Unification Church founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon establish the Sunhak Peace Prize

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[SBSCNBC] What is the Significance of the Enactment of the Billion Won "Sunhak Peace Prize?" The Nobel Peace Prize.

The late Korean President Kim Dae-Jung was presented this prestigious award for contributing to laying the foundation for North-South Korean unification.

Although there was some controversy, President Barack Obama of the United States was also awarded this honor in 2009.

Mahatma Gandhi was nominated 5 times as well.

The Nobel Peace Prize is, as you know, an award given to those who have contributed significantly to world peace.

However, there is to be a prize established in our very own homeland of Korea, a prize based on the Nobel Peace Prize. The award is titled the "Sunhak Peace Prize"...

"For the Sake of World Peace" ... Sunhak Peace Prize Inaugurated

Official inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee.

Committee Chairman former Korea University President Hong Il-Sik . . . eminent persons from Korea and overseas participating

Touted as 'The Korean Nobel Prize'... Greatest Korean Award purse of one billion won

First award slated for August of next year... seeking to expand to other fields

With an award of one billion won for a single category prize, the Sunhak Peace Prize has been established at the largest scale for a Korean award.

The first recipient is to be announced next August.

Candidates for the award are individuals or organizations dedicated to world peace and the welfare of humankind.

SeoJuYeon reports.

The inauguration ceremony for the Sunhak Peace Prize was held at the Seoul Press Center, marking the

start of full scale work by the prize committee.

Plans are to award the prize annually starting from next August, to an individual or organization working for world peace and the welfare of humankind.

Former Korea University President Hong Il-Sik has been appointed as the committee chairman, and among those on the committee are Boutros Ghali, former UN Secretary General, Larry Beasley, president of The Washington Times, Yoshinori Ohno, former Japanese head Cabinet Secretary, along with other eminent international Korean leaders.

Leading Korean figures among the committee members include the Venerable Seongta, Head Monk at the Jogye Order Bulguk Temple and Jeong Tae Ik, Chairman of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations.

[Hong II-Sik / Sunhak Peace Prize Committee Chairman]

The goal of the Sunhak Peace Prize is that while becoming well known around the world for its message of peace and love for humankind, establishing the Republic of Korea as a pacemaker for World Peace.

In keeping with its objective in becoming the 'Korean Nobel Prize', the prize was established with a purse of \$1 million, about 100 million Korean won, top category for both Korean and international prizes.

The WonmoPyeongae Foundation has earmarked 100 million dollars toward the management of the award, as well as an additional 10 million dollars in private donation.

Nominations will be accepted until October of this year from a network of over one thousand nominators in eighty countries, with the inaugural prize to be awarded in August of next year.

Plans call for additional prize categories to be added starting from 2020.

[Kim Man Ho / Sunhak Peace Prize Secretary General]

We are preparing other categories, for those who advance the spread of peace ideology through conferences, or work to solve world hunger and other similar categories.

Even after they have been awarded the Prize, winners will receive ongoing support for their work, and commemorative concerts, international conferences, making it not a symbolic prize, but one providing substantial support for world peace.

SBSCNBC's SeoJuYeon reporting.

[MBN] "Contributions to World Peace" Official Launching of the Sunhak Peace Prize Council



The Launching Ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize Council, which will award those who have

contributed significantly to world peace, was held at the Press Center in Seoul.

In his commemorative address, Council President Il-Shik Hong emphasized that "the Sunhak Peace Prize will not simply end with the awarding of the prize. Rather, it will play the role of a bulldozer that paves the way for the settlement of peace movements."

The first recipient will be awarded next August, with new recipients being selected every year. The prize money is about 1 billion won (1 million USD)...

A Public Instrument for World Peace, Inauguration of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee

The inauguration ceremony for the Sunhak Peace Prize, aiming to award those dedicated to world peace was held at the Seoul Press Center.

In his address, committee chairman Hong Il-Sik emphasized that, "The Sunhak Peace Prize does not end with the award of the prize itself, but continues to support work in the cause of world peace."

Plans are to award the prize annually, starting next August, with the prizewinner receiving an award of about one billion won.

[Joongang Ilbo] 1 Billion Won "Sunhak Peace Prize" Council Launching Ceremony



The Sunhak Peace Prize, which plans to give an award of 1 million USD (about 1 billion won), was established officially at the launching ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize Council, held at the Press Center in Taepyeong-ro, Seoul, on the 11th. The Council plans to award its first recipient, an individual or organization who has made substantial contributions to world peace and the welfare of humankind, in August, 2015. The award will be the largest scale prize ever awarded in our nation's history.

The role of Council President has been entrusted to one of our nation's great scholars of Korean Traditional Culture, Korea University's Former President Il-Shik Hong. The Council is made up of 12 members, including former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, *Washington Times* CEO Larry Beasley, former Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshinori Ono, Jogye Order Bulguksa Temple Priest Jooji Seongta, Korean Council on Foreign Relations President Tae-Ik Jeong and others.

"As we pass from the age of economics and technology, through the post-industrial era and into a higher, specialized society of knowledge and information, humankind longs for a new set of values," said Council President Il-Shik Hong in his commemorative address. "The Sunhak Peace Prize Council was founded on the peaceful ideal of humankind as one family. We will do our tumost to realize true love by transcending race, religion and nation."

The Sunhak Peace Prize derives its name from the founders of the Unification Church, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon...

[KBS] 'Sunhak Peace Prize' The first year award next year... The prize money is about 1 billion won

In the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd year Commemoration Ceremony, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification has prepared various events, including the "Sunhak Peace Prize" Launching ceremony and the Peace Sharing Festival.

The "Sunhak Peace Prize" will be awarded to an individual or organization that has made sizable contributions to world peace and the welfare of humankind. The first awards ceremony will be held next year.

The monetary scale of the "Sunhak Peace Prize" is 1 million USD, or 1 billion won. About 1,000 candidates will be nominated from around the world, after which the Council will select nominees to be screened for eligibility and selected accordingly....