

## The Journey from the Pearl of the Orient Sea to the Land of the Rising Sun

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That was a Bright Shine Sunny Day when Shoko san and Me were sitting in the front yard of HSA-UWC HQ in 32 Samar Avenue, Quezon City. We were sitting together with Sister Vilma, the Brazilian spouse of Master Lumibao Fanfi, when a beautiful smile from Julia Omma is all we see.

Julia Omma came to meet and greeted us 3, because Shoko san and Sister Vilma were both visitors who came from a foreign country. And as the lovely conversation was going on, there came a question from Julia Omma to both of us, (Shoko san and me.) The answer suddenly surprised Julia Omma that leads to a different topic of discussion.

"How old are you? Julia Omma asked Shoko san. I'm 35, Shoko san replied with a smile. And how about you? Julia Omma asked me next... I'm 33 and will be 34 this coming Season of Fall."

Julia Omma's face changes to some kind of seriousness! A concern with a loving care inside her. And then she told us both... "prepare quickly and start a family!" Somehow, I sense deep inside what's going on in Julia Omma's mind. She wanted to see the offspring as fruits of True Parents Blessings.



And on that day, we both started to plan Shoko and me, to come to Japan, her home country. When the significant day has arrived, I started a new journey with GOD. From the Pearl of the Orient Sea, I traveled to the Land of the Rising Sun

That was late afternoon of April 1, 1993 when China Airlines departed from Manila to Nagoya City. Inside the plane, was a young gentleman. As the plane started to take off, sitting by the window side he lets the window shield open, to have a glimpse one more time of the beauty outside. And gazing down at the beautiful scene of Sunset from The Pearl of The Orient Sea, inside his heart was a mixed feelings of sadness, excitement and hope! The plane landed at The Land of The Rising Sun, but the Sun was no longer around, because that was already early evening, around 8 P.M.

Upon arrival, he was welcomed by some young Japanese Missionaries. From a distance he felt worried and excitement, because nihonggo wakaremasen! But that has become a historical and a happy moment, when a Filipino brother and a Japanese sister joined for a new journey together as FilJap Couple blessed by True Parents. And on that very same day, another chapter of life leads them to a beautiful journey of ups and downs... like a rollercoaster.

The passing of years goes on and on and times gave them more experiences and valuable lessons... good and bad happy and sad victories and failures that made them stronger more than ever. That was their faith in GOD and the Blessing they received from True Parents they valued so much that bind them together.

April 1st is the 33rd Year since GOD and True Parents guided me in my journey as I traveled to The Motherland of Japan. This time brought me think once again of the purpose of the Blessing, and mission given to us by True Parents. The coming of this time also leads us both to reflect upon how much we have taken the mission seriously. Are we still aligning ourselves with that purpose and mission? And how much have we done to fulfill the purpose and mission given to us by GOD and True Parents?

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