

## UPF's Vision will Lead to Peace on the Korean Peninsula

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I have been honored to be part of Universal Peace Federation's Rally of Hope, and to stand side by side with President Trump, former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon. U.S. Vice President Pence, Secretary of State Pompeo and Prime Minister Abe.

These gatherings are significant for advancing peace as they express the hearts of freedom-loving people, and that's why they have drawn international support. I sincerely thank Dr. Moon for her leadership for Peace and the fine work of the Washington Times which she and her late husband co-founded.

Rev. Moon, who spent 2 years and 8 months in Communist Prison in North Korea, understood the danger of Communism's denial of God and freedom.

Mother Moon escaped from North Korea with her mother and Grandmother. Through their movement which consisted of their Christian church and a large base of patriotic Japanese citizens, formed the International Federation for Victory Over Communism.

Through education on campuses and in the public forums, the movement played a critical role in pushing back the communist threat. On that foundation they met Prime Minister Kishi, Grandfather of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who supported a strong Japan in alliance with America with deep concerns about the threat of communism. A natural relationship formed between the victory over the communist movement. Mr. Kishi and many members of the Diet, especially the Liberal Democratic Party, or LDP.

This movement has been strongly supporting Japan's freedom, prosperity, and its role as a leader for Peace and Security. Various bad things have been said about the Victory over Communism movement; however, those are mainly from pro-communist organizations."

Through our research, we are seeing that many in the media are trying to dissolve the movement in Japan without any legal due process. We've also found that many are politically sympathetic to the communist or socialist anti-religious, anti-America and Anti Abe view.

Some of the Lawyers who are advising the government action participated in illegal deprogramming or defended unlawful deprogrammers in Japan. These so called "advisors" are now calling for a suspension of law and pushing actions that will violate Japan's commitment as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) at the United Nations.

Why have the media and their so-called advisors suppressed the fact that a respected United Nations NGO on Religious Freedom has filed a formal complaint with the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva. I am concerned that those pushing these discriminatory actions are really seeking to weaken the security and peace of Japan, making Japan weaker in the face of threats from China and the DPRK. We wonder why, at the same time, these "advisors" and the media are also trying to disparage the LDP members and even PM Abe for associating with this anti-communist, pro-democratic and pro-religious freedom movement.

Thanks to the visionary leadership of Mr. Abe, Japan has become a strong and free democracy that supports the rules-based order of international relations.

Abe's dedication to a "strong Japan policy" – and strong defense – was deeply opposed by a significant part of Japanese society. but Mr. Abe stood for Japan first.

The whole world joined in honoring and saying farewell to Prime Minister Abe, one of the world's great leaders.

Japan is a most honorable nation that is also the great ally of America and the free world. It was the profound character of the Japanese people who adopted the noble principles that led Japan to take its place as a world leader for security, peace, and economic prosperity. From the constitution to the principles of "Continuous Improvement" taught by W. Edwards Deming, Japan became an economic global leader and a leader for security and democracy.

We believe that Japan will uphold its commitment to Freedom of Religion and Democracy.

I believe that the anti-Communist movement, which Mother Moon has done so much to work on to bring peace to the world, with freedom, will continue.