

Dear brothers and sisters of our Central Region!

After our victorious “Peace starts with me” event we want to express, from the bottom of our heart, our deep gratitude to all of you. Our region had the major responsibility and we all together could fulfil it through our faith, love, hard work and unity, centring on our True Mother and Mike and Fumiko Balcomb.

You all invested so much and brought many precious guests to the events.

We received already several positive comments from participants who came to the ILC and from our younger participants, who especially praised the meeting with True Mother. We will be very happy to receive more testimonies from your experience and especially from the youth. Of course, we also like to hear what we could have done better.

Our guests from Germany were overwhelmed by the spirit and atmosphere in the Vienna Stadthalle and could not believe that we could fill the hall on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Our brothers and sisters from Korea and Japan expressed the same feeling. Now we have the speech of True Mother already in English and German. It is such a profound and historic speech! Please try to give the speech in your language quickly to your guests and brothers and sisters.

All brothers and sisters, from all six regions, contributed so much! In this letter, however, we want to specially acknowledge several brothers and sisters from our Central Region.

We like to give a special thank you

- To all the ten thousand people who came to the historic event with our True Mother;
- To all the national, community and tribal leaders, who worked so hard to organise the trip to Vienna and made sure that we could fulfil as much as possible our mobilisation goals. Several countries even surpassed their goal!
- To all WFWP-, UPF-, CARP-, HARP- leaders from our nations who inspired so many to come;
- To all the ones, who gave a generous donation which made this event possible;
- To all the ones, who could not come but were so connected in heart and prayer;
- To the many young children and babies who endured long travels and long meetings but stayed, most of the time, without crying;
- To all the mothers who kept the peace in the families despite all challenges;
- To all our great AfP and guests who took the time to make this event successful and meaningful;
- To Elisabeth Cook, who kept, in midst of the stress, her wonderful laugh and gave a wonderful welcome address to 10 000 people;
- To Tony Cook, who solved countless problems, often in the last moment, and who proved to be a great flower presenter to True Mother;
- To Peter Haider whose foundation in UPF played the major role for the success of the UPF conference and the launch of IAPD;
- To his wife Dominique Haider, who was most successful in selling tickets and to Johann Hinterleitner, who supported this event with his whole heart;

- To Peter Zöhrer, who gives the whole event a voice which is heard by the thousands who did not come to the event and his wife Gaby who supported so well our hospitality team;
- To Carolyn Handschin and Renate Amesbauer, who organised a beautiful women VIP luncheon and provided a warm and heartistic atmosphere;
- To Kazuha Canak, who worked tirelessly and always in a positive mood; not only for the production of the main and other events but also created the layout of our great poster and other publications;
- To Achim Pock, who designed many banners, slide shows and our great weekly update and much more;
- To Manfred Mayr, who organised the difficult task of the transport together with his team. They were always ready to go and never complained when they could not attend an event.
- To Johann Rechberger, who drove our True Mother safely where- and whenever she wanted to go;
- To Herbert Wolf and his son Siegfried, who successfully took care of the Korean brothers from the Peace TV and Korean Media;
- To Robert Lindeis, who took care of the Austrian ticket sale and looked after the financial flow;
- To Bogdan and Yoshiko Pammer, who organised so well the Mauthausen event together with their parents. This event was so meaningful and will have a lasting effect.
- To the flower team led by Yayoi Friedrich, who prepared the most beautiful flower arrangement for all events;
- To the hospitality team led by Ana Schmidt, who overcame many cultural challenges to welcome True Mother with deep love and care;
- To Irmgard Mäntler, who prepared with much care and prayer the green rooms for True Mother;
- To the many security brothers led by Manfred Hauser, through whom True Mother and all of us felt safe;
- To the second generation Marlies Haider, Akio Friesacher, Daniel Haider, Joni Makkonen and many others, who organised the great youth event and took care of VIP accommodation and other things;
- To Jeong-hye Yeom, who took care so well of our second generation teams and has always a wonderful smile;
- To Siegfried and Irene Pammer, who created three beautiful cakes among them the best victory cake in history and kept their nerves when we moved the cake;
- To the kitchen team in the HQ, who always prepared delicious food even though they never knew how many people will show up for the meal;
- To everyone, who were mobilized already days and weeks before like Gudrun Hassinen, Dieter Schuler, Walter Müller, Carolyn Handschin and who brought many guests;
- To the great participation from our region in the choir and especially to Heidi Wakayama and Kazuha, who organised them so well including our guest choirs from Berlin and Nürnberg;
- To Peter Staudinger, who saved us all, not only because he had always money for all our expenses, but who worked like ten people and kept a beautiful calm spirit. This of

course was only possible through his loving wife Margret, who not only kept us all in clean clothes but was a most needed supporter of our hospitality team.

- To Walter Waldhäusl, who demonstrated his professionalism in organising the most wonderful boat tour on the Danube River;
- To our great music entertainment from Germany led by Reinhold Merta, who inspired hundreds on the boat trip;
- To Wolfgang Czerny and Christian Kracher for their great support and for the historic first Vienna Waltz dance with Hoon Sook Nim;
- To Christoph Kral for taking care of our great team Attraction from Hungary;
- To all the great artists from our region, especially Laureen Mobo leading the choir;
- To the former Wiener Sängerknaben, who not only sang beautifully but also showed great patience and self-control at the victory celebration, and to our great classic music orchestra;
- To Julia Handschin, who performed so beautifully at the Women's luncheon;
- To Heather Wokusch, with whom it was a great joy to prepare and to be the MC for our great event in the Vienna Stadthalle;
- To our former defence Minister Dr. Werner Fasslabend who gave the best possible introduction to our True Mother;
- To our great second generation participation from STF and DONE, who came all three days by bus from Bratislava;
- To Hanna Piepenburg, our general secretary for our region, who kept us all informed and was ready to write emails at any time.

And to all those, who are not mentioned by name, but did a marvellous job. Please excuse us, if we have forgotten somebody. And of course there were many more brothers and sisters, who came from other regions, who gave us an unforgettable support.

However, one brother we must mention especially: We suggest that he receives an honorary citizenship in our region: Simon Kinney!! His professional and hard work was crucial for the success of the "Peace starts with me" production and besides all his talents, he is just a great brother!

To our Chair Mike and Fumiko Balcomb, who carried the biggest burden and gave us from the beginning the confidence that we can do it and always told us: Do not worry, the hall will be full!

To Sun Jin Nim, who is such an inspiration for all of us and the best example of how to make True Mother happy.

To our beloved True Mother who made everything possible and showed to all of us True Mother's love.

To our Heavenly Parents who were with each one of us all the time and blessed us with the best weather possible.

We wish you the continuous Blessing of our Heavenly Parents and never forget:
Peace starts with me!

Loving greetings
Dieter und Ana Schmidt