

Fifteen members of the Malaysian Parliament participated in a Divine Principle and Peace Blessing Ceremony in Hawaii

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Fifteen members of the Malaysian Parliament and their spouses, altogether twenty-seven people, participated in a September 25 to October 3 Divine Principle workshop that culminated in a Peace Blessing Ceremony in Kona, Hawaii.

This program for Malaysian legislators has its roots in 2008, when a Malaysian woman legislator participated in an International Leadership Conference in Korea. While there, she learned about True Parents and their peace-centric ideal. This moved her, so she shared what she had learned with fourteen other legislators after returning to Malaysia. She explained about True Parents' foundation and their great sacrifices for the sake of peace. At that point, Rev. Jong Young Yoo, Malaysia's Adamic national messiah, began guiding them personally, testifying about True Parents.

This led to the legislators opening their hearts gradually and developing deeper interest in the movement.

Around twenty Malaysian legislators visited Korea in 2010 for True Parents' birthday celebration. Afterward, thirty legislators visited Japan in 2011 at Kook Jin nim's invitation, in order to learn about a series of human rights violations against our members that had occurred in Japan. Then sixty Malaysian legislators with some connection to our movement invited Kook Jin nim to Malaysia. Finally, Kook Jin nim invited around fifteen legislators to New York and Washington D.C. in 2011 as members of a human rights protection movement. In a similar manner to how they reacted to True Parents' peace ideal, they gradually opened their hearts, and one by one felt some affinity for various aspects of our movement's work and underlying philosophy, while seeing first-hand the foundation True Parents have built, as exemplified by developments such as the *Washington Times* and Yong-Pyong resort.

One legislators testified, "Even after we learn to act upon rev. Moon's peace ideals, we come back to Malaysia only to be divided by our political parties. Peace cannot be realized if this continues. Wouldn't it be nice if a new organization were founded for this purpose?" This resulted in an organization in Malaysia being created in April 2012. The registration with the government for this type of organization normally takes from three months to a year, but because its members were all legislators, it was registered the day

after the application was submitted. Some members continue to serve in the Parliament while others failed to retain their seats through elections, but they still work with this organization, and newly elected members joined the organization immediately. After a series of elections, twenty-two legislators traveled to Korea in October 2013 to visit True Mother. True Mother was very happy to see them and told them to attend a Divine Principle workshop in Hawaii.

National Messiah Yoo and his wife and Mr. Yutaka Yamada, national leader of Malaysia, guided the participants to the Hawaii workshop. Rev. Ki Hoon Kim, regional president of the North American region was instrumental in the success of the workshop. Appreciation also goes to Rev. Chung Sik Yong, regional president of the Asian region.

The lectures covered the Principle of Creation, the Human Fall, the Principle of restoration and the concept of the blessing. The participants asked many questions. They may not have been able to immediately and fully grasp all aspects of what those lectures contained. Yet, in light of True Parents' lives and the years they spent expending effort to educate others and disseminate the word, it is significant that leading figures of a nation studied the core tenets of True Parents' teachings.

On the final day, Dr. Walsh officiated at a Blessing Ceremony for the legislators in the Hawaiian King Garden house. The participants drank holy juice and made a vow that they would love their spouses and start anew as families. It was a tense moment, but everything went smoothly as if True Father himself were there to officiate the ceremony. The whole event ended when each received an Ambassador for Peace Certificate.

The purpose of True Parents' lives is giving the blessing and educating others. They displayed and fulfilled this purpose throughout their lives. It is now up to us to inherit and fulfill their work. Our heart of gratitude goes out to our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and all the members who are devoting their lives for the providence.