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Officiated by Chairman Song and Mrs. Lee 127 couples in Cosmic Blessing Ceremony hosted by Niigata District

A husband hostile to church so impressed that he attended Blessing



A total of 127 couples in Cosmic Blessing Ceremony / Rev. and Mrs. Song read out Marriage Affirmation / Rev. and Mrs. Song offered Benediction

On March 14th (by Heavenly Calendar, corresponding to Sunday, April 13th by Solar Calendar), with cherry blossoms in full bloom under the spring's bright sunshine and deep blue sky, 'Cosmic Blessing by True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for Married Couples' was organized by the Niigata District (Dae seob Shin, District Director) in Shibata City, Niigata Prefecture, for the first time. Rev. Yong Cheon Song, National Chairman of the Blessed Family Association, and Mrs. Hai-Ok Lee officiated at the event, in which a total of 127 couples attended including 47 married couples and 80 couples across the Spirit and Physical Worlds.

It was the outcome of four-month endeavor. During a district tour last November, Rev. Song indicated to come back in a snowy season to meet many new faces. Responding to his expectation, Rev. Shin, District Director, determined to host a marriage blessing event for 120 couples. Members of the District's seven churches (Niigata, Shibata, Nishi, Higashi, Keno and Nagaoka) have spread the message to their kin, friends and acquaintances by conducting Divine Principle seminars, Blessing exhibitions and workshops for married couples.

For the first two months, a total of 40 couples seemed to be the maximum result. A breakthrough took place, however, at a 'Blessing Panel Exhibition' from February

18th to 23rd held at the Shibata Church. More than 80 people including married couples, the church members' parents, children and acquaintances saw the exhibition with a dozen families committed to learning more about Blessing.

A husband, though critical of his wife's Unification faith, visited a panel exhibition in Niigata and ended up receiving Blessing.

A mother of a church member, having listened to one-hour lecture at the exhibition, decided to receive Blessing across Spirit and Physical Worlds. She admitted: "They (church members) are doing a better job educating you than I ever did".

A husband of a church member, while tolerant of her faith, had refused to receive Blessing for a long time. He exclaimed: "This is what you have always wanted to share with me through the church's doctrine, isn't this?" He signed the Blessing application right away.

A husband who leads a major firm's labor union reluctantly participated in a Couples' Seminar on March 23rd with its lecture given by Mr. Miki Abe, saying, "I wish you understand my circumstances, too". Even though he found nothing to oppose in the lecture, he was not quite convinced. But when his wife told him that she wished to be with him in eternity, it moved him to join



In the garden of Hotel Kangetsu, designed after a heaven's image



① People blessed across Spirit and Physical Worlds ② Toast by Rev. Nam (R) and Rev. Shin (L)

the Blessing Ceremony.

A woman with 30-year faith (Nishi Church) but nearly forsaking her faith owing to complaints from her relatives, decided "it's now or never". She did a fasting and discussed her faith and Blessing with her husband for three days and nights. Seeing this, he said, "I will visit the church alone to hear what they have to say". So did he and was impelled to do a one-day fast himself. He participated in the Blessing.

During this Blessing campaign, the Spirit World appeared to be at full work. An uncle of a blessed family (Sado Branch) brought up a subject: "My nephew's wife in Sado island is a wonderful person. I want my son to participate in the Blessing and get married to a Unification Church member."

The Blessing Ceremony on April 13th began at 11 am, with the entry of the officiators, followed

by Holy Water Ceremony, Marriage Affirmation and Benediction. Rev. Song gave the following congratulatory remarks to the 127 newly-blessed couples:

"This is the place where the grace, love and blessing of our Heavenly Parents and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are bestowed in the presence of your respective ancestors. You have participated in order to receive fortunes from our Heavenly Parents. This is an amazing Blessing in which the heavenly fortunes are to be linked to all of your descendents. This Blessing Ceremony is not an ordinary event but is actually a process of creating a positive fortune for Japan. Please take everlasting pride and remember that this will mark the beginning of a new life of happiness to be shared with our Heavenly Parents."

A total of 290 people including the Blessing

participants and their invitees joined the celebratory luncheon in the afternoon with Rev. Yong Cheon Song, Kyung-Tak Nam (Region 4 Director) and Dae seob Shin (District Director). The luncheon began with cake-cutting by Rev. Song's couple. Rev. Nam led the toast with words: "Through this Blessing, we became the children of our Heavenly Parents. Let's pray that this True Family Movement spreads around the world!"

The proprietor of the Blessing's venue, Hotel Kangetsu, and head of the Ishii Ophthalmological Clinic, Mrs. Yasue Ishii, offered the following congratulatory remarks:

"Congratulations on the great success of such a grand Blessing Ceremony! The founder of Hotel Kangetsu was my late husband, who designed and dedicated his sincere efforts for a Japanese garden in this hotel with his desire of creating a heaven

here. I am deeply moved to see the cherry blossoms in full bloom now in this garden."

After some entertainment programs in a relaxed atmosphere, Mrs. Lee gave her congratulatory remarks. "Both the Spirit and Physical Worlds give their blessings to the Marriage of Blessing. It is not an ordinary event. At this very moment, you were registered in Heavenly Parents' eternal Book of Life!"

The participants later took photos around Rev. Song's couple in front of a cascade in the garden designed to be a heaven, sharing their joy with one another.

The newly-blessed couples shared their reflections such as: "This must have been guided by our ancestors because I saw the same garden in my dream!" or "We shall start a new life as a couple from today on!"



① Rev. Yabuki offers words of encouragement ② Lecture by Family Education Director Tada ③ Participants engaged in intimate discussions

Passing on the Blessing from Heaven to our descendants without fail

“One-Day Seminar to become a Good Parent”, a time for parents to face their children centered on the Word

Inheritance of faith is an important element for any religious organization to grow and become established. In the case of Unification Church, however, inheritance of faith has a unique meaning. It means that later generations inherit the Blessing originally bestowed by the Lord of the Second Advent upon the first generation.

The emergence of the second and third generations is essential for a new religion to become orthodox, as well. Mr. Yukio Kurosaki, head of Blessed Family Education Department, hereby reports on ‘One-day Seminar on becoming a Good Parent’ and ‘Two-Day Seminar on Parents and Children’, both hosted by Region 4.

The 7-Day Cheju Seminar for the Seiwa Youth on Cheju Island, South Korea, with the slogan “Let’s Discover my True Self and start a life of True Family Ideal”, was designed to inspire the second-generation youth to start as responsible family members. Over 800 parents and children from different circumstances participated in this seminar and could finish the programs with new hopes and goals for the future.

In a series of 18 seminars, their participants could

find many keys to realizing ideal families. In order to share this wisdom with all the Blessed Families, this educational program was begun in Japan at the end of last November under ‘One-Day Seminar of becoming a Good Parent’ and ‘Two-Day Parents and Children Seminar’, teaching the essence of the Cheju Island Parents and Child Seminar’s contents.

One-Day Seminar of becoming a Good Parent

Region 1 hosted ‘One-Day Seminar of becoming a Good Parent’ on December 23, 2013, at the South Hokkaido District HQ, transmitting the event via internet to other areas of the district. Mr. Toshio Tada, head of Blessed Family Education Department from HQ was invited as the lecturer. From the 12 churches of the North and South Hokkaido Districts, a total of 176 parents concerned about their children’s future attended the seminar with high expectation. Their Blessing groups consisted of; 33 people from 6,000 couples, 46 from 6,500 couples, 7 from 1,275 couples, 51 from 30,000 couples, 10 from 360,000 couples and 29 from other groups.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Kyoichi Yabuki, Regional Director for Region One, encouraged the participants by saying:

“Blessed Children are the focus of True Mother’s interest. She has guided leaders many times, instructing us to ‘raise exemplary second-generation children and prepare their path and environment’. We are the Blessed Families who will realize the world of ‘One Family under God’, His ideal of creation. True Mother also teaches us that ‘Only when we practice the Word, does it manifest as reality.’ Let us learn the essence of becoming a good parent through today’s seminar and make efforts to build exemplary Blessed Families.” Mr. Tada’s lecture on ‘Empowering the Family’ followed.

The first lecture was on Thoughts of Unification Church; A heart of a parent in a body of a servant; It is the Will of God to build an ideal family. The second lecture consisted of The attitude of the heart; The Pause Button; The Thought Train; and Depositing the Trust Balance. The third lecture consisted of: About Give and Take; Being Understood after Understanding others; Making some time just for yourself.

The lectures taught us how to communicate with our spouses and children; how to rebuild trust between parents and children including a give-and-take practice session in pairs for attentive listening. At the end, each group set personal goals to practice in their families and filled out worksheets with weekly goals.

[We, the Parents, Must Change First!]

Here are some of the reflections from the participating parents:

- “It was hard to listen to today’s lectures because they were so true and the examples were real. Children would not talk to me now. I must change first.”
- “I felt that attentive listening is the only way I can build a relationship of trust with my children.”
- “I found the lecture very timely. It was what I needed to hear the most.”
- “I reflected my parental attitude towards my child wrong. I want to make efforts to practice what I learned today.”

[Things the parents decided to put into practice]

- To have more give-and-take between husband and wife
- To call out the children more often
- To say “Thank you!”
- To press ‘Pause Button’ before acting upon emotion
- Not to utter negative words
- To practice attentive listening

- To send ‘Thank you!’ emails to the children around their birthdays
- To greet them in the morning and at night
- To say nice things about the children
- To see them off at the front door
- To name the thought train
- To dine out together as a couple or as a family
- To hold gatherings among the kin, etc.

[After One-Day Seminar for Parents]

‘Two-Day Parents and Children Seminar’ is held as a follow-up to the one-day parental education.

In the One-Day Seminar of becoming a Good Parent”, three to four families made up one group to prepare for the following ‘Two-Day Seminar for Parents and Children’. Each group discussed and set their action goals. For 7 to 10 days after the seminar, each group held familial gatherings, where they reviewed the content of the ‘One-Day Parental Seminar’, shared their outcomes for the week, setting the next goal.

By repeating this process, it becomes easier for difficult families to meet their challenges, receiving support from other families. This time, there were 30 groups who decided to participate in the Two-Day Parents and Children Seminar. They held family meetings to prepare for the subsequent seminar.

[Report from the group that conducted the first family gathering]

- “It was difficult to practice because I hardly had time with my children.” (H)
- “I tried to make time with one of my children according to my goal, but because my child did not respond well, I found negative feelings welling. So I went out of my way to make time for them.” (K)
- “I planned a Christmas party, to no avail, because we kept missing each other. When I saw my youngest child crying, I found my family so selfish that its members do not care for the others.” (M)

Sharing their challenges, feelings and realization, they felt able to shoulder their burdens together, not isolated like before. Thus, the weekly meetings gave them incentives to act on a schedule instead of letting their busy lives taking over.



① Discussions between parents and children
 ② Testimony by K.Tanaka, one of elder Second Generation families
 ③ Letters from parents to children
 ④ Lecture by T. Tanaka, Youth and Students Director
 ⑤ Taking a group photo

Setting a family goal and parents writing letters to their children

“The Parents and Children Two-Day Seminar” bringing much inspiration

Two-Day Seminar for Parents and Children

On February 22-23, two months after One-day Seminar for Parents, the Two-day Seminar was held at the Jozankei View Hotel's conference room in a splendid natural environment on the outskirts of Sapporo. A total of 45 members from 22 families participated.

Mr. Tomihiro Tanaka, head of the Youth Department and Mr. Kimitoshi Tanaka, representing an elder second-generation family, were invited as lecturers. 10 people from Region 1 including the head of Blessed Family Department, and 6 second-generation youth in their 20s served it as staff creating a home-like atmosphere.

[Day 1]

Prior to the opening, they played a simple game to break the ice. Mr. Kyoichi Yabuki, Regional-1 Director, made his opening remark: “The key to solving many problems including our

family matters is found in True Parents' Words. It is up to us to make them our own. I hope you can gain something from this seminar.”

After lunch, Mr. K.Tanaka, gave his testimony as an elder second generation. In his adolescent years in the junior high school, his mother went abroad as a missionary, while his father went to South America for a business mission. Young Tanaka was left in the care of other Blessed Families, suffering through a very painful time under a difficult relationship with his parents. Thanks to his parents' dedication and prayers, however, Young Tanaka could change himself and lead a life of faith. His testimony had a great impact on the participants' hearts.

Following the testimony, Senior Tanaka, head of the Youth Department, presented two lectures. The first one was about the growth period and a new vision for happiness. In the second lecture entitled ‘A family and the world where

happiness dwells, he talked about how the family is the school of love, which can be realized only through everyday life. He taught how to practice love in the family setting, sharing some of his own experiences.

There was a fellowship program after dinner. The young second-generation staff put on a skit about Blessed Families. Then, the parents and children sang karaoke together, warming up the house. The day ended with the time for parents-children conversation and consultative meetings for the children.

[Reflections of some parents after the first day]

- “Even though we were living under one roof, we didn't see much of each other, and seldom interacted in the true sense. It would probably be difficult if we didn't have this kind of opportunity. I felt much hope and determined to change.”
- “I was very happy to be able to participate with my eldest daughter, who has been withdrawn from society since junior high school. It was a miracle that she came. I would like to continue to make efforts.”
- “I am really glad that my child could attend. After hearing Mr. Kimitoshi Tanaka's testimony, I felt that I could believe in my child and his future as the parent, because he was brought up under similar circumstances.”
- “We were blessed as a married couple and had children afterwards, lacking many elements to raise our children. We participated so that we can make a new beginning. I am very grateful for the wonderful content.”

[Day 2]

Waking up at 6 am, we heard a testimony by a second-generation child from Region 1. After breakfast, Mr. T. Tanaka talked about marriage and Blessing as entitled ‘The choice of love will change your life’ using a variety of materials, helping the participants to deeply evaluate Blessing.

Following the lecture, Mr. Takatoshi Nomura, head of Youth Department, introduced church activities by the second-generation youth. In the afternoon, there were counseling meetings for the children, while the parents wrote letters to their children. Respective families set their own goals. The parents read their own letters they had written earnestly with parental love in front of their children with some mothers crying as they read their letters. Children stared into the open and listened intently, feeling embarrassed or wiping tears off their faces. Then, a very moving moment took place for both the parents

and the children, as they hugged each other, as if parents' love could reach children's hearts.

At the closing ceremony, Senior Tanaka remarked, “In order to build a good familial environment, it is necessary to convey your minds in words. I look forward to my children's future 5 years or 10 years from now, while we become a good couple ourselves. I am also determined to mature my heart towards creating a family of three generations.”

The participants took a group photo before the Two-Day Seminar came to a close.

[Reflections of the children]

- “My mother was so busy with her work that I could never discuss my problems with her. When I wanted her advice about my work, she would say that she was going to do HDH, while my younger brothers kept bothering me. It was really tough. I wanted my mother to understand how I felt. I am glad I could attend this seminar with my mother.”
- “Even when I talk to my mother, her last words are always unkind. I have never discussed my problems with my parents, friends or teachers. I therefore felt comforted in talking about myself at the counseling meeting. The study sessions were tiring but I am glad I could participate.”

[Reflections of the parents]

- “We could study in an excellent environment. I have other two children, for whom I hope the seminar will go on.”
- “I am grateful to this seminar. The testimonies of our elders were inspiring, too. I felt that God would dispense an opportunity as long as we keep trying. I hope more families will be able to participate.”
- “I am happy to be able to attend. This was the first time I could apologize to my child from my heart.”

[Conclusion]

We could conduct the two seminars for the first time through trials and errors. In spite of many deficiencies, most of the participating families could make a new start with high hope. We are truly grateful to our Heavenly Parents and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

This family education program is the first step to realizing ‘Happy Family’ that Chairman Song announced as the first vision for the Japanese Unification Movement. Region 1 plans to continue this seminar regularly so that more families can participate in the future.



① Fukuda with True Parents at the Ideal Family Education Center for World Peace in Jardim, Brazil
 ② Fukuda's eldest daughter Kayo (R) together with Chairman and Mrs. Song at Miyazakidai Training Center (July 18th 2013)
 ③ In the 30th All-Japan Seunghwa Celebration (June 3rd 2012)



Father's repentance caused children's major change

Ashikaga Church, Tochigi Parish
Minoru and Yukiko Fukuda
 (of the 6,000 couples)

After wife's Seonghwa, Father Fukuda had to raise four children alone, facing his second son's withdrawal from high school after some troubles. In such a difficult moment, the father studied in 'Family Up' seminar given by Lecturer Tada, recognizing and deeply repenting his own problems which caused his son's situation. Now, however, leaving serious distrust and friction between the father and the son behind, his family members are following the Will of God in harmony.

In May 2009, Yukiko Fukuda of the Ashikaga Church, Tochigi prefecture, passed away after protracted illness. She left four children; the eldest daughter had just graduated from a junior college, the eldest son had got a job after graduating from high school, the second son had begun his high school, while the third son studying in the fifth year of his elementary school.

"Children of single-parent families are apt to go wrong", they say. When Father Fukuda appealed to the children not to go wrong, the second son challenged the father by declaring: "Yes, I shall go wrong, as our parents' love has been in deficit!"

Unfortunately he proved it right, as the second son was expelled from high school after committing misconduct in

October in his third year of the school. Having exhausted his endeavors, Father Fukuda could not but pray to his wife in heaven: "I cannot do any more. Please help him!"

Children's problems are caused by their parents - Father Fukuda realized this truth when he received Tada's lecture series entitled 'Family Up', as he shuttled every month to Shibuya Church, Tokyo, since October 2012, taking two hours and half one way.

The seminar emphasized that parents' problems would manifest themselves in their children. He could receive some concrete advices to improve his familial circumstances such as; to refrain from uttering words straight from raw emotion; to convey one's mind candidly etc.

Until then, Father Fukuda used to bring up the children rather strictly. For instance, he used to say: The order of seniority is very important! Parents are not your peers! Be careful of your words! He also compelled his children to attend the church school.

But what has happened as a consequence? There developed a deep emotional rift between the 'tyrannical' father and children. Following the seminar where he recognized his

mistakes, Father Fukuda made up his mind.

Apology to children

In the new-year days of 2013, his four children gathered round. Fukuda for the first time expressed his apology to them: "Though I meant to train you, I have hurt your hearts, haven't I? As I wish to rebuild our family, please forgive me!" He bowed to them, somewhat anticipating the children's kind response. To the contrary, however, their resentments accumulated over the years came out of their mouths one after another in incredible languages.

"Now you understand it? Shit!"

"What? Forgive me? Idiot!"

Father Fukuda had to keep bowing to the children without being agitated by frustration. But the children, sitting on the sofa with their legs thrown ahead, blamed their father mercilessly.

"It was I that has caused such behaviors and words of my children!" - Fukuda kept bowing to them ever deeply, nearly a full bow. Some time passed when the sons uttered words of pardon: "As dad bowed his head to us, what can we do? Let us pardon him, shall we!" But the eldest daughter would not concede. She said, "I won't (forgive him)! You battered on me while asserting True Love or an ideal family!"

In the end, however, the eldest daughter was persuaded by her brothers and accepted her father's apology.

Changes in the children

About three years had passed since that moment of the dramatic apology. Father Fukuda noticed that the third son no longer had a habit of biting his nails. While watching TV, he used to bite his nails of hands and even of feet, to the extent of bleeding. When he was told not to do it, he would continue doing it in the back. When Fukuda questioned how his son could stop biting his nails, the son pointed at the father and said, "Because you have changed!"

It turned out that this third son had been afraid of the father acting arrogantly at home. Unable to leave the house, he could only find an escape by biting his nails. Father could realize that his instruction of stopping the son's nail biting would simply deprive him of his last and only escape. Fukuda recognized his terrible mistake.

Fukuda had thought he was dedicated for the children's sake, but "without appreciating their minds." In the case of the second son, the closer father tried to approach him, the further away he ran.

These days, however, they came home early from their engagements outside. One day, the eldest daughter posed a question: "I used to come home late at night, didn't I? Do you know where I was killing time?" Fukuda said "No, I cannot imagine!" She said that she used to spend time "in the staircases of our apartment building!" Father Fukuda is now convinced that if parents change, children come back to the house as a matter of course.

Discussing openly among the family

As the eldest daughter could communicate heart-to-heart with her father, her animosity to the church was also dissolved, eliminating her resentment to God and True Parents. She is achieving good results in the CIG Revival Team of her local church.

The second son graduated from a distant-learning high school in March 2013. A naughty boy applying pierced earrings and perfume in the past had his hair arranged, engaging in Special Task Force as 'a cool boy'.

Now, the Fukuda family can discuss things rather openly. "We have come to a zero-level from the minus", admits Father Fukuda. "I am determined to fulfill my parental responsibility as if I educate my spiritual children in the daily life, respecting their heart."



Service project in cyclone-devastated Munroi Elementary School

Japanese youth team engaged in recovery assistance in a devastated area of Leyte Island

Overseas volunteer program allows an experience of One Human Family / YFWP

Between March 19th and 28th, a program of Youth Ambassadors for Peace Assistance Corps in the Philippines was organized by Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP, an international youth organization established in 1994). 11 young people and students from Japan participated in the program, in which they visited Leyte Island where tropical cyclone No.30 last November inflicted tremendous damages. They conducted recovery assistance

activity. This program was made possible through the continuous assistance activities carried out by YFWP Philippines.

The members flew from Manila to Leyte, whose Tacloban Airport compound was under repair. They took a two-hour drive to Carigara City, where the official aids appeared lacking. On their way, they could observe collapsed buildings, temporary housing

and tents - something similar to the damaged areas of the East Japan Great Earthquake.

In the two-day assistance program conducted in the Munroi Elementary School (146 pupils) of Carigara City, the Japanese team first performed folklore dances like 'Yosakoi Soran'. These Japanese members were tied in sisterhood arrangement with 2 teachers and 9 pupils. The school principal expressed

his gratitude for the continuous assistance.

Subsequently, a volunteer activity was carried out by the Japanese participants, local pupils, teachers and some parents together. Divided into four groups, they were engaged in repairing of the collapsed school compound, taking care of flower gardens and vegetable fields and painting the school building.

In the afternoon, Japanese members conducted a Japanese cultural class, instructing a picture-story show, origami work and singing. After school, the Japanese members paid visits to host families whose members were tied in the sisterhood arrangement, spending the evening with them. In houses with only candle light and no electricity, their experiences will be quite unforgettable.

The following day, in the livestock support project, a total of ten piglets were offered to ten households, one piglet each. The beneficiary households would raise them for three months, multiply and sell them. With the profits earned, they would expand the support network.

The beneficiary families were very delighted. Then, presenting a package of tooth brush, paste, shampoo and towel to each pupil, they conducted hygiene instructions including tooth brushing. In the afternoon, they entertained with games of the Philippines and Japan, to the delights of the children.

The next day, the team returned to Tacloban and joined the Mangrove planting program managed by the government. In the last cyclone, quite a few people, after being washed away by high tidal waves, reportedly saved themselves by clinging to the Mangrove trees. In the rainfall, the members worked hard, soaked with mud.

From Leyte, they moved to Manila and convened the International Youth Forum (organized by YFWP) in the compound of the Philippines University. Under the topic of 'Volunteerism and service activities beyond national boundaries', some 170 students and youth leaders in Manila Metropolitan Zone attended in the forum.



① YFWP Japan's president K. Matsuda addresses at International Youth Forum, Manila
 ② Spending together in a local house under candle light with electricity yet to be restored
 ③ International Youth Forum held in the Philippine University campus, Manila
 ④ Taking a group photo

A radio program for youth reported about the forum, in which speeches were made by a youth leader who had been chosen as one of the 20 influential Asian youth leaders and another young leader who is also active as a radio personality and dubbing artist.

Mr. Koji Matsuda, president of YFWP-Japan, spoke about the state of Japanese youth and possibilities of social and international contributions by the young generation. He drew attention to YFWP-promoted service projects. The speeches were followed by discussions. The Japanese participants realized once again the vital importance of describing their minds and thoughts in English.

On the following day, together with professors and students of the East College, they visited the San Isidro Elementary School in mountains of the Rizal State, engaging in food service, presenting stationary and teaching Japanese culture. They cooperated with Philippine youth to take to the scenic Tagaytay those pupils who had received scholarship from Japan.

Both Japanese and Philippine participants could have moving experiences through the ten-day program

together. One of the Japanese students could not stop tears as he felt sympathy to the children in the devastated area as if they were his own brothers or sisters. Another Japanese youth shed tears in leaving his host family. Their reflections include:

"I wish to act like a bridge between Japan and the Philippines."

"The slogan of One Family Under God is not a mere dream but a realistic objective."

"I realized the needs of English. I will study it hard!"

Back home, they are expanding the network of supports for the Philippines. YFWP will promote oversea service programs so that the participants can experience the model of One Human Family. The support programs will also go on so that Japanese and Philippine youth can build a model of peace and recovery. In order to restore smiles to Leyte's victims and children, your assistances and cooperation will be highly appreciated.

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Prime Minister of Kosovo received Peace Award

For his central role in Kosovo's independence



Kosovo's Prime Minister H.E. Sachi receives UPF Peace Award from Chairman and Mrs. Song and President Tokuno

On April 14th in a Tokyo hotel, Universal Peace Federation (UPF) conducted a ceremony to present 'UPF Peace Award' to Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Hashim Sachi. The ceremony was attended by Chairman of UPF-Japan, Dr. Yong Cheon Song and his wife, Mrs. Lee Hae Ok and UPF-Japan's President Eiji Tokuno.

Attending the World Summit held in Seoul, South Korea, in February 2013, in commemoration of the Foundation Day, Prime Minister Sachi reported that his country was promoting dialogue and reconciliation among ethnic and religious groups of people for peace. He also attended the banquet held by True Mother at the Cheon Jeong Gung during the Summit.

He had got involved and played a central role in the independence struggles for the Kosovo Autonomous Region (then). After the independence of the Republic of Kosovo in 2008, he has been the prime minister for two terms.

Prime Minister Sachi paid an official visit to Japan between April 12th and 15th. During the visit, he was engaged in talks with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, an audience with the Crown Prince as well as a lecture at the Sofia University and the reception by Kosovo embassy. During the tight schedule, the award ceremony was held through good offices of H.E. Ahmet Shalla, Kosovo's ambassador to Japan, with whom Chairman Song had an acquaintance while he was the Chairman of UPF Europe.