

“God, please forgive all people who are waiting for Your embrace. Please make this a time for them to be filled with joyfulness by the special pardon of heavenly grace.”

*Sun Myung Moon,
A prayer at Cheongpyeong Lake*



The Peace Palace

Grand Opening
June 13, 2006, Seorak-myon, Korea

Welcome to the Peace Palace!



Going up into the mountains for meditation has long been a tradition among the peace-loving people of Korea. Before Rev. Sun Myung Moon came to America, Cheongpyeong Lake was his retreat from the pressures of Seoul. The world was in the throes of the Cold War, his country was rebuilding from the devastation of war, and his church had limited resources. As he prayed, the vision grew that one day there would be a peace village here and people from all over the world would come to his homeland to learn the ways of peace.

Cheongpyeong is place of beauty for communing with nature, God, our fellow human beings, and the realm of spirit. It is dedicated to peace, because peace is the harmonization of all these dimensions. In the past ten years, more than a million people from six continents have come here and found insight, clarity, and healing.

Over the years, the first wood pavilion built by Father Moon and a few followers one summer has grown into a large campus, with a graduate theological seminary, a middle school, meditation center, prayer hall, thermal bathhouse, senior citizens' residence and more. Its modern hospital draws on the best of Oriental and Western medicine to bring healing to the spirit and body. The palace will be the setting for peace conferences, and its museum will chronicle peace-building initiatives.

The June 13 festivities evoke the spirit of King Sejong the Great, and the golden age of Korean culture in the 15th century. A scholar/king and patron of learning and the arts, Sejong founded Korea's *hangeul* writing system. This day offers a unique cultural immersion in a land with traditions harking back 5,000 years. We hope you too will take a moment to contemplate and find God's peace.