

This Week in History (January 25 - 31)

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First World Tour (January 28, 1965, to forty nations)

Accompanied by Won Bok Choi and Young Oon Kim, True Father took a Northwest Airlines plane set to depart at 3:30 in the afternoon on January 28, 1965 to begin his first world tour. Members that came to the airport saw off True Parents on their ambitious undertaking. True Father established holy grounds in each nation he visited and told the members that they “should become the kind of people who are connected to Heaven’s fortune and protect these holy grounds.” The world tour lasted until October 10. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)



The fiftieth anniversary of True Parents’ visit to Japan (January 28, 1965)

True Parents, as the first stop on their first world tour, visited Japan on January 28, 1965. Seven years had passed since 1958, when Sang Ik (Bong Chun) "Papasan" Choi began his missionary work in Japan. True Parents made holy grounds in eight places: Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Takamtsu, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Sapporo, and Sendai. On the last day, True Father encouraged the members there by saying, “You should become people that think, ‘No one has loved Japan more than I have’ or ‘No one among the billions of people on earth loved Japan with a heart more intense than mine.’ If you can do this, your heart, which loves not only the present but also the past and the future, will cause you to become a historic person.” This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of True Parents’ visit to Japan. (Courtesy of the History

Compilation Committee)



The founding of Sunhwa Academy (January 30, 1976 Seoul, Korea)

Sunhwa Academy was founded at 25-Beonji Neung-dong, Seongdong Borough, Seoul on January 30, 1976. Thanks to the establishment of the school corporation, Sunhwa Academy, Little Angels Arts School, was able to gain a stable foundation for management. On February 8 of the next year, the first class of Little Angels Arts School graduated, and its name was changed to Sunhwa Arts School on the 16th of the same month. Sunhwa Arts High School was established the following March 4 and it has now nested itself in the society as the mecca of arts education with forty years of history. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)



2009 Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace (2009.01.31, New York City)

The 2009 Marriage Blessing for the Godly Civilization under the Sacred Reign of Peace was held on January 31, 2009 at Manhattan Center in New York City. The blessing ceremony, held in commemoration of True Father's 90th birthday as an inter-religious and inter-cultural blessing, was broadcast simultaneously to 186 nations. In Korea, the same blessing was held in the Chung Pyung Training Center of Heaven and Earth with 230 couples in the ceremony. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)



