

# Report on Family Festival & Cosmic Blessing Ceremony, 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, Durrës – Albania

*Greetings from Albania!*

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, was an important day for our nation. In the coastal city of Durrës the “**Family Festival & True Parents’ Cosmic Blessing Ceremony**” was organized. The ceremony took place at the *Ventus Harbor Complex*, beside the sea at 11.00 AM on Sunday morning and around 300 people filled up the hall. This was the second Blessing Ceremony we held this year, following that of May 15<sup>th</sup> held in Tirana.



The family is the first institution created by God which has the main responsibility for the creation of good heavenly citizens. Seeing the sad reality of the family breakdown and multiple problems in society today, it is just obvious the need for strengthening family values. This was the way we approached couples, inviting them to attend the Blessing Ceremony. Over 100 couples attended 1 day seminars receiving education on blessing. Finally, 64 couples attended the blessing Ceremony. Many others promised to attend later.



We were really blessed this time to have Dr. No Hi Pak and Dr. Lan Young Moon, True Special Emissaries for Europe, as Officiators of the Blessing, representing our True Parents. The Masters of Ceremony were the National Leaders’ couple, Gani & Marjeta Rroshi.

Being a Family Festival, the event started with few performances, prepared by the CIG Japanese and Korean missionaries in Albania, respectively "*CIG Band*" and "*Cham Sarang Team*". Everyone enjoyed deeply their performances. Albanian blessed families also performed a beautiful song for all participants showing True Parents love to them.



We are grateful for the hard work of our brothers and sisters in all communities who have invested a lot to reach out to couples and give them the opportunity not only to be blessed by True Parents, but also to contribute in laying the foundation for Heaven's blessing to our nation of Albania.



Joy and happiness could be seen in couples' faces when going through all the steps of the Blessing Ceremony, starting with Holy Wine ceremony until the Indemnity Ceremony.



We wish from the depth of our hearts the Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' blessing may bear fruits in these beautiful families and may they become the foundation for heavenly fortune to come down to this nation.

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