

FFWPU UK: European Members Enjoy Pilgrimage And 3 Day Tour In Korea

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After the events earlier this month in Korea, our European members continued their pilgrimage with a 3 day tour across Korea.



Earlier this month, members from all around the world gathered in Korea for a series of events in celebration of True Mother's 80th birthday and the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung. They had the opportunity to join a number of joyful events. On the 1st of May, an opening for True Parent's Life Exhibition was held at the Cheong Jeong Gung in the morning. Members had opportunity to see photos, documents and videos commemorating the life of service of True Parents including photos from True Mother's personal collection. For the following days, the Peace Summit 2023 was held in Seoul with a number of events - Think Tank 2022 sessions, including a IAYSP conference, the Sunhak Peace Prize Conference, the Elder's Roundtable Conference and the International Academic Symposium, among others. On Saturday, members took part of the HJ CheonBo Great Works in the HJ Garden Hall.



On Sunday, the day started with the 8000 couples Holy Blessing where quite a few of our young adults joined in person in Korea or live from Germany and Albania. Congratulations to all the newly blessed couples! The day continued with the dedication of Cheon Won Gung - after a couple of days of gloomy weather, the skies cleared up to welcome the sun again. A Victory Celebration was held the following day with performances from many artists, including the Little Angels. That morning, members could also join True Mother for the Dedication Ceremonies of the HJ Botanical Garden and the HJ Cruise and Marina. In the afternoon, youth gathered for an International Association of Youth and Students for Peace Assembly where leaders spoke and shared from their heart reports of activities in different parts of the world.



With the end of all these successful and inspiring events, our European members, including quite a few of our UK members, started a 3-day tour across Korea. The tour started in Seoul, with a visit to Cheongpa-dong Headquarters Church where True Parent's had their Holy Wedding Ceremony and the Seoul Headquarters. Following that, the next stop that day was Seodaemun prison where True Father was incarcerated in 1955. Members from the local community volunteered to prepare lunch for the whole group and helped organise that day in Seoul, receiving appreciation from all for their hospitality and delicious lunch. Having said their goodbyes to those who had only joined for a day, the group departed to the Ocean Resort in Yeosu for the night, where they could rest before having to board the ferry to Geomun-do Island early in the morning.



In the early morning of the second day of the tour, our members embarked on a ferry to Geomun-do Island where they could visit the local church and hear about the history and True Father's trips to the island to fish. While in Geomun-do, they could all participate on a boat tour of the neighbouring islands, taste the local food, visit the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung and enjoy the good weather. In the evening, everyone met at the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung where they could watch the sunset over the ocean, take group photos and use the prayer room after a quick gathering.





On the last day of the tour, the morning started with a few early risers that watched the sunrise from the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung and from the beach and some fishing - invited by a local member. Some of our sisters managed to catch some fish which was later released as everyone got ready to board the ferry back to Yeosu. At the Ocean Resort in Yeosu, True Mother treated our members to a nice lunch that include many different kinds of mushrooms. Before heading back to the hotel for the night, the whole group went to visit Cheonghae Gardens and the place where True Father delivered a lot of his speeches, bringing the tour to an end.

