

World Peace Road Foundation and International Highway Foundation: 2024 Korea - Japan Peace Road Forum

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The 2024 Korea-Japan Peace Road Forum, hosted by the World Peace Road Foundation and the International Highway Foundation, and sponsored by The Washington Times Foundation and The Segye Times



The forum focused on the construction plans for the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel as a conduit for cooperation and technology between the two nations.

This forum also included the inauguration of the 8th chairman, Yang Chang-sik, and was attended by approximately 150 participants, including Lee Yong-sup, former Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport; Ra Jong-yuk, Sub-committee Chairman of the National Unification Advisory Council; Jeong Tae-ik, Advisor to the Korea Association of Foreign Affairs; Lee Seong-chul, former Deputy Commander of the Korea-U.S.

Combined Forces Command; Kim Ho-seong, former President of Seoul National University of Education; Jeong Seung, former President of the Rural Development Administration; Kim Jae-beom, former Ambassador to Uruguay; Choi Seong-gyu, former Director of the Railway Research Institute; Ki Yeon-soo, Emeritus Professor of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies; Moon Han-sik, Attorney; Shin Jang-chul, Professor at Soongsil University; and Kim Man-ho, Professor at Sun Moon University.

The forum, themed "Korea-Japan Cooperation and Technology: The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel Construction Plan," featured opening remarks by Jeong Tae-ik, chairman of the Peace Road Forum and former ambassador to Russia; a welcome address by Yang Chang-sik, chairman of the World Peace Road Foundation; a congratulatory message by Ra Jong-il, Chair Professor at Dongguk University and former ambassador to Japan; a lecture by Takeuchi Yujo, chairman of the Korea-Japan Tunnel Technology Committee of the International Highway Foundation and an engineer with a doctorate, who is an expert on the Seikan Tunnel in Japan and the first Asian to win a paper award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for his paper on the Seikan Tunnel.

Chairman Yang Chang-sik stated, "The Korea-Japan undersea tunnel, initiated in 1981 by Sun Myung Moon, is envisioned to bridge Korea and Japan.

This International Peace Highway project, beginning with the vision of 'One Human Family Under One God,' aims to create a grand revolution in peace for humanity, extending from Northeast Asia to Europe, and will foster a new era of co-prosperity, co-ownership, and justice."

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, publicly launched the undersea tunnel project as part of the International Peace Highway initiative during the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences in Seoul, November 1981. Following this, the Korea-Japan Tunnel Research Association in Japan and the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel Research Association in Korea were established, and related surveys and construction have been progressing.

Currently, Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International, which holds General Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, plans to globalize the Peace Road project's issues by integrating UPF's extensive global network into the foundation's efforts.