

This Week in History (July 12- 18)

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True Father Invited to Give a Lecture at the South Korean National Assembly (July 13, 2001, Seoul)

On July 13, 2001, True Father gave a speech in a conference room at the National Assembly Building. Congressman Man Seop Lee, the National Assembly's vice-chairman, around fifty other members of the National Assembly from all parties and around 700 staff members were in the audience.

Father gave the speech, "The Liberation of God's Homeland," calling everyone to this cause, saying, "Let us establish head-wing and Godism values and completely commit ourselves to the unification of the Koreas for the sake of the nations on the Korean peninsula and for world peace."

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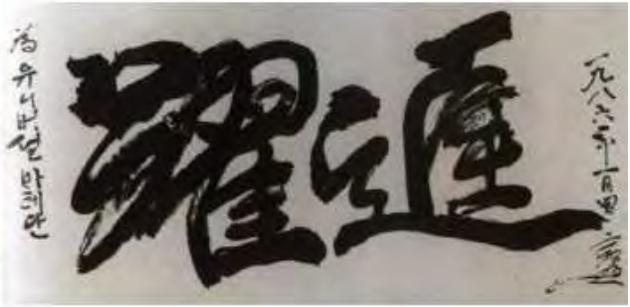


Establishment of the Universal Ballet Company (July 13, 1984, Seoul)

On July 13, 1984, the Universal Ballet Company was inaugurated at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center. True Parents founded the Universal Ballet Company to raise Korean ballet to the world standard, to contribute to better international cultural exchange and to lead the globalization of Korean ballet arts. They have given the troupe its full support.

True Parents wrote the calligraphic message, "Rapid Advancement" on this day.

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**Missionaries in Japan
(1958.07.15, Busan)**

On July 15, 1958, missionaries came to Japan for the very first time in the history of the Unification Church. True Father chose Japan as the place to begin foreign missionary work and sent Choi Bong Chun there. As this was before diplomatic relations had been established between Korea and Japan, coming and going between the countries was not easy. Missionary Choi got on the ferry from Busan and settled in Tokyo after overcoming a series of difficulties. On October 2, 1959, he held the first worship services and started the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Japan. This year is the 57th anniversary of Japanese evangelism.

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**The First Peace Cup
(July 15, 2003, Seoul)**

On July 15, 2003, the first Peace Cup tournament began at the Seoul World Cup Stadium. Eight famous football clubs competed in the tournament. The opening match, which began after True Parents' opening proclamation, was between South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa Cheonma and Besiktas JK of Turkey. The matches were held in six World Cup Stadiums in Korea over a period of eight days until July 22. The Peace Cup winner was PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands. Father said, "Since the world now shares one fence and has become like one family, it can immediately know whether the Peace Cup does well or not."

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