

## YSP Africa: Hyojeong Rang Africa 40 days Youth Leadership training concluded

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Hyojeong Rang Africa 40 days Youth Leadership training was concluded on December 7th, 2022, with a graduation and appointment ceremony for youth leaders held on the regional level. It was attended by the Cheon Eui Won Co-chairman, the Regional President and Vice President, all Subregional directors of 5 subregions, national leaders, as well as Blessed Central families and well-wishers. Hyojeong Rang Africa Future leaders training project began on the 28th of October with the aim of training youth leaders who can successfully take over the providence in Africa as future national leaders, subregional directors, and leaders of providential organizations. It began with a general 21-day workshop for 30 participants which included youth leaders already in leadership positions on the subregional and regional level. At the close of the first 21 days, the group was divided into 18 Hyojeong Rang cadets to proceed for a 40-day fundraising course and 12 youth leaders from the region and subregional level who proceeded to be trained in a leadership course for a remainder of 19 days to complete 40 days.

Graduation ceremony was held at the CheonBo training center, Barlastone Park, Lusaka, Zambia at 10 am Zambia time. It was opened by the Regional Vice President of Shin Africa, Mrs. Mica Amanlaman who gave the opening remarks while she presented an overview of the past forty days, the experiences of the youth leaders as well as the future of the youth movement centering on these graduating youth leaders.

This was followed by very heart moving testimonies of determination by two youth leader graduates namely Princesses Igilima from the central sub region as well as Jinseong Wantete from Africa's Northern subregion.

Afterwards, Congratulatory remarks were given by Regional Cheon-Eui Won Co-chairman in person of Rev. Bakary Camara, the Regional President, Rev. Jean Pierre Kadima, and the National Leader of Zambia which was the host nation of this training project, Rev. David Isaac Phiri.

Next came a resolute musical performance from the Hyojeong Rang Africa missionaries who are currently undergoing a six months training course with their first mission of fundraising for 40 days. The group performed two musical numbers, the first being the song called "the mission" and the second being

a French song titled "The young missionaries". This was followed by the certificate presentation ceremony and announcement of mission appointment of each youth leader. The mission appointment of the youth leaders was divided into the national, subregional and regional category.

Afterwards the closing prayer was said by the subregional director of the Western Subregion in person of Rev. George Ogurie and finally the cheers of Eok-Mansei was led by the Zambian National leader, Rev. David Isaac Phiri. The event was concluded with group pictures and the youth leaders concluded their training programs with hearts of determination and resolution to begin anew in their mission and make our beloved True Parents proud as the hope of Shin Africa.

In summary the Hyojeong Rang Special 40-Day Youth leadership workshop marked the beginning of a new Africa as the theme of the workshop suggested "The dawn of the New Africa". Unlike other workshops in the past this leadership workshop was designed to really instil the heart of Hyojeong in all the youth leaders as well as equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the youth plans in their nation and sub region. We believe that we need to inherit first the foundation of our elders, so we had lectures and testimonies from our Cheon Eui Won Co-Chairs, Regional President, Sub Regional Directors. At the same time to prepare them to lead in the era of the Settlement of CIG nations The youth envoys also shared what they learnt during their training in UPA, including topics such as the Current Providence, membership care, leadership empowerment, vision and strategy making, business development and CIG tradition and culture. They also took part in Tong Il Moodo training, Korean lessons and even took part in a condition of Fundraising to create the foundation to begin the process of the African youth donation for the Cheon Wong Gung and Cheon Il Sanctum.

With the closing of this historic workshop bringing in the new appointments of the youth leaders, there is no doubt a lot of hope was felt by the leaders and parents as they could see the youth of Africa stand to take ownership of the providence. All honor and glory is given to Heavenly Parent and True Mother who has truly paved the way and provided the vision for this program to be created in the first place. We want to give special thanks to the Cheon Eui Won Co-Chairs, Regional President, Sub Regional Directors and all National Leaders and Blessed Families who have shown their utmost support in giving their donations, time and prayers for the success of this workshop and this leadership program. Lastly, we want to thank the youth leaders themselves for their investment, determination and love for our beloved Heavenly Parent and True Parents and for their commitment to take the baton to lead Shin Africa into the future.