

The Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 in Nagoya, Japan

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The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind hosted the Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 in Nagoya, Japan, which is located on the Pacific coast on central Honshu (Japan's main island). Nagoya is the capital of Japan's Aichi Prefecture and is the third most populous city in Japan. Joining True Mother were Sun Jin Moon, vice-president of the Women's Federation for World Peace International, Yeon Ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea; Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat; Yun Young-ho, secretary-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters; Lee Ki-seong, chairman of FFWPU-Korea and Eiji Tokuno, chairman of heavenly Japan and other religious leaders and political figures from around the world -- approximately five hundred people in all -- in attending the opening session at the Nagoya Castle Hotel.

The Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 (JSLC) organized by True Parents began at 10:30 am on October 5 by Sun Jin Moon. True Mother said in her speech, Even in the outside world, if you receive blessings it is good to repay the kindness from the world. That is faith.

In the opposite way, if you've done wrong, you must make amends. I want to ask if your ancestors did something wrong in the past because they didn't know Heaven, that you please make amends. Whoever has responsibly in this country in the present should apologize and ask for forgiveness. That's the human way. Then we must go forward together in unity for world peace. You must not forget that if you act in this way, you'll become people whom Heaven loves.

She asked those in the audience to go forward for the sake of world peace after he or she has cleaned up wrong deeds of the past. She went on to say, It's the same for today's superpowers or small countries. Under Heavenly Parent, we should become one family. To do that, we must change. There is no future for countries that are increasingly disunited with the world.

She emphasized that people under God and countries under God should be equal. True Mother concluded, Today we are looking for peace. Japan and Korea, close neighbors are becoming further and further apart.

But since I am God's only daughter, the True Mother of the universe and of humankind, if you became one with me and we act together, each person, family and nation will become one with Heavenly Parent. So, what do you have to worry about? Don't you agree? That's why we need education to guide ignorant human beings into becoming sons or daughters of the true God.

Originally God planted a true person without fallen nature. There are many nations with many laws. To live in one peaceful world, do we need American laws or Japanese laws? A brother and sister centering on God with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience for Heaven return joy and glory to God. What more do you need than a position in which you receive blessings and love from God?

But I know it takes time to restore normalcy to the human race; it won't happen overnight, when people have remained stubborn for six thousand years. Because I am a True Parent I made the full environment to do as much as I can. It's your freedom to agree or not, but I hope you're a wise person, she said, reiterating that there is no peace in the world including in Korea and Japan without True Parents.



Japan–Korea friction

Masayoshi Kajikuri, president of UPF-Japan, said in a welcoming speech, "Many difficult tasks remain for us related to Korea and Japan. When you look at history, Korea, Japan and the United States have important missions, not only simple national relations. I think we have a mission, from being in the Pacific Rim civilization, to lead humanity to peace. In this sense, we appreciate your participation in this event, which is of historic significance, and we ask for your cooperation to ensure the event goes well. Thank you again."

One Japanese Diet member stood onstage and expressed his gratitude for being invited to JSLC 2019 in Nagoya. "Thank you for inviting me to the JSLC 2019 here in Nagoya. I heard that this is the first time for an international conference of leaders to take place in Japan personally under President Hak Ja Han. I am pleased and grateful to you for the invitation to this precious event. Recently, the Japan–Korea relationship is getting worse. So when I heard you would hold this conference, I decided to take part in the peace movement led by the President Hak Ja Han, which is widely known as the Victory over Communism (VOC) movement in Japan.

When the cold war mentality spread all around Japan, confusion spread. I was deeply moved by the images of young people who campaigned to save the nation by stopping the cold war chaos that had broken out throughout Japan," he said.

Making a difference

A Korean congressman in his congratulatory remarks, said, "Now UPF, a global peace movement, is contributing to world peace." President Hak Ja Han, based on UPF's foundation, has a presence in about a hundred countries in the world. She founded the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace

and the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development. After she founded the Summit Council for World Peace for the peaceful unification of North Korea and South Korea she has been making so much effort toward that objective. Many people are speaking about peace but not many people act as much as President Hak Ja Han does." He praised True Parents' peace theory and their global peace movement.

In a keynote speech, a former House speaker said, "I think it's time to think about the Pacific civilization. The center of the world has moved from Europe to the Pacific region from the North Atlantic. That's true of the world's population. More than half of us live in the Pacific region. In that sense, what's lucky for America is that it is between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. But to achieve lasting peace effectively, we must unite with our allies. Only when Korea and Japan have a strong relationship can there be a lasting peace between Korea and the U.S. I hope that we will overcome our past mistakes and move toward being united prosperous countries with a united Korea and Japan," he said, urging leaders of South Korea, Japan and the United States, which form the Pacific Civilization bloc, to join forces to realize a peaceful world.



A keynote speaker said, "Thank you the President Hak Ja Han for your vision for world peace. As you know, if you look at the African movement, Africa is going to be the most prosperous place within the next sixty years. The peace movement Mrs. Han is making not only in Northeast Asia but also in Africa is amazing as she moves to make one family of the citizens of the world. In that sense, today's event will be an historic one." He expressed his deep gratitude to True Parents, who are leading the peace movement.

Economic influences on peace

A keynote speaker, from the Japan's Diet said, "Look back at history, between 1920 and 1930, and a lot has changed since then. In that time, trade fell by 50 percent, recession increased, and the Great Depression that ensued was the cause of World War II. In that sense, I think peace is closely related to the economy. After World War II, we saw the creation of the United Nations, free trade and the establishment of the IAED [International Agency for Economic Development] and continual international conferences to curb nuclear weapons in each country. Nevertheless, we still haven't reached a full peace agreement. And Japan is in a situation where it is also concerned about its relations with Korea. As we overcame and improved as nations, we faced a situation where we had historical issues, but from a future-oriented perspective, we had to take a favorable view. I think this conference can play a big role in that regard. Because it is not only time to claim one's own interests, but to listen to each other's opinions. In that sense, I think this conference, organized by Hak Ja Han, is very meaningful." He went on to ask for cooperation, hoping to resolve the crises facing both countries through this event.