP) moved to the HJ Cheonwon complex (the broad area around Cheon Jeong Gung and the Chung Pyung Training Center) from the Sun Hwa Arts School in Seoul in September 2016, and True Mother gave us a new school name the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children. True Parents wish to enable non-Korean blessed children (aged 12–15) to have an opportunity to learn True Parents' language, faith and traditions. We have now settled into the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies and are under Prof. Yeon Ah Moon's direction.

True Parents initiated the ten-month General Orientation Program in 1982, with the aim of encouraging students from around the world to learn the Korean language, Korean culture and the Unificationist way of life. Students live and study together with their peers from around the world, which allows them to broaden their perspective not only by encountering different cultures and languages, but also by learning to live harmoniously with different personality types. They practice a life of faith, with daily Hoon Dok Hae and evening closing sessions, daily writing of reflections, weekly attendance at Sunday services, and participation in major church events.

Everyone who comes to GOP learns Korean, but also grows in heart and spirit.

At the end of 2014, True Mother assigned to us a new principal, Yeon- Ah nim, Hyo-Jin nim's wife. She has since taken a deep interest in our students and our program, which has helped to strengthen it. Despite her busy schedule, she has spent time with the students, encouraging them in their studies. Yeon-Ah nim points out that "only for a limited time will our young people have the opportunity to meet True Mother and participate in her activities here in Korea.

This is therefore a very precious opportunity for second- and third-generation members."

The Western dormitory superintendent (dormitory parents) since GOP year 2015–2016 are Rev. Olaleye Isaiah Alao and his wife Takako. Rev. Alao served as national leader of Nigeria for eight years. Mrs. Takako Alao also has experience as a teacher and counselor. We are confident that this couple is taking good care of the blessed children, guiding them well in developing their lives of faith, and providing a warm and stable dormitory life.

Our True Mother directed that the dormitory and school of the General Orientation Program now be in HJ Cheonwon from the beginning of the 2016–2017 GOP year. We are now under the direct care and love of our True Mother! If we do select a blessed child to attend GOP, he or she will receive True Mother's scholarship for tuition.

The dormitory

True Father established the World Student Garden of brothers and sisters in 1982 as GOP's dormitory for the Japanese and the Western programs. The WSG now has two dormitories, the Sun Hak and Seon Jeong dormitory.

The Sun Hak Dormitory, in HJ Cheonwon, is for the GOP and PREP programs. The Seon Jeong Dormitory, on the Seoul's west side is for students who went through the GOP and PREP programs and want to continue studying in Korean schools for middle school and high school. True Mother had this dormitory built for foreign students.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, who oversees the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children, receiving flowers from a student on the day the institute was dedicated to Heaven

Information about the school

The school period starts at the beginning of September, and the graduation takes place in June of the following year. The curriculum covers Korean class -- listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, Korean culture, English, Math, Social Studies, Divine Principle, and Tongil Modoo (martial arts). Optional music lessons are also available. We require that the local church recommend the student. We accept applications from March to June yearly.

Beyond their involvement in academic and internal education, students participate in monthly field trips, Culture of Heart Festivals, Korean speech contests, sports festivals, birthday parties, church events and the Chung Pyung Great Works workshops.

Qualifications and entrance

Our program is for second- and third-generation Unificationists, blessed children aged twelve to fifteen. The child must have completed elementary school (sixth grade) by August of the entrance year. He or she must have a basic understanding of the purpose of studying in Korea and must be prepared to follow the school schedule and all dormitory rules. The child needs to be healthy, both physically and spiritually and able to communicate in English.

Specifically, the student needs 1) a letter from his or her local church pastor recommending the child. 2) Please send the application with a picture, a photocopy of your child's passport and other documents deemed necessary. 3) We will then meet with your by Skype. 4) The recommendation of the principal of the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children is necessary. 5) Once the student receives approval, to receive True Mother's Wonmo scholarship, parents are required to pay the first dorm fee and other expenses. 6) The dorm parents will send you all information about the school and the dormitory schedule and policies.

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A note on further studies

After completing the one-year General Orientation Program, the student has the option of remaining in Korea to continue studying here at a Korean public middle school. Our institute provides an additional half-year program of intensive Korean language study called PREP after GOP in preparation for Korean middle school. You would have the opportunity to attend the historic Sun Jung Middle and High school, which True Mother attended as an adolescent.