Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Statement on the TV broadcast by MBC PD Notebook: Abe, the Shooter and the Unification Church

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Demonstration against Japan for not allowing freedom of religion to Unification Church members

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (formerly known as the Unification Church, hereafter referred to as the Family Federation), founded in Seoul, Korea on May 1, 1954, has been dedicated to building a world of peace under the vision of "One Family of Humanity Under God." In front of the path of love and peace centered on God, I thought that contempt, disrespect, and persecution were just as natural as the path of the righteous. However, since the distorted reporting of MBC's 'PD Handbook', which misled religious freedom, human rights and the truth, has gone beyond that limit, I express the following with a heavy heart.

First, it is clear that the videos that were made and inserted in Japan among the broadcast videos have not been verified for truth and are merely unilateral claims of those who have been opposed to the Family Union for a long time. Korean journalist MBC, who is reporting the contents of the Japanese media that is unilaterally biased, unilaterally mentions only the claims of some Christians and left-wing ideologies who have been campaigning against the family union in the wake of the recent shooting of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Taking the 'PD Notebook' as it is and reporting it unilaterally without objectively verifying it is an obvious religious oppression and a profoundly distorted report on the Family Federation.

In particular, the 'National Lawyer Liaison Committee for Countermeasures against Inspirational Commercial Law' (hereinafter referred to as the Lawyer Liaison Committee), which led biased reporting in Japan, was established with a specific political intention. It was established with the purpose of stopping the movement to promote the enactment of the Anti-Espionage Act.

To this day, there are some Christians and secession brokers who have led the abduction and confinement of family union members by teaching their relatives. Because they don't stop incarceration until they leave, about 70% of the members are forced to leave. The Lawyers Liaison Committee has been working with the clear purpose of "destroying the family unity" with more than 3,000 members who have resigned. Although kidnapping and confinement is a serious human rights violation, they have ignored it.

Second, we state that it is unacceptable for public broadcasting to report content that has not been verified as true as if it were 'truth'. The fact that Mr. Yamagami, the suspect in the assassination of former Prime Minister Abe, was described as a "second-generation" family association, that the "lawyer liaison meeting" unilaterally reported the amount of damage that has not been objectively verified, and that former Unification Church members are distorted The claims made and numerous intentional distortions that connected them, and the biased reporting claiming that compliance violations are still proceeding as in the past, despite significant improvements since the 2009 Declaration for Compliance (Declaration of Compliance), etc. It is merely an accusation such as 'witch hunt', and such reports are absolutely unacceptable from the standpoint of this coalition.

Third, it is revealed that the entire sacred offering, which contains the noble devotion and gratitude of the faithful, was distortedly reported as negative funds caused by illegal coercion, and only the negative image was maximized to distort and disparage the numerous internal and external activities pursued by the association. Like other religions, this association emphasizes a life of voluntary donation as a gift given in gratitude for God's grace. However, the PD Notebook only had interviews with some of the departing believers, and selling all the donations made in good faith by Japanese believers over a long

period of time as if there was illegal coercion is blasphemy against Japanese believers and is a malicious report. Since its inception, this association has been sincerely conducting omni-directional activities in order to realize God's providence of salvation and a world of lasting peace. It is clear once again that the donations for this purpose were voluntary and have been thoroughly managed and used in a transparent manner.

Public asset management has been publicly managed with the UCI (Unification Church International) Foundation, a non-profit American corporation established to support the unification movement. Unfortunately, however, in 2009, Jeong-hwan Kwak, who was in charge at the time, changed the UCI board of directors at will, changed the articles of incorporation, and arbitrarily disposed of and privatized public assets without the permission of the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, causing great confusion in mission fields around the world. Therefore, on May 25, 2011, President Sun Myung Moon, the two members of the Board of Directors, made an official proclamation, both internally and externally, to instruct the UCI Board of Directors composed of Kwak Jeong-hwan and his family to restore the original state. "The UCI Board of Directors composed of Kwak Jeong-hwan and his clan should return all authority related to the Yeouido Holy Land Development Project in Korea to True Parents, the founder. Dispose of public assets without True Parents' permission so far and immediately return all of your possessions." (UCI Proclamation for Restoration, May 25, 2011)

However, the UCI Board of Directors composed of Kwak Jeong-hwan and his clan is still disobeying the above proclamation and opposing this will head-on. The Y22 Project Financial Investment Company, which was established for original development, shares in Central City, shares in Yongpyong Resort, etc.) Therefore, it is clearly stated that their activities are a disguised peace movement that illegally robbed public assets.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest condolences to former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who passed away unexpectedly while promoting the peace movement. The Family Federation will never forget the noble sacrifice of former Prime Minister Abe, who presented a vision for Korean reunification and world peace and expressed his will with former and current leaders. Also, considering the unfortunate circumstances of the suspect's family, Tetsuya Yamagami, who caused the crime, the alliance is very sorry that we did not respond sufficiently, and we promise to make more efforts to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

However, after the death of former Prime Minister Abe, this coalition and its members are suffering indescribably due to the distorted reports based on speculation and the reckless biased reports of some media that took advantage of it. During this time, I seriously protest to MBC, which reported a report that severely damaged the honor of believers around the world and caused serious misunderstandings among the people. As we know that broadcasting the edited content from a biased perspective without checking the facts is only an act with a clear intention and purpose to disparage the association, I declare that you are responsible for any and all circumstances that may arise. In the future, this association will continue to take strict and clear responses to illegal religious oppression and related acts. We ask for your warm interest and support.

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