

Providential Establishments: IAYSP: Progress and Vision

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True Mother, Cheon Il Guk Leaders, Hello and happy New Year. In True Mother's autobiography, one section says that YSP is our future and hope. I believe and realize that YSP, founded with many expectations and wishes from True Mother, carries heavenly fortune. In 2018, YSP world leaders gathered and decided YSP's vision, mission, values and goals. We discussed how we can promote YSP activities that affect countries.

Wrestling with social problems

The following is a summary of the three YSP goals for 2027. The first goal is to create a role model program, influence countries and continents, and promote a movement that contributes to establishing Cheon Il Guk. In particular, we will develop the presentation contest, S!NERGY, which started in Japan as a YSP brand program. In 2019, we held S!NERGY in eight countries. Students presented ideas for projects that contribute to solving social problems, making it possible to collaborate with Ministries of Education and many schools. In 2020, the plan was to do it once in each subregion, do a regional level competition, and a world competition in February this year.

Since last year, two representative youth leaders who have contributed to solving social problems in their respective countries received Youth Heroes' Award medals. We will select representative of the region and choose two winners of the World Youth Heroes' Award. We will hold a S!NERGY program and the Youth Heroes' Award every year and by 2027, we will develop them into programs that make a global impression and give hope to many youth and students.

Some leaders in their thirties and forties are currently running as political candidates in their countries. We are advocating for an online youth forum with young members of Parliament and youth leaders from different fields such as religion, academia, economy, media, arts and NGOs. We would then appoint them as youth peace ambassadors and connect them to UPF.

We actively organize youth forums in the Philippines, Ghana, India, Benin, Angola and Brazil. Significantly, the YSP leader in Benin, who has a blessed family, took the challenge of running for election last year and was elected mayor. Two other youth peace ambassadors have become mayors also. They are promoting YSP activities as part of their interaction with their communities.

Specifically, until 2022, YSP will work to create a model of activities in Korea and promote a movement that contributes to building a foundation for the unification of Korea together with the international headquarters.

Partnerships are essential

The second goal is to empower a large number of shining youth around the world. The activity for that purpose is Character Education conducted in collaboration with universities and schools. We will conduct an HJ character education program at many schools around the world. YSP Thailand signed MOUs with sixteen high schools and two universities. What made it possible for teachers to accept this education was that they are surrounded by reminders of the loss of the culture of filial piety.

Collaboration with universities has progressed in Cambodia as well. Four representatives of universities, including two presidents, participated in a YSP online conference. We ask for your cooperation in signing MOUs with the Ministry of Education, universities, and schools in your countries to promote HJ Character Education programs and create YSP Clubs in each school to lead character education and service projects continuously.

We are also promoting Peace Designer seminars, a representative program of YSP, in many countries., where people can learn how to start projects that contribute to solving social problems. In Korea alone, 1,500 young people participated last year in Peace Designer programs. Many of them provided support to areas that had experienced disastrous flooding. They promoted different types of projects in each area. In Latin America, YSP launched around fifty projects at one seminar last year, and they are actively promoting their activities. In Europe and the Middle East, young people take the initiative in producing videos and advertising projects through social media.

The third goal is to become the number one youth organization in the world in giving education to youth and students. Young members are creating and promoting inspiring projects that contribute to United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. YSP USA is working well in collaboration with the UN. We plan projects and events on UN International Days, which they promote in each country and which encourages cooperation with governments and other organizations.

YSP Japan carried out a tree planting project in Indonesia. They came to plant 5,500 trees in a volcanic area of Bali. You can compare photographs in 2008 and recent ones showing the restored greenery. YSP has also planted trees in Cambodia, Afghanistan, Benin, Senegal, Ghana and Paraguay. Listening to a recent message by True Mother, we feel strongly about the necessity to increase tree planting activities in more countries and to make a movement, across organizations, to make the earth green again.

There are currently forty-eight countries that have recognized YSP chapters. We will increase the number of chapters every year, and increase the number of members to more than a million as soon as possible. By utilizing social media and conducting the same program on the same day in each country, we could make a significant worldwide impression. We will then connect the youth and students who participated in YSP programs to the Rally of Hope.

Cooperative endeavors

For the government of each country, education for youth and students is an important issue, as it is in Sao Tome. That is why the global summer camps and youth festival co-organized by YSP and the government of Sao Tome have had considerable influence, which inspired students who participated to create YSP clubs in their schools to do their best. If the YSP programs are launched and active in each country, those in our second generation will feel more comfortable bringing their friends along from outside the church community. It will become possible to educate many youth and students in collaboration with schools and other organizations.

To achieve the above goals, aligning with True Mother's wishes and heart toward youth is crucial. True Mother has used key phrases in her speeches to second- and third generation members, such as "bright diamond" and "pure water." We can feel how much True Mother loves and invests her heart into youth. We, YSP leaders, are determined.

I conclude my presentation with a sincere wish and determination for True Parents' victory by 2027 and victory and development in each region and country. Thank you, True Mother; we love you. Cheon Il Guk leaders, thank you.