

## New Hope Rally for Peace and Unity in Matadi, DR Congo

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On July 13, 2024, Matadi, the capital of Kongo Central province in the Democratic Republic of Congo, hosted a significant Hope Rally for Peace and Unity. The event, themed "Peace Begins with Me," was organized by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP).

The rally marked the culmination of a 70-day witnessing condition by young missionaries from the Cheon Il Guk Citizens Academy of West Africa sub-region. It also showcased the fruits of a month-long outreach effort by Shin Top Gun youth missionaries to various local authorities.



Rev. Jean-Pierre KADIMA, the FFWPU-Africa Regional President, attended the event alongside Rev. MAWANGA Flory, the FFWPU-DR Congo National Leader, Mrs. CAROLINE MULANGA PWATI SOLO, the FFWPU Central Africa Sub-regional President, and Rev. KIBUNGI Renault, the Kinshasa City Coordinator.

The rally attracted over 700 young people from various organizations to the Damar grounds. Participants were treated to performances by "The Angels" choir, academy members, and Tongil Moo-Do athletes, showcasing the diversity of Unification culture.

Rev. SIASIA PATIENCE, the Provincial Pastor and Cheon Il Guk-CA Commander, addressed the crowd, highlighting the global crisis of family breakdown and youth engagement in anti-social behaviors.

He emphasized Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's enduring solutions, focusing on God as our Heavenly Parent.

One of the three Shin Top Gun missionaries, leader CHOI JUHEN, expressed their love for the True Parents and the people of Matadi in Kikongo, the local language, wishing peace and love to all.

Rev. MAWANGA Flory challenged the youth to commit to the nation's salvation, asking them to raise their right hands and declare, "I am young, I become righteous for the salvation of the nation."

The Hope Rally for Peace and Unity successfully presented a positive image of the True Parents to political and religious authorities. It also effectively conveyed the True Parents' message to the general population, particularly the youth, garnering their support and adherence.

This event not only marked the end of intensive outreach efforts but also set the stage for continued character education and peace-building initiatives in the region, with the hope of making the youth of Kongo Central a model for the nation and Africa.