

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Japan's MEXT Minister Violates Minority Rights

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*Masahito Moriyama, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)*

Kishida administration minister in difficult situation after violating rights of religious minority he was ally of

Statement regarding reports on Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Moriyama and the "Endorsement Affirming Letter" of this Federation (FWP)



by Shunsuke Uotani, Secretary General of the Federation for World Peace (FWP) in Japan, published on the [website of FWP Japan](#) on 16th Feb. 2024.

The Asahi Shimbun reported on 6th February, with an accompanying photo, that Masahito Moriyama, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, who has requested the dissolution of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (Family Federation), received a letter of recommendation from this Federation (FWP) in the House of Representatives election in October 2021, and also received election support.

Furthermore, due to the fact that it was also reported in the 15th February issue of Weekly Shincho, Minister Moriyama is being pursued by the opposition in the Diet. And in some media outlets, these reports are being discussed as if they were "organized leaks" or "retaliation" by the [Family Federation](#). Therefore, we would like to present the view of this Federation (FWP) on this issue.



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The Federation for World Peace (FWP) has so far provided election support to members of the Diet and local assembly members who agree with the political philosophy and policies advocated by our Federation (FWP).

Basically, we have given a "letter of recommendation" to those who agree with and sign the "Endorsement Affirming Form" that lists five items: 1. Amend the constitution to strengthen the security system, 2. Work in the Diet on the enactment of laws supporting family education and the healthy upbringing of youth, 3. Handle LGBT issues and same-sex marriage issues with caution, 4. Promote the realization of the "Japan-Korea Tunnel" aiming for peace and prosperity in Asia and Japan, 5. Prevent the offensive of communist forces and cultural Marxism both at home and abroad. We have provided election support based on mutual agreement.

Such activities are commonly conducted as "lobbying activities" overseas, and in our country, "petitions" and "appeals" to members of the Diet is a right guaranteed by the constitution to all citizens. In addition, many of the policies advocated by the Endorsement Affirming Form are consistent with the party creed and policies of the Liberal Democratic Party. Therefore, it is not a problem legally or morally for a member of the Diet of the Liberal Democratic Party to sign the 'Endorsement Affirming Form' of this Federation (FWP), receive a "Letter of Recommendation", and receive election support.

Despite this, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (文科大臣) Moriyama is in a tight spot because on 31st August 2022, Prime Minister Kishida, as the president of the Liberal Democratic Party, declared that the party's members of parliament were obligated to investigate and report on their relationships with organizations associated with the [Family Federation](#), including this Federation (FWP). This came after Kishida had announced the severing of ties with "organizations that are socially problematic".



*Overlooking any new "contacts": Fumio Kishida and Yoshimasa Hayashi 14th Dec. 2023*

Furthermore, the situation escalated to the point where ministers would effectively be dismissed if "contacts" not reported initially were revealed later. However, Prime Minister Kishida himself, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hayashi, and Minister Moriyama have maintained an attitude of overlooking any new "contacts", leading to criticism of double standards. It can be said that the Kishida administration is suffering from being bound by the rules it has created, truly falling into a state of "self-restraint" in this regard.

What is needed now is to reassess whether those rules were truly correct. The right to participate in politics, to petition or appeal to members of parliament, is guaranteed equally to all citizens by the constitution and must not be discriminated against based on religion or beliefs.

From that principle, it can be said that Prime Minister Kishida's decision to declare the severance of ties with the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) and its related organizations was a mistake. Returning to the principle of equality under the law, a fundamental principle of the Constitution of Japan, is the key to solving the problem.

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About FWP: The founding convention of the Federation for World Peace (FWP) was held on 28th August 1991 in Seoul, South Korea, with 250 former and current heads of state and government officials from 51 countries, including former British Prime Minister Edward Heath (1916-2005) and former First Secretary of State William Hague. The Japanese branch was established in Tokyo in March 1996, with Osami Kuboki (1931-1998) as its first chairman.

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## Family Federation

### The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is a global federation of individuals and families who aim to create a world of peace and unity beyond national, cultural, religious and ideological barriers, a world where everyone may live together in peace and harmony.



Father and Mother Moon 1st August 1996.

### In a nutshell

**Name:** Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

**Founded:** 1996

**Founders:** Rev. [Sun Myung Moon](#) (1920-2012) and Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#)

**Teachings:** [Unificationism](#), a long series of revelations received by [Sun Myung Moon](#). See: [Brief about the Teachings](#) of the Family Federation

**Goal:** The [Kingdom of Heaven](#) on Earth. A harmonious world family, where everyone may experience peace, security, freedom and love.

**Strategy:** Unite all good forces

**Distribution:** Largest in South Korea and Japan, but found in most nations.

**Background:** The Family Federation took over many of the functions of the [Unification Church](#) and its basic teachings.

**Frequently asked questions:** See: [Faq](#)

### Three ideals

As the name indicates, the Family Federation is based on three ideals – family, world peace, and unification.

- **The family ideal.** Most religions focus on the individual and its spirituality. The Family Federation teaches a broader concept of spirituality, where your [relationships](#) to your loved ones are of decisive importance for your eternal life. As [God](#) is the source of love, [marriages](#) blessed by [God](#) and families full of [true love](#) are the very foundation for the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) that [God](#) longs for. It is a love kingdom, and the family is a [school of love](#).
- **World peace.** If there is love and peace in the home, there is hope that we may also create societies and nations with peace. The family is the fundamental social institution. If we can learn to love our fellow human beings on micro-level, in a family, we may also do so on macro-level, i.e. in the society around us and in the big world we live in. Well-functioning families are the very key to reducing crime, alcohol and drug abuse, the number of suicides and many other social problems.

- **Unification.** We talk about unification on all levels, from the individual to the global level. [God](#) is the source of unity, evil the source of division. Therefore, the goal of the Family Federation is to remove the barriers and create a world of unity, a social unity, such as that between husband and wife, between parents and children, different social groups, nations and religions, but also unity between the inner world and the outer, between mind and body, spirit and matter, religion and science.

## The inauguration

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification was first founded in the USA 31st July 1996 by [Sun Myung Moon](#) and his wife [Hak Ja Han](#), and in many European nations soon after that.

As co-founder, [Mother Moon](#) gave the inaugural address titled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation", reading a prepared text. [Father](#)

[Moon](#) spoke without a script at the closing banquet the following day, 1st August, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. His speech was titled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe".



*The Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation 31st July 1996*

Gerald Ford, U.S. President 1974-1977, spoke at the inauguration 31<sup>st</sup> July 1996. He said,



*Gerald Ford 31st July 1996*

"While the world's finest athletes test themselves in Atlanta, this gathering is sort of a spiritual Olympics. Like the Olympians, you have assembled from all over the world to further the cause of peace among nations.

But while those Olympians are dedicated to gold and glory, you in this room pursue other objectives. The glory you seek, comes from God, not gold.

I sound a bit like an Old Testament prophet, it's because there is nothing about which I feel more strongly, more deeply, than the survival and the strengthening of the family. No civilization that neglects the family, can be called civilized for long, and no political philosophy that takes the family for granted, will be taken seriously by anyone who values morality, compassion and peace."

The chronicle "40 Years in America" describes the event,



*Mother and Father Moon 31st July 1996*

If at times



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"The movement's most spectacular world convention was held in Washington, D.C. from July 30-August 1, 1996, inaugurating the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP).

This event included a cast of luminaries rivaling anything the movement had yet undertaken: two former Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and George Bush; former President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias of Costa Rica; former Prime Ministers Edward Heath of Great Britain and Brian Mulroney of Canada; thirty-six one-time heads of state or governments; university presidents including Boston University's John Silber; Christian television personality Robert Schuller; Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed; Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Maureen Reagan, the daughter of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; well-known comedian Bill Cosby; and Christian singer-actor Pat Boone. In addition, the main proceedings were covered live by C-SPAN television network. (p.443) [...]

The establishment of the FFWP represented a new stage in the movement's development. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who was appointed International President, maintained that the FFWP was more important than the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) or [Unification Church](#). HSA-UWC, he noted, was "not [True Parents'](#) ultimate organization".

The rationale for this assertion was connected to the historic shift that underlay the emergence of the Completed Testament Age. As noted previously, Rev. Kwak



[Completed Testament Age](#). As noted previously, Rev. Kwak explained,

'Religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family. [...] Such an organization is not a church; it is the Family Federation for World Peace.'



[Sun Myung Moon](#) 1st August 1996



From the Inaugural Convention 31st July 1996.

Given this understanding, it wasn't surprising that the FFWP rather than the [Unification Church](#) was the main sponsor of the World Culture and Sports Festivals and International [Marriage Blessings](#) after 1996." (p.444) (From the section "Federations for World Peace and Unification", in "40 Years in America – 1959-1999 – An Intimate History of the Unification Movement", by Michael Inglis and Michael L. Mickler, published by HSA Publications Oct. 2000, 624 pages.)

The Family Federation was launched on the foundation of the [Unification Church](#), a spiritual movement [founded](#) in South Korea in 1954. The original intention was neither to establish a church nor a new religion.

The Family Federation took over many of the activities and tasks of the [Unification Church](#) and the same basic teachings, but has a pronounced goal of creating a world of peace and unity based on well-functioning families.

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