

Outline of Second Anniversary of True Father's Universal Seonghwa events

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A Taekwondo demonstration by students of Cheongshim International High School

Martial Arts Festival

The Martial Arts Federation for World Peace hosted a martial arts festival on August 8 at Seon Jeong High School in Seoul (where True Mother attended middle school). More than a thousand guests, including 147 martial arts practitioners, participated in the event. The Martial Arts Federation was founded in 1997 in accordance with Rev. Moon's vision. It now has branches in forty nations. This was its first official event since the Martial Arts Federation moved its headquarters to Korea in February 2012.

In his opening address, Mr. Kwon Jin Moon, chairman of the Martial Arts Federation, remarked, "I hope that through martial arts, the peace ideology of my father, the reverend Sun Myung Moon, will be expressed beautifully and the ethos of learning, intelligence and strategy can blossom among young people." He added, "Just as the indomitable, sacrificial and patriotic ideals of the Shilla code of chivalry led to the unification of the Three Kingdoms, it is necessary during these turbulent times to have a martial arts organization that will combine the spirit of the code of chivalry with the spirit of true love among young people who can be the vanguard of the reunification of North Korea and South Korea. Hence, if this federation trains and moves forward for the historical task of reunifying North Korea and South Korea, it will be blessed with heavenly fortune."

Giving words of encouragement, Kyeong Seuk Lu, president of FFWP-Korea remarked, "The founding ideal of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace and the mission of every martial arts practitioner is to subjugate the body, restore the body to fulfill its original purpose, polish the spirit and follow the true path of life forging unity of the body with the mind."

Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, director of the Sun Moon Educational Foundation and a ninth degree black belt in Judo, said in his congratulatory remarks, "I hope this festival can exemplify the two mottos of the Martial Arts Federation, "forging one's character and advancing by training" and "victoriously following the path and reaching the peak of filial piety and patriotism."

Jong Keun Moon, president of the Sambo Federation in Korea, said in his congratulatory remarks, "Let us engrave within our hearts the radiance of a life of true love and let us live to accomplish the mission of every martial arts practitioner, namely realizing a just society and living for the sake of world peace!"

In the second part of the festival, students from Cheongshim International Middle and High School gave demonstrations in Taekwondo, Special Forces defense techniques, and Wonhwado. Then, foreign students and students from Sun Moon University's Martial Arts major demonstrated Tongil Moodo. Once the demonstrations were over, all the martial arts practitioners came onstage, held hands and sang the song "Unity." The wonderful festival ended with three loud cheers of Mansei! from all participants.



A group of significant figures at the 2014 World Summit

World Summit 2014 (UPF)

The Universal Peace Federation's World Summit 2014 opened in the morning of August 10 in the Grand ballroom of the Seoul Hilton Hotel under the theme "Peace, Security, Development" in the presence of four hundred opinion leaders from seventy countries. The plenary event began with opening interfaith prayers from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Jain and Confucian leaders, which were followed by opening remarks by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, chairman of UPF; welcoming remarks by WFWP international president, Professor Yeon Ah Moon; and

True Mother's main address read by Mrs. Sun Jin Moon, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters.

Sun Jin nim read the message of the founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In her address, Dr. Moon asked that we build a world of peace. She wrote, "Although it may appear that we are about to enter an era that resembles the Dark Ages, we are actually on the threshold of a new era of peace...if only we respond to God's call. This World Summit is itself a response to God's call."

A List of Notable Participants

World Summit 2014 attracted a number of public figures. A partial list follows:

Zivko budimir, president, since 2011, of Bosnia-Herzegovina; Letsie III, king, since 1996, of Lesotho; Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi, head of state, since 2007, of Samoa; Disanayaka Mudiyansele Jayaratne, prime minister, since 2010, of Sri Lanka; Xanana Gusmão, president (2002–2007) and prime minister, since 2007, of Timor-Leste; Georgina de Venecia, member, since 2010, of the Philippines House of representatives; Mrs. Koila Nailatikau, wife of ratu Epeli Nailatikau, who has been president of the republic of Fiji since 2009; Julio Maria Sanguinetti, president of Uruguay (1985–1990, 1995–2000); Luis Federico Franco Gomez, president of Paraguay (2012–2013); Stanislav Shushkevich, chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Belarus (1991– 1994); Dioncounda Traore, interim president of Mali (2012–2013); Graciela Rompani, post-presidential wife and then widow of the president of Uruguay, Jorge Pacheco; Jose de Venecia, speaker of the Philippines House of representatives (1992–1998, 2001– 2008); Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, retired from the post of under-secretary-general of the United Nations, to which he was appointed in 2002.

Transforming the DMZ

The Citizens' Federation for the reunification of North Korea and South Korea joined hands with the National Assembly research institute, Tongil Mirae Forum, on August 11 at the Korean National Assembly for the 2014 Symposium of Peace and Unity among the Korean People. The symposium's purpose was to discuss the reunification of the Koreas and means to transform the DMZ into a world peace park.

The symposium took place with four hundred guests in attendance, including Korean residents of Japan and leaders of various organizations devoted to Korean reunification. Among them was the leader of the New Frontier Party, Mu Seong Kim, the senior member of the National Assembly for the New Frontier Party, In Jae Lee, the director of the National Assembly's National Defense Commission, Jin Ha Hwang, several other members of the National Assembly, a member of the Japanese Diet, and the president of FFWPU-Korea Rev. Lu Kyeong Seuk. Katsumi Otsuka, president of the Federation of Peace and Unification was on hand as was Hirokazu Ota, president of the Peace Federation, which is a group seeking harmony between two groups of Korean (non-citizen) residents in Japan, one loyal to Pyongyang and the other loyal to Seoul.

Mr. Yong Su Seol, president of the Citizens' Federation said in his welcoming address, "The proposal to transform the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) into a world peace park was formally submitted to the United Nations on August 18, 2000, by the founder of the Citizens' Federation, Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It is our hope that this plan is realized at the earliest date possible, thereby transforming the demilitarized zone from an area of historic suffering filled with division and war into an area blossoming with the flowers of peace."



A view of the 2014 Symposium on Peace and the Unity of the Korean People

In his congratulatory remarks, the leader of the New Frontier Party stated, "The new source of growth which will unite the nation is none other than the process of unification. Koreans living in forty nations and peace bikers from fourteen countries are united in their fervent hope for the unification of North Korea and South Korea. Accordingly, today's symposium to discuss means of building and cooperating on a world peace park in the DMZ is particularly meaningful. Despite being blocked on its northern border, South Korea has achieved the "miracle on the Han river." My heart swells with happiness when I imagine a united peninsula where North Korea and the South connect together. President Geun Hye Park even instituted the readiness Commission for Unification. Symposia such as today's, where participants from forty countries have come together, are extremely important. I will do my utmost to assist you as you prepare for unification with hearts burning with the desire for a nation in peaceful unity."

In Jae Lee, senior member of the National Assembly for the New Frontier Party, added, "I can feel that the sound of pedals from the Peace bike Tour is adding weight and meaning to today's symposium. The cold war between east and west finished long ago and the day when the ice that divides the Korean peninsula melts like last year's snow is not far away. Cyclists from fourteen countries rode six thousand kilometers in the Peace bike Tour and their fervent hope for unification is moving the hearts of citizens and leaders from both Koreas as well as the hearts of citizens around the globe. This will lead to the historic moment of unification. Unification on the Korean Peninsula is a blessing for Asia that will lead to greater peace and prosperity in the world."

Of particular significance on this day was the attendance of fifty peace cyclists from fourteen nations who traveled great distances by bicycle for the sake of North-South unification. representatives of the fourteen nations involved in the Peace bike Tour presented the members of the National Assembly who were present with a message expressing their hopes for the reunification of the Koreas.

Regarding the World's Central Nation

The Professors' World Peace Academy (PWPA) met on August 8 for an academic conference on the topic, "Dr. Sun Myung Moon and the theory of a united Korea as the central nation in the world." This topic attracted two hundred people to a seminar room in the Press Center building in Seoul.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Dae O Son outlined the importance of the seminar: "Rev. Moon explained that the central nation of this new era will be the Korean Peninsula, in other words, the soon-to-be united Korea will be this nation. The history, culture, language and alphabet of our nation are an indescribably precious cultural heritage that will guide humanity in the future. These days, the 'Korean wave' can be witnessed all around the world, but when we dissect the source of the Korean wave, we can see that sixty years ago, in 1954, Rev. Moon founded the Unification Church in the midst of indescribable persecution and suffering. Today, the Unification Church is present in 190 nations and Unification Church members all over the world have transcended boundaries of race, nation and religion. They see Korea as a mecca and are actively learning Korean as well as familiarizing themselves with Korean culture. When taking this into consideration, today's seminar is particularly meaningful."

In his memorial lecture titled "The Era of Cultural Territory and the Globalization of Korean Culture," Dr. Il Shik Hong, a Ph.D. in Philosophy and former president of Korea University, said, "We must foresee and prepare for the society of the future. The twenty-first century is the era of cultural sovereignty and the cultures of developed nations merge and become one with the cultures of underdeveloped nations. When the traditional eastern philosophy of filial piety puts aside the logic of vertical obedience it has carried and, instead, becomes the value that harmonizes the vertical and horizontal relationships within society, today's undesirable and negative human characteristics can be conquered. It is my hope that henceforth a new type of Korean, a unified type of Korean, will emerge -- one who is loyal, confident, precise and endowed with correct behavior and a generous embrace."

Dr. Jeong Jin Park gave a presentation on the topic and Sun Moon University professor emeritus Lee Hyeong Goo made remarks. Daejon University professor Byeong Hwan Choi spoke on "The Unification of the Korean Peninsula and the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon" while Dr. Hong Hyun Ik of the Sejong Institute offered comments. The conference concluded after the speakers responded to various question from audience members on this important, intriguing topic.



Mrs. Mercedes Menafra wife of Jorge Batlle Ibáñez, president of Uruguay 2000 - 2005, receiving the Twenty-First Century Woman Leader's Prize

Women Seeking Peace in the Americas

To commemorate the second anniversary of Rev. Moon's ascension, to review the effort and effects of the peace movement being led by women in the Americas, which Rev. Moon initiated, to connect this movement to other NGOs and to revitalize the Global Women's Peace Network, the Women's Federation for World Peace hosted the "International Conference on the Women's Peace Movement begun by Dr. Sun Myung Moon, a Peace-loving Global Citizen."

This event took place on August 11 in the convention hall of the

Kim Ku Memorial Hall. Among the four hundred female leaders and guests from twenty-one nations were President Yeon Ah Moon of WFWP International, who has also been a professor teaching about social welfare in Sun Moon University's Pure Love Department.

Mrs. Lieom A. Loeak, whose husband is the Marshall Islands' president; Mrs. Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau, wife of Fiji's president; Shiranthi Rajapakse, wife of Sri Lanka's president; and Tunu rehani Pinda, wife of Tanzania's prime minister participated in the event, as did Mercedes Menafra de Batlle, the widow of a former president of Uruguay. Uruguay's ambassador to Korea, Mrs. Alba Florio Legnani, also took part.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Women's Peace Initiative in the Americas

Mrs. Mercedes Menafra de Batlle had come to Korea for this event and offered congratulatory remarks. Following a video presentation, Mrs. Lan Young Moon, a past president of the organization, presented

"The WFWP women's peace movement and the Global Women's Peace Network." WFWP envoy to Cuba Mrs. Kyoko Kuramoto presented a field report on activities in Central America and South America while WFWP director for South America Ezzat Ferraboli gave a report on the women's peace movement in the Americas. Director of WFWP North America, Mrs. Alexa Ward, reported on women's peace activities in North America" and WFWP UN secretariat director Mrs. Caroline Handschin presented on evaluations and proposals in the United Nations. Mrs. Mercedes Menafrá de Batlle, received the Woman Leader of the 21st Century Award for the numerous charitable work her NGO has carried out in Uruguay. Finally, envoys for the countries with the best record of activities, Costa Rica and the Dominican republic, received awards for public service.

In her welcoming remarks, WFWP International President Moon said, "For the past two years, I have witnessed Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon striving every day to realize world peace, the lifelong wish of the Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Her leadership of the Women's Federation has taught me that the heart and wisdom of women are the keys to realizing peace. For forty years, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon invested themselves in the United States and taught the importance of investing America's wealth for the sake of world peace. They also sacrificed themselves through various channels, including the Global Women's Peace Network, so that instead of focusing on their own interests, member nations of the UN can come together to resolve global issues, including ongoing conflicts." President Moon then looked to the future, "Unless the issue of famine is resolved, peace cannot be realized; however, even if the issue of famine is resolved, it is imperative to continue educating about the need for peace and love."

WFWP has its international headquarters in Korea and branches in 160 nations. WFWP supports the actualization of world peace through constant volunteer activities, donations and educational programs for women all over the world. Furthermore, its "1% Love Program for North Korea" consists of sharing 1 percent of one's income with North Korea, and this is being expanded and implemented all over the world. WFWP is currently working to rename the program the 1% Love Movement for the Global Family and is seeking to expand it.



The Sun Myung Moon Research Center of Sun Moon University

Youth Federation for World Peace

YFWP has been leading various domestic and international youth movements emphasizing sexual ethics and seeking North-South reunification and world peace. On August 10, the organization celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its founding in the grand conference room of the Kim Ku Museum and Library in Hyochang Park with a General Assembly under the theme "A Powerful Leap for the Next Generation -- Peace, Unity and Sexual Purity."

Three hundred and fifty people came for the event. Among the many participants were YFWP president Yu Gyeong Duk, FFWPU-Korea president Kyeong Seuk Lu, International Headquarters secretary-general Rev. Man Ho Kim, Council of Traditional Korean religions youth director Mr. Beo Dal Yoon, YFWP leader Mr. Ha Jun Tae, World Peace Education Forum president Mr. Tae Jae Lee, Adolescent Character Education Cultural Center representative Mr. In Shik Ji, YFWP-Japan president Mr. Koji Matsuda, and YFWP for Asia president Mr. Yutaka Yamada. The event began with welcoming remarks from YFWP-Korea president Gyeong Duk Yu, followed by an address from FFWPU-Korea president Kyeong Seuk Lu. Congratulatory remarks by Koji Matsuda, president of YFWP-Japan, Jun Tae Ha, representative for KYC and Beo Dal Yoon, youth director for the Council of Traditional Korean religions, followed. The General Assembly program then proceeded with a congratulatory cake-cutting, commemorative photo sessions and three cheers of mansei.

In his welcoming remarks, YFWP president Gyeong Duk Yu said, "We would like to make a new start towards the future with the spirit of "a blue horse that flies." We will march forward for the next twenty years to establish meaningful lives seeking peace and unity, to develop good character and sexual morality, and to develop global leaders capable of living for the sake of all humanity. Furthermore, we shall establish international networks with youth organizations all over the world, organize a youth UN modelled after the United Nations, and strive to resolve the various problems occurring around the world."

In his address, FFWPU-Korea President Lu remarked, "The founder of YWFP, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, said that young people should become pioneers of change and usher in a new era through true families, true nations and a true world. True families are indeed the essence of a world of peace. This is because within a true family, true love and values are transmitted from the parents to the children, thereby connecting past, present and future. Rev. Moon has said that true love is the starting point of all ideals; to young people, true love possesses a strength that surpasses life. It is my fervent hope that the members of YFWP can remain true to the founder's ideals and invest their youthful vigor and passion, strive to realize a world of peace and reunify North Korea and South Korea. It is also my hope that YFWP members can be at the forefront of building a righteous world through living in harmony with others, striving for the public good and seeking justice and righteousness.

To overcome a twentieth century marred with division and conflict and create a twenty-first century of peace and harmony, the Youth Federation for World Peace was founded on July 26, 1994, in Washington DC in the presence of youth leaders from 164 nations. Youth leaders from around the world transcended ideologies and structures and engaged in a global movement of peace and unity to overcome conflicts between people, races, religions and nations. Following its founding, professors from North Korea and South Korea and university students from thirty-one nations gathered on five occasions for international leadership peace seminars. They held these seminars in Moscow, Beijing and other cities and they provided venues to seek means of achieving a peaceful reunification of North Korea and South Korea. The Youth Federation for World Peace has been engaging in various activities such as student led North-South reunification movements in the communities, North Korean-South Korean student exchanges, seminars on unity and harmony among left-wing and rightwing students, international relief and volunteer activities, pure love movements and activities teaching appropriate sexual morality.

In addition to the above activities, the Universal Peace Federation and the office of National Assembly member Eul Dong Kim hosted on August 11 a "Day of Friendship between Korea and the Philippines for the Sake of Mutual Prosperity in Asia -- A Special Lecture by Jose de Venecia, former speaker of the Philippines House of representatives." This event took place in the great hall of the National Assembly library in the presence of three hundred participants, including fifty Filipino families. After serving as Speaker of the Philippines House of representatives, Jose de Venecia is actively working as founding president and chairman of the standing committee of ICAPP, an NGO seeking to bring unity and harmony among political parties through an alliance of 340 political parties in fifty-two nations in Asia.

Also on August 11, the Sun Myung Moon research Institute at Sun Moon University hosted an academic conference at the Seoul Press Center with the topic "The Dr. Sun Myung Moon's Global Discourse." The Cheon Jeong Gung Museum in Gyeonggi Province hosted a special exhibition, August 10-12 with the theme "The Providence in North America and South America and Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Achievements." On August 8, a hundred people including Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu, who is also president of the Alliance of International Families in Korea, families in which one parent is non-Korean and award recipients, gathered for the award ceremony of the 2014 National Peace Drawing Contest for International Families."

Thus, a variety of commemorative events took place during the official memorial period.