

Central Japan Rally Honoring the 55-year Unification Mission in Japan

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following is an article from the Japanese Vision 2020 Weekly Report about True Mother's recent historic speaking event in Nagoya City, Japan (sent by FFWPU International Headquarters). Please share it with your families.

Sincerely,



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Unity makes everything possible!

Why True Mother Loves Japan? - A Lesson from Ants



About 10,000 people took part in Central Japan Rally

The Japanese people work like ants - a fact or a myth, it is widely assumed. True Mother also acknowledges this ants' nature, not because ants are merely hard working, but they are attentive to their peers and act like serving other insects or animals. True Mother appreciates Japan from such perspectives.

What makes ants so attentive to and committed for others? It is because of their stomach! An ant has a pair of stomachs; one for its own and the other called 'a social stomach' which stores food for other exhausted ants. It may also be called a storehouse of salvation, which is not only located

above 'the individual stomach' but larger than the individual one.

We sometimes come across a pair of ants with their mouths conneced. A theory says that it is an act of giving nutrients to the other ant. The life of ants, thus, embodies a spirit of mutual cooperation.

True Mother paid an official visit to Japan this time, anticipating Japan to live like ants for the sake of others. True Mother highlights the importance and value of the social stomach to the blessed families and Unificationists so that the whole Japanese citizens and their leaders could understand it.

This theory suggests why True Mother loves blessed families and Unificationists in Japan.

When a mother watches her children enjoying their meal, she would feel quite satisfied and full herself. Likewise, True Mother feels like her own image in the nation of Japan which is supposed to be the providential mother nation.



①True Mother and guests singing Cheon Il Guk anthem
②Rev. Eiji Tokuno giving welcome remarks
③Rev. Tokuno as witness of the city
④Hon. Kiyomi giving a congratulatory remarks
⑤Representative prayer of report by Rev. Oike



The Mikami couple offers a bouquet of flowers to True Mother



Waving flags to welcome True Mother



Receiving big applause to True Mother

True Mother remembers three elder sisters who motivated witnessing vital

Central Japan Rally Honoring the 55-year Unification Mission in Japan was held at a venue called Port Messe Nagoya in Nagoya City on September 14th (Heavenly Calendar) in the first year of Cheon Il Guk (or Friday, October 18, 2013 by the Gregorian calendar). About 10,000 participants included blessed families and Unificationists belonging to the 7th and 8th Regions of Unification Church in Japan, Ambassadors for Peace and social leaders.

The tour of rallies had started in Hokkaido where the nature abounds. Next one was in Tokyo, the center of multiple functions of politics, economy and culture. Then, it moved to Nagoya where three most prominent feudal rulers; Nobunaga Oda, Hideyoshi Toyotomi and Ieyasu Tokugawa,

were born several centuries before. Contemporary Nagoya is one of the leading industrial cities which have ensured Japan's prosperity

As for Japan's Unification mission history, we can acknowledge Nagoya as the cradle of the Unification faith. For instance, the very first pioneering church was set up in Nagoya, while a number of early leaders raised here fostered internal and external foundation.

As Japanese Unification Church is expected to take the second giant leap, it is truly significant that True Mother came to Nagoya, the city where the explosive growth of witnessing activities took place five decades before.

Nagoya and Three Elder Sisters

While True Mother has always loved Japan as a whole, Nagoya has a special place in her heart. Late Michiko Matsumoto (nicknamed as 'Mama Matsumoto', her original Korean name: Jeong-Do Jo), late Mrs. Haruko Kanari and late Mrs. Nobuko Hayashi – the three elders who devoted their sincerity and helped develop passionate proselytizing in Japan – had special links with Nagoya. It is the very place where the foundation of Japanese Unification Church had been laid, eventually enabling its providential role as Mother Nation.

"In order for Unification Church of Japan to realize a second giant leap, the legacy of these three elders, beginning with Mama Matsumoto, has to be inherited, especially their devotion and passionate

witnessing practices." And such a reminder is associated with Nagoya.

Cultural Performance

A series of cultural programs were performed before the main event from 1:00 PM. The first program featured Japanese traditional drums played fervently by eleven young Unificationists from 7th and 8th Regions. The accompanying words and music; 'Achieve a successful career', were given by Hyo-Jin Nim.

Next, a concerto with a violin and a piano performed 'Csardas' by Ms. Sayaka Komatsu and Ms. Junko Mukouchi from Shiga parish. Finally, a Nagoya Region's choir sang from Beethoven's 'Symphony No. 9 – Praise the love of God.'



Four winners of 'Big Mother' pledging victory at Vision 2020

The master of ceremony was Rev. Eiji Tokuno, President of Unification Church of Japan. In the waves of flags of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification by 10,000 participants, True Mother was welcomed, and then received honorary bow. The couple of Mr. Jiro Mukami & Mrs. Kiyomi Mukami presented a bouquet of flowers.

Main Event

After the ceremony is called to order, the Cheon Il Guk anthem was sung. Mrs. Satomi Oike, women's representative from Aichi North parish, offered a prayer of report. She expressed deep gratitude, as True Parents have forgiven Japan out of their true love, embracing us and bestowing rebirth to us. She also declared her determination to overcome actual difficulties on the merits of bestowed Word and true love.

Having absolute faith in what True Mother said: 'There are only hopes in our Unification Family', she firmly pledged to march forward to achieve 'Vision 2020' in the heart of gratitude. In front of Heavenly Parents and True Parents of Heaven,

Earth and Humankind, her prayer of report represented determination of all the Unificationists and blessed families of 7th and 8th Regions.

Then, guests of honor were introduced. Sun-Jin Nim and In-Sup Nim and Choi Yeon-A Nim represented True Family. Guests from many walks of life were also introduced.

A video entitled 'True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and Unification Movement in Japan' was shown. The audience were reminded of the 50-year history of Unification Church in Japan. At the same time, it was significant for them to ponder about what are needed by today's Unification family in creating brighter future of Japan and the Unification Church.

Hon. Takashi Aoyama, former member of the House of Representatives who had also served as a vice minister of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, delivered a congratulatory speech. He testified to the senior Unificationist leaders who had



Symphony No. 9 - Praise God's Love by Nagoya Region's choir

dedicated themselves to commanding the decisive Victory over Communism movement 40 years before. "Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han cultivated them with power, full of spirit, enthusiasm, devotion and love", he praised.

Congratulatory telegrams were also read out. Ms. Reiko Sakai, soprano singer, sang 'Ave Maria,' expressing very best wishes, to which Ms. Yoshimi Nagata accompanied with the piano.

Then the video titled 'We are happy people!' was shown. Many of True Mother's public messages given after the Seonghwa of True Father were edited in the video. Everyone could deeply understand that accomplishing CIG is not only the ultimate ideal of Heavenly Parents and True Father but also the very dream of True Mother. At the same time, people could find out that it has been True Mother herself who stands at the forefront and goes forward in order to perfect the dream.

Why does True Mother show us this video where her own words are edited? Recently, True Mother

always emphasizes that 'Unity enables us to achieve everything.'

First of all, True Mother earnestly wishes that we will be the owners of 'Vision 2020' and 'Founding of the substantial CIG.' The Will and the providence of Heavenly Parents would not be accomplished by Heavenly Parents and True Parents alone. In the new era of CIG, blessed families and Unificationists are responsible for its realization. Therefore, True Mother earnestly expects us to unite into one with 'Vision 2020' and 'Founding of CIG.'

The providence belongs to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. We have to appreciate this correctly and put it into practice. Even though 'myself' is a trivial existence, Heavenly Parents and True Parents are bigger and stronger than the whole universe. Therefore, true love and authority of Heavenly Parents and True Parents can work through 'me' only when each of us comes to unite into one and belongs to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. True Mother would like to convey



A violin performance of 'Courant' by Ms. Yamazaki



Ave Maria by a soprano Ms. Sakai



Energetic drum dance by members of 7th and 28th Regions

this to us.

True Mother always emphasizes that "Unity enables us to achieve everything." We should treasure the fact that it is True Mother herself who first puts it into practice and shows us how it is. This is the most important aspect of the providence that Heavenly Parents and True Parents would like to accomplish through Unification Church in Japan.

Without such internal growth, it is impossible to exped external growth in "Vision 2020." The core of True Mother's message lies here. Why are True Parents great? Being united into one with the heart of Heavenly Parents, accumulated deep JeongSeong and practicing true love have moved the heart of Heavenly Parents to such an extent that boundless love and authority of Heavenly Parents can work here on the earth. True Parents are completely selfless, thinking only of Heavenly Parents at any moment. This is the precious living model of our True Parents, to whom we have to unite.

True Mother asked, "Regarding the root of all the JeongSeong conditions of Japanese Unification Family, is it connected with you, or is it connected with Heavenly Parents and True Parents?" It is really a very good chance for us to reflect on it.

Rev. Yong-Gheon Song, General Chairman, gave a welcome address after the video. Having mentioned the providence and the heart of True Parents, who first forgave and embraced Japan before the start of Japanese mission and Unification Church, he explained the Shimjeong of True Mother, who has the leadership of motherly love, being united with True Father after his Seonghwa.

"From now on centering on "Vision 2020" given by True Mother, let's create harmonious unity between leaders of Japan and Unification family members! Remembering True Mother's motto: "March on without interruption," let's go forward with ultimate determination, total investment and practicing thoroughly", appealed Rev. Song.

"Whenever I visit Nagoya, it reminds me of the

atmosphere of hometown," True Mother once said. She explained reasons one by one why Japan has to accomplish her mission of mother nation. Because those three elder sisters' absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward Heaven's Will laid down the foundation of today's Unification Church in Japan, she emphasized, "You should give a round of applause to those founding mothers with your utmost gratitude."

The sorrow of Heavenly Parents who had to save the fallen mankind, the 6,000-year providential history of restoration filled with grudge and adversities, and transition of civilizations, these were explained. From United Kingdom to America, and now Heavenly blessing has further reached Japan again, to an island nation, for Heavenly Parents have given her the responsibility to love and live for the sake of others, being united with the Messiah.

True Mother also urged Japanese leaders and citizens to take care of the world. Blessed families, Unificationists, second and third-generation blessed children – all of them are chosen for that

sake.

Furthermore True Mother talked about the significance of witnessing activities as the way to reach eternal abundance. Witnessing does not mean just to bring a new life. Heavenly Parents will be liberated, and it is the only way for Heavenly Parents and us to live together happily.

Therefore, True Mother concluded her message with her wish for blessed families and Unificationists in Japan to gain victory in witnessing activities. By becoming filial sons, daughters and patriots, Japan will be the nation that would receive love from the world.

A commemorative gift was offered to True Mother. Rev. Kunihiko Yasui, 7th Region's leader, initiated "Og Manse" four times, and concluded the rally.

Some Remarks

One of the leaders from the pro-South Korea Residents' Union in Japan expressed his emotion as follows:



A view from the Central Japan Rally



Participants waiting in a long line

True Mother's warm love

I had belonged to the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan for nearly 50 years. Having struggled a lot, later I switched to the pro-South Korea Residents' Union. I have been deeply distressed on how to live in Japan as a Korean resident. I could listen to the lectures on True Parents when I became 80 years old. It gave me the right answer. I came to know that the Unification Church in Japan started with a Korean man and a Korean woman who followed True Parents. Inheriting their legacy, I truly would like to be one of the proud Korean residents in Japan who can give assistance to the Unification Church for its next leap.

A female participant said the following:

True Mother gave us her words in a peaceful way, and their contents demonstrated much enthusiasm. In the rally, I could meet the living God and True Father. True Mother stands at the forefront of the providence and goes forward. I discovered myself not being a filial daughter. From the bottom of my heart, I am so grateful to True Mother for her message and practice of true love. I will do my best efforts to be a filial daughter of Heaven.

The closer we come to True Mother, the more we come to realize her personality as the warm turtle land. We also find out that we are the trees whose roots are put down there in order to maintain life.

A tree stands on its roots. If there were no land, what would support the tree? Once there was a tall, beautiful tree in a forest. People praised beautiful flowers, flying butterflies and bees a lot. The root of the tree asked the land in jealousy; "How do you think? If there were no root, it would be impossible for the trunk or flowers to grow." The land said nothing, and just embraced the root more softly and strongly. The land always embraces all the lives that come to it.

The good land gives a great deal, but it does not take pride itself. The root, for example, insisted on the recognition of its service. This shows the difference between True Mother and us. True Father silently gives us warm sunlight, rain and wind from the spirit world. True Father is different from us.

Are there anything worthy of our service? Everything starts from the environment where the truth and true love of Heavenly Parents and True Parents are filled with. Why does True Mother emphasize the importance of creating an environment? Blessed families and Unificationists in Japan gradually understand the reasons why.

"You had better become like the sun in the sky or the good land. Silently give birth to lives, raise them up and multiply."

Heavenly Parents, we offer our gratitude! True Parents, we offer our sincere gratitude! True Mother, thank you very much!

Resembling Heavenly Parents and True Parents, we will also be the sun and the good land that bring new lives in the world.