



Media: America's Response to Religious Persecution in Allied Nations

Kook Jin Moon
August 1, 2012

 **Osan Middle and High School visitation.**

- 6.15 by the Heavenly Calendar (August 2)



Yun Kook Moon, True Father's grand uncle, helped NamKang Seong Hoon Lee to establish the Osan School in North Korea. Osan School was re-established in Pusan; and later moved into BoKwang Dong, YongSan Gu on November 26th, 1955. On this day, True Father visited at Osan Middle and High School with International President Hyung Jin Moon and other key leaders.



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Susan Fefferman, Dan Fefferman, Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.), Caleb Gohmert, guest and Rev. Michael Jenkins

A lunch briefing was held Wednesday in the Capitol Visitor's Center entitled "How Does America Respond When Our Democratic Friends Violate Religious Freedom?"

At the event, experts in the field discussed how individuals and communities are suffering because of their faith in several of the U.S.'s allies.

Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.) attended the event.

— report and photographs by Kate Oczypok

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*** Japan Segye Times: Symposium in the U.S. Congress about invasion of Religious Freedom**

Main Contents of the article: As former secretary of general of International League of Human Rights mentioned, the issue of kidnapping and confinement of Unification church members in Japan should be considered a tragic situation; and asserted that other countries should raise objections to Japan regarding this issue. President In Jin Moon of Unification Church USA insisted that kidnapping and confinement of Unification church members should be not just a family issue, but a human rights issue, even though the Japanese Government called it just a family issue.

米議会で信教の自由侵害シンポ

日本の強制改宗問題も俎上に

【ワシントン早川優行】

米国の同盟国・友好国で起きている信教の自由侵害の実態を報告するシンポジウムが1日、ワシントンの米連邦議会で開催された。天宙平和連合(UPEF)が主催したこのシンポジウムは、日本の世界基督教統一神霊協会(統一教会)信者に対する拉致監禁・強制改宗問題をはじめ、民主主義国であることなどを理由に国際社会から見捨てられが

ちな宗教迫害に焦点を当てたもの。登壇者からは、たとえ同盟国であっても米国内は信教の自由を守るために毅然と対応すべきとの意見が表明された。

国際ヘルシンキ人権連合元事務総長のアーロン・ローズ氏は、統一教会信者に対する拉致監禁問題について、「私は過去30年間、あらゆる人権問題を見てきたが、これは極めて悲劇的な状況だ」と指摘。「米政府

は日本の当局に対し、この問題を提起すべきだ。そして、他の国々も日本に問題を提起するよう働き掛けるべきだ」と述べ、日本に対する国際的圧力を強化すべきとの考えを示した。

また、文仁進・統一教会米国総会長は、「日本政府は拉致監禁問題を単なる家族の問題と言いが、レイプや虐待は家族の問題ではない。人権侵害だ」と主張。国際結婚をして米国に住む



国際ヘルシンキ人権連合元事務総長のアーロン・ローズ氏

信者の中には、拉致監禁を恐れて日本に帰国できない人もいることを挙げながら、「これは米国の問題で

もある」と指摘し、米国の積極的な関与を求めた。

シンポジウムでは、今年日本を訪問し、拉致監禁被害者らと面会したダニー・デーレス米下院議員(民主党)があいさつしたほか、訪米中の被害者、美山さよみさんが国際社会の支援を訴えた。

このほか、「宗教自由のためのベケット基金」のティナ・ラミレス国際・政府担当部長と、「人権のためのリーダーシップ協議会」のキャスリン・キャメロン・ポーター会長が、トルコやイラク、キプロスなどの宗教迫害について報告した。