

## Thai government official Ronnachit Phutthala speaks at the Cheon Jeong Gung

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*From Ronnachit Phuttala, Kuchinarai District Thailand Chief Officer's speech given in the presence of True Mother at a ceremony honoring Tribal Messiahs who had fulfilled the 430-couple blessing mission in Thailand.*

I feel deeply honored to have the opportunity to meet True Parents here at Cheon Jeong Gung Peace Palace and to be able to express my determination to bring peace and happiness to the one hundred and forty thousand people, whom I serve as the chief provincial officer of Kalasin Province in northeastern Thailand, with the help of FFWPU Thailand.

In January 2013, I studied the Divine Principle and received the blessing as the chief district officer of Khao Wong District. I came to appreciate the greatness of True Parents' teachings, their vision and the Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival. These answered all my questions, which I had had for over thirty years, and showed me the way to bring true peace and happiness to my people.

True Parents teach us about the value of filial piety, love, life and lineage, fidelity in marriage and the true love relationship between wife and husband, parents and children. When we give ceaselessly, we can bring lasting peace and security as well as sustainable economic growth and development to our communities and nation.

Since the beginning of 2013, we have organized thirty-eight Interfaith Peace Blessing Festivals and blessed more than twenty-seven thousand couples in many districts and sub-districts of Kalasin Province in close cooperation with Mrs. Sangkom Netsopa and her team. By the middle of this year, we will have

reached more than seventeen thousand blessed couples, or forty tribes, who will have completed the three-day ceremony and who practice the blessed family traditions.



*Ronnachit Phutthala*

Wherever we organize blessing ceremonies, I can see positive changes in the lives of the government officers, their families and communities. Many couples had serious problems and were on the brink of separation, but after receiving the blessing, their negative behavior changed. They now enjoy warm family relations; even criminal behavior and drug problems were solved through the FFWPU education programs and blessing. From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my deep gratitude to True Parents for their teachings and the blessing, which have brought much greater benefit and happiness to the people of Kalasin than I ever experienced before in my work as a government officer for over thirty-eight years.

In general, the Thai government policies focus on three pillars: 1. To ensure security and safety through law enforcement by the police, through public relations and advertisements. Despite huge government spending, however, the problems have steadily increased.

2. To improve the national infrastructure, such as electricity, water, roads and the internet to bring prosperity to the people. However, families and communities have become weaker and crime and social problems have increased.

3. To bring economic development and increase the GDP; nevertheless becoming richer does not mean becoming happier. On the contrary, our society has become more corrupt and conflicts have increased.

On the other hand, through True Parents, I can now see the light of hope. True Parents teach us that true happiness comes from true love, which begins in the family when parents and children practice true love. As the family is the starting point of happiness and true love, the strengthening of the family is a crucial factor in solving all kinds of problems. Though the Thai government has not shown much concern for this issue until now, there is great hope now as the new constitution under consideration states that “the government has a duty to strengthen the family.” I sincerely hope that this will open the way for the government to implement policies and allocate budgets to programs that strengthen the family in Thailand.

I have brought fifty-eight government officers representing forty families from Kalasin Province and high level government officers from five other provinces to participate in this special seminar in Cheongpyeong. Meeting True Parents in person and recognizing their life-long sacrifice for the sake of all humankind, they will take True Parents’ vision back home and dedicate themselves to building increasingly more model communities of blessed families throughout the country.

My wife and I have firmly resolved to work with FFWPU for the one million people of Kalasin Province and to nurture a model Province of peace by expanding True Parents’ vision and philosophy to every sub-district and village in Thailand.