

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation

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The Support Project Contest to come up with innovative ways to Korean society

The founding of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation took place on April 25, 2014, through a coalition of multi-cultural groups and activists based on their common desire to help bi-cultural families settle quickly in Korean society, overcome cultural and social differences and enjoy happy lives through healthy families. The founding purpose of the federation includes practicing and developing True Parents' peace ideology, knowing that True Parents played leading roles in our increasingly multi-cultural society.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation carried out several activities this year. On May 24 and November 1, respectively, the group hosted collaborative academic gatherings, 2015 Spring and Autumn Symposiums on Finding an Educational Paradigm for Children in Multi-Cultural Families in the second floor auditorium in Cheon Bok Gung, the headquarters church. Associations and groups related to research on multiculturalism, experts (professors), and around a hundred members of bi-cultural families participated in both the spring and autumn seminars.

Participants actively spoke out and debated about the education of our international blessed families' children. The themes covered general content; discussion occurred on how to educate children whose parents do not share the same cultural background to become bilingual, research being done on the formation of cultural identity, the growth of a second-generation member and their identity, etc. Korean society is rapidly becoming a multicultural society; hence, for second-generation members to live as Koreans within the world and global citizens within Korea, experts all concurred on the necessity of carrying out more studies on the education of our second-generation members, collecting more data and educating our second-generation members to play leading roles as global citizens.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation also hosted its First Support Project Contest, targeting its fifty-one member groups and the one hundred and sixty groups in the True Love Peace Volunteering Association.

The agenda covered coming up with original ideas on strategic measures and medium-and long-term strategic action plans for multi-cultural projects, empowering and expanding existing multi-cultural projects, encouraging measures to resolve and overcome prejudice toward multi-culturalism, and promoting understanding and tolerance toward multi-culturalism. Aside from finding original ideas, we held a competition to develop those ideas and to attract interest and participation in multi-culturalism.

Through this competition, we selected twenty-five groups from among participating groups, as recipients of funds for their projects, which are to be carried out for four months.

Finally, on November 19, we held an evaluation meeting for the Support Project Contest, at which each group presented a report on their project results.

Thanks to the dedicated effort and passion of multi-cultural groups, projects in 2015 were successful and the prospects for developing future contest projects look bright. The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation will continue to improve and diversify its Support Project Contest to aid groups in professionalizing their projects and increasing their capacity.

The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation also conducted multi-cultural consultations to help member groups solve problems and to vitalize local activities. As part of efforts to upgrade the level of member-groups through empowerment, we carried out group education to improve the competency of member groups' executives.

We produced educational material in video format and distributed it online. The bulk of the educational material was related to social welfare, founding of a nonprofit private organization and empowering groups that conform to a corporate standard.



The True Love Peace Volunteering Association giving donations to help children of mixed parentage

Member groups of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation plan to carry out programs that are consistent with their strengths and the characteristics of the local area. Each will also work on strengthening their respective capacity to become financially independent by participating in contests held by governmental institutions.

In August 2013, True Mother received a report about some bi-cultural blessed couples' children who had dropped out of school. She then specially instructed that providential organizations take the lead in finding a solution. Centered on FFWPU-Korea, we prepared for a year and six months. Finally, the True Love Peace School opened in March 2015.

Presently, fifteen students are attending the school; among them, three have passed their Korean High School Equivalency Test. Summer vacation included a Tongil Moo-do summer camp, through which they learned Tongil Moo-do skills and trained in that martial art. They also demonstrated their Tongil Moo-do skills in front of True Mother at the Tongil Moo-do Rally held during the period to commemorate the anniversary of True Father's ascension.

From September 8 to 21, the school also carried out a Multi-Cultural Youths Bicycle Journey across Korea. Sixteen people (twelve students and four staff members) completed the journey, cycling a total of eight hundred kilometers from Incheon to Busan. The sweltering heat, rainstorms and uphill climbs did not stop them from completing their journey.

They overcame their limits and learned what a challenging spirit is. Upon completion of the cycling course, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport and the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs presented them with authentication certificates and medals, making all participants swell with pride. From November 18 to 24, all students participated in a cultural tour of Japan.

In order to raise them into talented young people aware of various cultures, the school will be sending all its students to a language course in the Philippines from January 2 to January 29. This course is part of a four-week language course and volunteering project targeting children of bi-cultural families affiliated with member groups of the Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation, children of church leaders and children of one-parent families who are in middle-school.

The Cheong-su Group, the Seonjeong Shimjeong Love Association (an association of teachers in Seonjeong Middle School), YongPyong Resort and individual contributors are sponsoring this year's language course and volunteering project. We have received ₩44 million in donations.

Thanks to those contributions, twenty-six students can participate in the language course and volunteering project.

In addition, we presented ₩6 million to three young friends suffering from childhood cancer from among our international blessed families and three sincere and exemplary children from our blessed families, as scholarship, sponsored by Sports World. The Korean Multi-Cultural Peace Federation will continue to work on developing and supporting sponsoring groups in the future too.