

Sun Jin Moon's Birthday and a Blessing Ceremony

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True Mother speaking on her daughter's birthday

The special meeting to celebrate Moon Sun Jin's birthday began at 7 a.m. on July 30. The celebration took place at Cheon Jeong Gung in the third floor banquet hall. More than fifty people attended including True Mother, the FFWPU international president (of course) and her husband, In-sup nim, an FFWPU international vice-president.

Also on hand were Jun Seok An, a recently appointed FFWPU international vice-president; Kyeong Seuk Lu, president of FFWPU-Korea; Yong Cheon Song, the chairman of Blessed Family Associations in Japan; Ki Hoon Kim, North America regional president; Dong Mo Shin, the South American regional president; and Joon Ho Seuk, chairman of the Mission Foundation; and other leaders of providential organizations.



Sun Jin Moon and her husband In Sup Park

International Vice-President An emceed this special meeting. President Moon and her husband bowed to True Mother and then offered flower bouquets to True Parents. They cut a cake and then Korean FFWPU President Lu offered a representative prayer. Well-wishing remarks and toasts to victory by Chairman Seuk and Chairman Song, a breakfast meeting and President Moon's words of greetings followed. After singing songs, the meeting was declared closed.

After True Mother encouraged and blessed president Moon Sun Jin on her fortieth birthday, True Mother spoke briefly. "In the position of attending True Parents at the center," she said, "the first and second generations are to become one. Isn't that true? In that way let us go forward toward our goal happily while continually working to realize the world of the culture of heart." At the end of the ceremony, everyone sang "Sarang hae" together.



Members singing a congratulatory song during entertainment

In president Moon Sun Jin's words of greeting after the breakfast meeting, she said, "Most of all we are all here because of True Parents. To even call ourselves one family under Heavenly Parent or True Parents is possible because if you think about Father and Mother, they truly became one and through that, we were able to be reborn.

I can testify to True Parents' deep and unconditional love. Not only to be physically brought to life through their bodies, but through inheriting the truth, true life, true love, and true lineage, and a true family all around the world. Sarang hamnida, kamsa hamnida, Abo nim, Omo nim, True Family kamsa hamnida."

Before this President Lu had prayed, "We are grateful for Heaven's grace, which has allowed us to celebrate our international president, Moon Sun Jin's fortieth birthday in the presence of True Parents, who are the substantial roots of true love and goodness.

The motto True Parents announced for 1976 (the year that Sun Jin nim was born) was "The Realization of the Kingdom of Heaven through the Children of God." At that time, Father said that there was an important task to be done that would solve all historical problems. On that foundation, as we witness the realization of the substantial Cheon Il Guk under True Mother's loving providential experience and knowledge today after forty years, we have come to fully realize how deeply profound and mysteriously Heaven's providence is carried out....

Following this Chairman Seuk conveyed his gratitude and encouragement in his well-wishing remarks.

"1976," he said, "was a year of festivals for America's two-hundredth anniversary, it's bi-centennial, and the year of victory for the historic Washington Monument Rally. True Parents gave international president Moon Sun Jin, who was born with such heavenly fortune, the Chinese character for goodness (Sun: 善). I believe that they gave this character so that she would become a good child who would return joy and glory to True Parents. President Moon knows True Parents' status, power and value better than anyone else does.

Moreover, she is investing her all, to fulfill her duty and to serve her parents by uniting with the heart of True Mother, who is struggling to complete Heaven's work as she leads the providence. Lastly, president Moon Sun Jin is following the path of sacrifice ahead of anyone else in order to achieve a community of a culture of heart based on peace, harmony and unification."

Blessing Ceremony



Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, and her husband In Sup Park, international vice-president, conduct the Blessing Ceremony

The next day, July 31, at Cheongshim Church in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-Province, a Special Blessing Ceremony in Commemoration of the Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension occurred.



The attendants usher in the officiators of the Blessing Ceremony.

Three couples received the blessing, including a second-generation Japanese couple who had become engaged earlier and two other couples personally matched by True Mother; a Korean-Japanese second-generation couple and a Japanese first-generation couple.

The brides and grooms could not suppress their surprise, because holding a Blessing Ceremony for so few couples is unusual. However, the three couples symbolize the beginning to propel a new providence after the Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension, centered on President Moon, who had celebrated her fortieth birthday the day before.

The three couples came to the Cheongshim International Youth Center on the July 30 and after receiving education for half the day, they had a Holy Wine Ceremony officiated by Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu. The next day, President Moon and her husband entered the ceremonial hall as the officiators of the Blessing Ceremony.

Heaven guided all procedures of the ceremony beginning with a representative prayer by Chairman Song, followed by a Holy Water Ceremony, the exchange of marriage vows, a prayer, the exchange of rings and the declaration to God of the marriages.

Afterward, a luncheon took place in the Hoon Dok Hae Room on the third floor of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum with True Mother present.

True Mother was happy for the three newly blessed couples and congratulated them as she greeted each personally. Even though none of the three couples could hide their surprise and bewilderment at the unexpected grace and great expectations from Heaven, they set off with new determination.

With the approaching Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension, this Blessing Ceremony was carried out upon the foundation of all the sincere devotion of our blessed members around the world as a wedding gift to Heaven. Specifically, True Parents' boundless grace and love bestowed upon the mother nation, Japan made this possible.



The brides and grooms respond to the Blessing Vows