

## Nepal: Honoring the SUNHAK Peace Prize

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**By UPF Nepal, Parliamentarians Peace Council:** On November 24, 2015 a Special Dinner in honor of the Sunhak Peace Prize was hosted by the Parliamentarians Peace Council (PPC). PPC was inaugurated just 12 months earlier and has over 60 current members of parliament. The Chairman and Founder is Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal.

At the Special Dinner, the Speaker of Nepal's Parliament, Rt. Hon. Onsari Ghatri Magar, presided over the meeting. The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Ganga Prasad Yadav, was a Special Guest. In attendance were 28 Members of Parliament from 15 political parties as well as two current Ministers from the Government of Nepal. A total of 75 people participated in the interaction.



Following a film introducing the peace prize, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President of UPF-Asia, introduced Chairman Hong. The former President of Korea University then told the distinguished lawmakers, "The Sunhak Peace Prize endeavors to contribute to the creation of a global future of peace by... continuing to recognize righteous people of courage that bring us closer to world peace."



The Rt. Hon. Magar responded and closed the program. The first woman Speaker of the Nepalese Parliament said, 'I learned that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, established this award to honor and expand the peace ideology of her late husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.' The Hon. Speaker noted that Father Moon (as he is affectionately called) dedicated his life to a movement that transcends race, religion, and nationality to realize his dream of One Global Family. Hon. Chaya Sharma Panta served as emcee at the program coordinated by Hon. Milan Kumari Rajbanshi.



#### **Courtesy Call on the President of Nepal**

On November 25, the Sunhak Peace Prize delegation paid a courtesy call on the newly elected President of Nepal, Her Excellency Bidhya Devi Bhandari.

She praised Mother Moon for initiating the Sunhak Peace Prize and explained that Nepal was also a land of peace as Buddha was born here and his message of peace has been carried throughout the world.



President Bhandari was sincerely grateful that Korea has welcomed nearly 50,000 Nepalese workers in their country. “Young people here are crazy to learn Korean,” she said. However, she was concerned about the number of Korean-Nepalese marriages that are running into difficulties.

In closing, the first woman President of Nepal said it was necessary for the government and civil society to work together for peace. She said she would work with the Nepalese Prime Minister to host Mother Moon’s visit to Nepal next year and looks forward to meeting her personally.