

20,000 attend Anniversary of Two Years since Rev. Sun Myung Moon's passing

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[MBC] Commemorative Ceremony Marks Two Years Since Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Death...20,000 Attend from Korea and Abroad.

A commemorative ceremony marking two years since the passing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon was held at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do. The event was attended by about 20,000 people, including former member of the U.S. House of Representatives Dan Burton and Korean Council on Foreign Relations President Tae-Ik Jeong.

The attendees celebrated the late spiritual leader's political, economic, cultural and educational accomplishments through a diverse array of events and festivals, including the Sunhak Peace Prize Launching Ceremony and the Love Sharing Festival.

Ceremony Marking Two Years Since the Passing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Twenty thousand persons from Korea and overseas gathered for the Memorial Service marking two years since the passing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, including former US Congressman Dan Burton and Jeong Tae Iik, Chairman of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations. The memorial was held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province.

Participants also attended a variety of other events inspired by Rev. Moon's lifetime accomplishments, which spanned a wide range of fields, covering politics, finance, culture and education, and included the inaugural ceremony for the Sunhak Peace Prize, and the Love Sharing Festival and many others.

[MBN] Rev. Moon's 2nd Commemorative Ceremony "A Huge Crowd"...Unquenchable Passion in the Commemorative Events

A commemorative ceremony marking two years since the passing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon was held today (12th) in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-do.

The commemorative events unfolded among 30,000 attendees, including top world leaders.

This is reporter Jun-Hyung Kim.

Second Anniversary of the Ascension of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's . . . Impassioned Tributes Continue

Thirty Thousand, Including Foreign Leaders, Join Memorial Procession



[Anchor]

Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province was the site today of the two year memorial of the passing of Unification Church leader the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Among the thirty thousand who participated in the memorial procession were a number of heads of state from around the world, evidencing the lasting admiration and tribute to the deceased.

Kim Chunhyung reports.

[Reporter]

The center was packed with Rev. Moon's followers, dressed in white.

The ceremony was held to mark the second memorial of the death of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The crowd of about thirty thousand who attended included the President of Bosnia - Herzegovina, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and numerous other heads of state.

It has been two years since Rev. Moon's passing, but the memorial tributes offered to him larger and more impassioned each year.

"We join our hearts in unity to embody the heart of True Parents in offering this floral tribute to True Father..."

The Unification Church has a wide variety of enterprises and activities all around the world, ranging from the Washington Times daily newspaper in the U.S. to the Pyeonghwa Motor Company in North Korea.

Among the memorial donations offered this time, one million US dollars will be directed to the Sunhak Peace Prize, enhancing the movement's outreach activities.

Interview: Kyeong Seuk Lu, President of FFWPU Korea

"There have been many ordeals, persecution and suffering. However, I believe that all of the them were growing pains that helped the Family Federation to put down deep and strong roots."

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who reminded us, "We endured harsh persecution, but we absorbed it with peace and love," left behind extensive teachings which still exert

great influence on the work of the Unification Church, which is moving forward at an accelerated pace under the intense gaze of those inside and outside of the religious community.

Kim Jun Hyung reporting for MBN News.

[Newsis] Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Second Seonghwa Anniversary, 30,000 in Attendance...Including Top World Leaders



Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Seonghwa Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony was held by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification at 9:00 AM on the 12th at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do.

The official name of the event was the "Second Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."

The event was attended by about 30,000 people, including devotees, domestic and international personnel, and former and current national leaders from around the world, including former U.S. House of Representatives member Dan Burton, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Zivko Budimir, Letsie III of Lesotho and his wife, Samoa Head of State Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and his wife, Sri Lanka Prime Minister D. M. Jayaratne, Prime Minister of East Timor Xanana Gusmao, Fiji politician and wife of former Prime Minister Koila Nailatikau, former President of Paraguay Federico Franco, former President of Uruguay Julio Maria Sanguinetti, former President of Mali Dioncounda Traore, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines Jose de Venecia, former UN Under-Secretary-General Anwarul Chowdhury, Korean Council on Foreign Relations Tae-Ik Jeong and Sunhak Peace Prize Council President Il-Shik Hong.

In commemoration of Rev. Moon's 2nd Year Seonghwa, bicycle tours titled the "2014 Peace Bicycle Unification Tour, Peace Bike" have been being carried out since the 1st of July in Korea, Japan and 14 other countries. Participants carried with them hopes of peace for the Korean Peninsula. The tour ended with a commemorative ceremony on this day.

Family Federation Korean President Kyeung-Seuk Ryu proclaimed the beginning of the event, followed by a prayer report by Japanese General President Yong-Cheon Song and offerings of flowers by family members and representatives from various fields, beginning with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and followed by world leaders and VIPs. Among the devotees offering flowers were former Vice President of the Korean National Assembly Bong-Ho Kim, National Assembly Member Shil-Jeon Park and celebrities Hye-Seon Jeong and Sang-Soon Kim. After the flower offering, a video was shown displaying the life accomplishments of Rev. Moon.

"Rev. Moon came to America with God's mission. He came to strengthen the founding principles and freedom of America, in order to allow it to lead the way in bringing peace around the world. The many deeds he accomplished to strengthen America and religions are receiving global praise on this day," said former U.S. House of Representatives speaker Dan Burton.

"It would take at least several days to list all of the positive effects of all of the political, economic, press, cultural, educational and other accomplishments that Rev. Moon has carried out to further his evangelical work--not only in Korea, but all over the world. I look forward to seeing his meaningful work of 'peace in

the world and the salvation of mankind' preserved, continued and developed, and I expect to see great things for humankind in the future," said Gyeonggi-do governor Gyeong-Pil Nam, through his Vice Governor Hui- Gyeom Kim, in his commemorative address.



The Cheon Bok Gung choir, along with other choirs from churches around the nation, gathered to sing a song of worship. The solemn atmosphere of the room was permeated by the beautiful melodies of the voices harmonized in chorus, lifting the spirit of the entire ceremony.



Publishing Committee President Young-Whi Kim and Vice President Jae-Suk Lee dedicated the English versions of the scriptures of the Family Federation, the Cheon Seong Gyeong and the Peace Messages. Mission Federation Director Jun-Ho Seon dedicated the "Official World Assets Book," a book containing records of the Family Federation's official assets, as well.

"My husband left behind numerous accomplishments in the 1970's, a time filled with debauchery, the breakdown of the family and Communism. America was in a life-or-death situation, and my husband provided a wakeup call to the nation. In Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Seonghwa Anniversary, we want

to particularly shed new light on his accomplishments in North and South America. I hope that all of you will do your utmost to unite together in one body, one heart and one thought under God's will, to lay this foundation," requested Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.



"Continuing the tradition from last year's Seonghwa ceremony, this year we have logged 6,000 kilometers covered over the 2014 Peace Bike Tour in 14 nations. The participants continued through climate changes and bad weather to attend today's ceremony together with us in one heart. Our goal has now become clear. Let us not forget to move forward together with God and True Parents," she added. The audience responded enthusiastically with cheers and applause.



In the second half of the ceremony, a commemorative performance of the musical "The Messiah" was shown. North American Continental Director Ki-Hoon Kim concluded the event with three cheers of Eok Mansei.

Rev. Moon, who was born in Pyeonganbuk-do, Jeongju in 1920, passed away at 1:54 AM on September 3rd, 2012 (July 17th by the lunar calendar) at Cheong Shim International Hospital. The Seonghwa

ceremony was held 13 days later, and drew a crowd of 25,000 devotees who came to pay their respects. Rev. Moon established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954, which expanded to 194 nations, establishing itself as a world religion. He made many contributions throughout his life to world peace, religious harmony and the salvation of humankind...