

My year as Student Vice-President of CARP-Korea

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January 13, 2015: That day is significant because the story of my year began there. On that day, I resolved to take on the responsibility that goes with being student vice-president of CARP-Korea. I had two reasons for deciding to do this. I wanted to reciprocate love I have received from Heavenly Parent and True Parents and to challenge myself. I believe that those two things -- giving back love and challenging myself -- played the role of guiding me from the front as well as pushing me from behind throughout the past year.

The year before, I had been a simple CARP member active in my local community. I had never had any experience being on the Central CARP Council, and because everything was a first for me, the concept of the CARP Council was not easy. Nevertheless, I began learning things one at a time. Though there were times when I had lapses -- I became frustrated as I worked with the CARP Council -- eventually I was able to relax.

The Central CARP Council's overall responsibilities are planning, promoting, and managing events and projects. Over the course of a year, I observed myself coming to grips with the

flow of things within that large movement and found my own place. Out of all our activities, the most memorable one for me personally was the CARP Get-Together.

Normally, I am not good at speaking in front of many people. I try to avoid having to do that. However, at the CARP Get-together I had to give a presentation on the Central CARP Council's activities in front of three hundred people. I did not get much sleep as I prepared for the presentation. I think I read my script at least fifty times. I would secretly go to quiet places to read it aloud and listen to recordings of my voice. I even sat in a bathroom stall to practice in private.



Though I did not do as well as when I practiced, thanks to excessive practice, I was able to get through the presentation well. Through that, I gained an extreme sense of accomplishment. I became confident. From that point on, I have looked for opportunities to speak publicly whenever I can. In the future, I will probably have to be in that position many times, and now rather than becoming scared, I feel that I can take the task on proudly. Looking back, my experience at the CARP Get-Together is the most memorable because it elicited such a change in me.



Lastly, in the past year, the skills that I improved in the most and felt the most satisfaction from is learning to prioritize, to determine what is most important. Another important outcome of 2014 was that I was able to find my own values; in CARP I was able to establish those values.

Thus, as my priority, I did everything with an attitude of giving back to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, who have established such values. Last year was a year full of happiness and gratitude because I was able to become Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' missionary. In the future, I will face moments of decision in my life continuously. Yet with this grateful attitude, I will choose the most important priority and find the right path that my Heavenly Parent and True Parents hope for.

