

Seeking to Improve the Natural Environment

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I am an expert on the environment. My parents are part of the six- thousand- couple blessing group, blessed in Korea. I'm the oldest boy in a family of two boys and three girls. My family lives happily with one another, especially my parents.

I was deeply curious and spent a lot of time observing nature. Especially when I was a university student, I was impressed by Anote Tong, then president of Kiribati, who received the Sunhak Peace Prize for his efforts to solve the climate-change problem. The climate change problem and clean energy needs, which will affect future generations shocked me. I became more concerned about global problems. I led a green era volunteer group at my university and planted trees as a Green Earth project.

In Korea, we went to Seoul Grand Park and Jungnangcheon Stream [a Han River tributary], and I also went to China, the source of yellow sand [micro dust], and planted trees in the desert. And I thought, through this green core activity, it's important to plant real trees, and to plant in

people's minds the love of nature. Because if you do that, you will naturally improve our Green Earth.

As a result of this activity, I was awarded a certificate of merit for volunteer from the city of Seoul. I was selected as a youth representative to the National Climate Change Forum and attended twenty-one United Nations Conference on Climate Change international conventions, including a convention in Paris. At that meeting to discuss climate change, I was able to wear hanbok and represent Korea. I met then UN Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon there.

We need to realize the dream of reunification with North Korea. We need to plant trees on vacant land and solve the crises in food, energy and water. I am now studying the threat of climate change, sustainable development goals and energy in order to create a green Earth in the Graduate School of Energy and Environmental Policy at Korea University. In addition, I am supporting the Ministry of the Environment in their Low- Carbon 2050 Vision Forums in the city of Seoul.

Just like True Parents who have been concerned about humanity's hunger and environmental problems all over the world, flowing from their parental heart, I am also constantly trying to practice and strive to create a green Earth full of love that all humankind can live in centered on our Creator -- Heavenly Parent. I hope that you will become interested in our environmental issues through my story today, and that you join us in your daily lives by creating a green neighborhood and a green Earth.