

## Development of Trail Across a Thousand-Year-Old Yew Grove at Mount Balwang, HJ Mona Park

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Summary



I am Shin Dal Soon from HJ Mona Park, located in Balwangsan Mountain. In various instances, True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, has given us tremendous blessings from the frontline of the providence of restoration. And today, we are especially holding a historic moment to dedicate to Heavenly Parent the Trail Across a Thousand-Year-Old Yew Grove at Mount Balwang, HJ Mona Park. I want to express my gratitude and honor to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and sincerely welcome the leaders of Cheon Il Guk who took time out of their busy schedules to come here today.

### **Mona means Mother Nature. Mona Park, a Park-like a Mother's Bosom**

True Mother gave the name "Mona," which is taken from the word mother nature. The Chinese characters are 母 (mo), meaning mother, and 娜 (Na), meaning beautiful, making it a beautiful park-like a mother's bosom. "Mona" means "wind, hope, origin" in Arabic. As the name suggests, we are taking the first step today toward that successful day when Mona Park realizes everyone's happiness as we live up to its beauty name both in name and existence.

Today is the first step towards this triumphant day. With Mona Park, and the names like Mayumok, Hyojeongsu, and Pyeonghwabong, which mother first gave us, Balwangsan Mountain is today making a new start under the great blessing of True Mother.



### **The Mother Yew Tree Garden, a Tree that shows the Love of a Mother who Embraces her Child**

On July 17, 2020, when Balwangsu Garden was dedicated, True Mother shed tears as she gave the benediction. She prayed that it must become a garden in which God's ideal of creation, Heavenly Parent's dream, dwells. As we climbed up, she said she did not know why tears came out, and as she wiped away her tears, she said, "Father is here." I remember that at that time, I also cried walking up the mountain. As I climbed down today, I wondered what would have happened if I had not built this path.

It was not easy to build this road. We started by getting permission from the authorities, which took three and a half years. The Mother Yew Tree Garden was standing on a gravel field. How old does the tree look? From the circumference of the tree, which is 4.5 meters, it seems to be about 1800 to 2000 years old. I think it is 1943 years old. Why is that? We have heard many times that if Jesus had met the Only Begotten Daughter, God's Will would have been fulfilled, and Jesus' couple would have become True Parents, but since he was unable to do so, he promised he would return. I believe that those 2,000 years of suffering are in this gravel field.

Before our staff took pains to pile up soil here to plant purple irises, this place was a just rock and stone. I believe that the Jumok tree went through such hardship and adversity, and it stands here today, 1943 years old. This is the Mother Yew Tree that appeared during this 1800 to the 2000-year waiting period. When I said that the Magamok in this Yew tree was a little more than 100 years old, Director Shim Wan-suk said, "It is around 80 years. I am sure that the Magamok tree was born in 1943.

Heavenly Parent's will and True Parents' will is to create a true family. With this kind of heart, our staff worked on refining this path with sincerity, creating the providential course. Because it looks like a mother embracing her child, the word Mother Yew Tree Garden popped out of my mouth the moment we

discovered this tree, and about 200 meters from here is the Father Yew tree, a robust father-like tree of the same thickness.



### **A Trail full of Yew trees that are More than 1,000 Years Old**

The Trail Across a Thousand-Year-Old Yew Grove at Mount Balwang, was built on a 3.2 km-wide deck path. Even if the path coming down is only 1.5 meters wide, Yew trees over 1,000 years old fill Mona Park. In addition, plants will grow from below, even on this deck path. I believe there is no other park like this one, where not a single damage has been done to nature, and God's dream resides 100%. I can say this with confidence. That is why we made it completely step-free. Everyone has to come here, and everyone has to become a citizen of Cheon Il Guk, so it was completed as a deck path without stairs.

Sometimes the staff would suggest that it would cost much less if stairs were built, but I replied, "What are you talking about? If we put stairs, this whole path will lose its life." So, from babies to strollers and wheelchairs, everyone, as we are in this 100-year life, will hear the story of the trees as they walk down this deck path.

All Thousand-Year Yew trees are individual embodiments of truth. No Thousand-Year Jumok tree tells the same story. One tells of a mother's love and sacrifice, and another tells about

interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. There is a Yew tree that tells about the spirit of challenge, and in two places, there is a tree that tells about humility.

Everyone bows as they pass by. Humility brings success, and humility prolongs the king's period at his throne. Since True Mother blessed this place as an educational place where people from all over the world can come and visit, a place where the youth can be educated, all of us staff will do our part to guide and serve such people well with one heart and one mind.

Starting in July this year, more than 50,000 students have already booked from over 150 elementary and junior high school. These students will be here soon. Here, they will experience various educational programs such as "Write down five things you are grateful to your birth mother." After they leave, they will want to come back again as guests, even with their partners, and they will come with their families. For this reason, we will work diligently to complete Mona Park, a place where everyone can experience happiness and enhance the satisfaction of the many people who will visit.