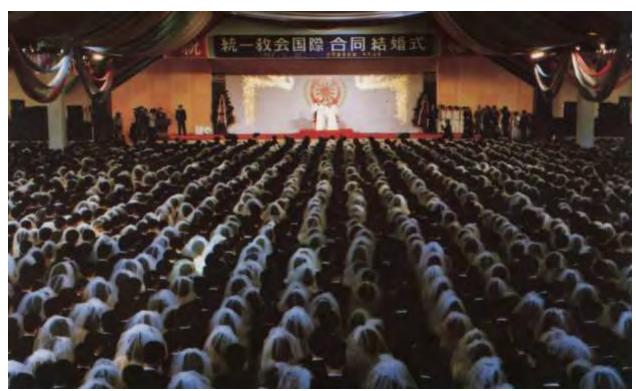
## Happy 26th Blessing Anniversary 6,500 Couples! October 30th, 1988

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6,500 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing Unites Korean and Japanese in Marriage

## October 30, 1988

On October 30th, 1988, True Parents blessed in marriage 6,516 couples in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted in the complex of Ilhwa facility in Yong-in, Korea. The ceremony was significant in that it brought together some 2,500 Korean-Japanese couples. As True Father noted, "Korea and Japan have been enemies for a long time, and their animosity has never been healed. Through this engagement ceremony, emotional strains and hurt will be removed, and the fortunes of these two nations will begin to take root on earth." True Parents conducted this Marriage Blessing Ceremony in conjunction with the Seoul Olympics. It was the ninth Marriage Blessing Ceremony following True Parents' own Marriage Blessing Ceremony and the Marriage Blessings of 3, 36, 72, 124, 430, 777, 1,800, and 8,000 couples.



The Significance of the 6,500 Couples Marriage Blessing in True Father's Words

This marriage ceremony of people from Korea representing the Adam nation and Japanese representing the Eve nation holds great significance. How else would they unite? Through this intermarriage between nations, we have transcended the national dimension by forming unified families. (10.17.1989)