

Song Yong-cheon's FFWPU-International World Tour: Heavenly Continent of Asia

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FFWPU Heavenly Continent of Asia tour including the International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Manila, Philippines, observation of the Cambodian general elections, the Heavenly Asia-Pacific leaders' assembly, the IAYSP assembly, and a special gathering with members.



Heavenly Asia-Pacific Leadership Assembly

After the ILC and election observations in Cambodia, the Heavenly Asia-Pacific Leadership Assembly was convened. The opening ceremony progressed with a welcome speech by Hori Masaichi, the President and Continental Director of Heavenly Asia-Pacific, an opening address by Robert Kittel, the Cheon Eui Won Chair of Heavenly Asia-Pacific, a special message by Yang Chang-sik, the Chairman of UPF International and Hori Moriko, the WFWP Chairwoman, and a special report by Matsuda Koji, the President of IAYSP International. Special messages and reports were also presented by key members of the FFWPU and affiliated organizations.

Session, I focused on the status reports and best practices of the major continental organizations, including FFWPU, UPF, WFWP, and IAYSP. It provided insights into major continental organizations' status and practices. The Continental Director reported on the status, challenges, and measures of Heavenly Asia-Pacific FFWPU, emphasizing Heavenly Asia-Pacific's aspirations to collaborate closely with international headquarters, ensuring financial transparency, and enhancing individual religious education and growth through processes and workshops to achieve the results that the True Mother has spoken of.

Ek Nath Dhakal, Chairman of the Heavenly Asia-Pacific UPF and Vipa Thaveetermsakul from Heavenly Asia-Pacific WFWP conveyed that "UPF and WFWP", as affiliated organizations of FFWPU, will collaborate with relevant institutions to promote the unification of the Korean peninsula as well as world peace, by organizing diverse education programs, workshops, volunteer activities, and seminars." They also shared their will to drive a systematic development plan to fulfill the intentions of the vision of the Heavenly Parent and True Mother for the Heavenly Asia-Pacific.



Mr. Ronnie Sodusta, the President of IAYSP for Heavenly Asia-Pacific proposed a future policy direction, expressing that IAYSP will create materials that inspire and educate young people, emphasizing the importance of their dreams and developing their skills for the future.

Session II, Part 1, covered "Witnessing and Church Growth Strategy". The Continental Director first presented an overarching strategic plan. Subsequent presentations focused on witnessing and church growth strategies in Christian-majority countries like the Philippines, Australia and Oceania, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Central Asia.

Leo Angelo Halog, the head of FFWPU Philippines, shared his 2023 plans and highlighted the positive impact of the Philippine Cheon Shim Prayer and Cheon Bo Workshop. Meanwhile, the head of IAYSP for Heavenly-Asia Pacific explained that their 'Patriotic Youth Program' has fostered a strong bond with the Philippine government and NGOs, benefiting FFWPU's educational and community programs.

Yutaka Yamada, Sub-Regional Director, FFWPU-Oceania and Australia, spoke about New Hope Academy. This school stands out because it follows the True Parents' values of loving God, humanity, and country. While there are many other schools, New Hope is favored for its clean setting, cohesive culture, and value-based education. This approach has fostered trust within the community.

Founded on True Mother's vision, the school was officially recognized in 2019, giving it full control over its operations, curriculum, staff hiring, and finances. This approach aligns with their broader goal of nation-building.

In the second segment, they discussed outreach strategies in Muslim-majority countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Central Asia. There's growing global attention on the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center. Reena Dass, who currently leads the Pakistan chapter as acting National Leader, talked about the Urdu translation of the Exposition of the Divine Principle. With Pakistan's diplomatic ties to South Korea, the government has encouraged the sharing of peace ideas and has set up programs for young Pakistanis to learn about the culture and teachings of the True Parents.

At the closing ceremony, President Song of FFWPU-International thanked and praised the leaders of the Heavenly Asia-Pacific for their achievements. He reminded everyone to stay focused on their mission of building a world centered around God, our Heavenly Parent, urging everyone to appreciate the dedication of True Parents and to continue progressing with the spirit of Hyojeong.

On the following day, there was a discussion about church growth strategies and success stories from

influential countries including China, Hong Kong, India, Thailand, Cambodia, and Nepal. Key leaders like Masatate Kajikuri from the Chinese-speaking region, Krishna Adhikari National Leader of India, FFWPU, Kamol Thananophavarn, National Leader of Thailand, FFWPU, Hajime Saito representing Cambodia, and Santosh Paudel, National Leader of Nepal, FFWPU shared their insights. The day concluded with a ceremony where new national chairpersons were appointed.

During his closing remarks, Hori Masaichi thanked the leaders for their strategic planning focused on True Mother. He emphasized the urgency, saying, "We have limited time. We must promptly show tangible results to True Mother." He then encouraged everyone, "Our path is clear: we must continue to progress with dedication to True Mother. Let's head back with good fortune and give it our all."

The leaders' conference concluded with a closing prayer by Gregory Stone, deputy secretary general of UPF-Asia Pacific, and a cheer by Dr. Tang Kimsruy, the Vice President of IAYSP for the Heavenly Asia-Pacific Region.



IAYSP General Assembly

On July 27, President Song Yong-cheon from FFWPU-International and President Matsuda Koji of IAYSP-International, along with their team, went to Manila, Philippines, for the IAYSP General Assembly. This event was for the Philippines IAYSP to discuss their growth, future plans, strategies, and success from the Patriotic Youth Program.

Mr. Ronnie Sodusta, the regional IAYSP leader, mentioned how during a typhoon in the Philippines, True Mother provided significant support via an online event called the Youth Hope Forward Assembly. This online gathering helped the IAYSP connect with both the government and NGOs. He highlighted that IAYSP is working on many projects for the betterment of the Philippines.

Mr. Koji, the head of IAYSP International, talked about their future plans. They aim to ensure IAYSP's long-term success by nurturing young leaders and collaborating with governments and other groups. He emphasized the importance of educating young individuals who will make positive changes in line with True Mother's vision.



Finally, President Song encouraged the youth to understand the importance of their time and to be active in the mission set by the Heavenly Parent and True Mother.

Special Gathering with Members During the Asia-Pacific tour's highlight event, the Special Gathering with Members in the evening, Song Yong-cheon, the head of FFWPU-International, made a key point. He said that instead of relying just on one charismatic leader, everyone should come together, combining their collective intelligence and organizational power. If everyone, including pastors and families, unite like the passionate early church communities, they can create loving and happy families and churches. This unity and love will be noticed by everyone, creating a community that everyone trusts and loves. He also highlighted the need for rapid growth in bringing new members and building genuine church communities, aiming for the national revival.

Even with their busy travel schedule across the Asia-Pacific region, President Song Yong-cheon of FFWPU-International, Yang Chang-sik from UPF-International, Matsuda Koji, the President of IAYSP International, and their teams worked tirelessly, visiting places around the world. They all prayed and hoped that the goals of our Heavenly Parent and the aspirations of True Mother, which signal a new era, can come to fruition soon.