

Universal Peace Federation's Japan heals Japanese-Korean Relations

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[The Korea Economic Daily] “The Japanese-Korean Relationship, Irresolvable by Diplomacy, Is Resolved through Private Exchange”...Opening Ceremony of the Universal Peace Federation's Japan Training

“The goal is to export the ‘peace initiatives’ of the divided nation of Korea to Northeast Asia and then to the world. We will now open the Hallyu era of NGO peace initiatives.” So said Dr. Jeung-Rho Yoon, Chair of UPF-Korea, at the opening ceremony of the Japanese Training for Ambassadors for Peace of Northeast Asia, held at the Ilshim International Training Center in Tokyo, Japan.

In his opening address, Dr. Yoon said, “The world is tearing down walls of many areas, including territory, economy and politics. In this global age, UPF will prepare a place of exchange for the global citizens of the world, and promote peace initiatives based on real individuals.”

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a special consultative organization to the UN Economic and Social Council. The NGO transcends national borders, race, religion and creed to carry out peace initiatives on a global scale. After its founding in 2005, UPF has gone on to establishing chapters in 193 countries, and carries out education, service and peace projects around the world.

UPF hosted about 100 religious leaders from Korea and Japan to gather in Tokyo for a four-day Ambassadors for Peace Training from the 20th to the 23rd. About 205 Korean leaders and personnel have attended the 11 UPF Ambassadors for Peace Trainings, including this year's Japan Training. This year's training was prepared with the purpose of improving strained Korea-Japan relations through private, nongovernmental exchange between religious leaders.

“The goal of every religion is to create peace. Many religious organizations and NGOs of the world, including UPF, are working hard in order to fulfill humankind's common wish for peace,” revealed Dr. Yoon.

[Newsis] The Universal Peace Federation, UPF, Brings about a Harmonious Japan-Korea Relationship through Nongovernmental Diplomacy.

The walls between Japan and Korea crumbled as Ambassadors for Peace from the two nations gathered together and cried out as one voice for peace.

The “11th Ambassadors for Peace Japan Training for Peace in Northeast Asia” held its opening ceremony on the 20th at the Ilshim International Training Center in Tokyo. The event, which was jointly hosted by

the Universal Peace Federation and the Ambassadors for Peace, was attended by 35 Korean religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace, as well as about 100 Japanese leaders.



Dr. Jeung-Rho Yoon, Chair of UPF-Korea, shared that, “All peace initiatives must share common goals and values. We are carrying out these movements in order to realize peace. Politicians and the military have worked hard throughout history in order to bring about peace. They wanted to live in a world that was just a little bit more peaceful than the one they were living in. This is what I feel genuine peace is.”

“Rev. Sun Myung Moon (Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Unification Church) wanted to live as a global citizen who loved peace. He worked to establish peace that centered on people. Rev. Moon’s goal was the realization of peace. Peace is a meeting. If two parties do not meet, misunderstanding and hatred arises and turns into fighting. First of all, one must meet his or her partner, and then exchange must occur. We seek to help bring about understanding through exchange. Our goal is to export peace initiatives throughout the world,” said Dr. Yoon.

Japanese Chair of UPF-Korea Eiji Tokuno gave the keynote address in Korean. “There have been times when I stayed up all night crying while watching Korean dramas. I have seen many Korean dramas— ‘Autumn Tale,’ ‘Winter Sonata,’ ‘Summer Scent’ and ‘Jumong,’ to name a few. By researching about its culture, history and national character, I have become quite attached to Korea. Japan has done many horrible things to Korea throughout history. Nevertheless, Korea is the Fatherland and Japan is the Motherland,” said Tokuno.

The keynote address was followed by a welcoming ceremony prepared by the Japanese leaders for the Korean Ambassadors for Peace. Korean women, who moved to Japan after receiving just one picture of their future Japanese husband, dressed in pink T-shirts and black skirts and performed a dance number to “Unconditional” by Sang-Cheol Park. Due to the outpouring of requests for an encore, they also danced to the hit song “Bingo” by the group “Turtle.”

One member, who is carrying out activities as a singer in Japan, added to the festivities by singing the song, “A Person in Shinsa-Dong,” with beautiful pronunciation in Korean. Dressed in traditional Japanese clothes, she elicited an enthusiastic response as she made her way through the crowd.

Second generation children of Japanese and Korean parents then stole the hearts of the audience as they came onto the stage in masks and gave an adorable performance. They even introduced themselves in clumsy Korean, eliciting applause from the audience.

One Korean woman, who came to live in Japan after getting married, confessed, “It was actually quite difficult to get used to life in Japan at first. However, I came to follow the word of Rev. Moon and carry out his work. I am now very happy with my life here.” Her words were greeted with emphatic applause.



UPF, an international NGO, is a special consultative organization to the UN Economic and Social Council that has been promoting full-scale exchange programs between Korea and Japan since 2004. From December of 2004 until 2007, it held over 125 international seminars for Korean leaders in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Osaka, etc. Around 34,444 Korean leaders from all levels of society were able to exchange their opinions with Japanese leaders and personnel through these seminars.

[Newsis] UPF Korean Chair Dr. Jeung-Rho Yoon “Give and Forget”...True Love and True Family



“We live in order to find happiness. Happiness is an extension of joy. In order to bring about joy, we must fulfill the desires of our mind and body. If I am happy, my family will become happy as well.”

Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Korean Chair Dr. Jeung-Rho Yoon shared the “Principle of the Creation of Happiness” on the 21st at the Ilshim International Training Center in Tokyo. The “conditions for fulfilling the happiness of humans” became the key to unlock the fundamental mystery of humanity.

“All beings are created with principles that they must follow. Just as math follows formulas, so life must follow laws and the way of heaven. When one follows the principles of manners, etiquette, morality and ethics, happiness will arise,” said Dr. Yoon. Happiness will come when one follows the principles. It is through these principles that personality, family and the necessities of life can be brought about.

“Humans have the desire to be treated well. We want to receive respect due to our character. If you treat others badly, you will receive nothing but spite. In order to become a person of good character, you must possess the ability to love others,” he explained.

“Individual character is made up of the mind and the body. The mind is made up of the conscience and the original mind. One must conduct one’s body in accordance with the conscience and the original mind. Religion is that which teaches humans how to live an upright life. The goal of education is to cultivate the ability to understand others. The worst crime is that of being unable to forgive.”

He also compared the three main types of modern humans, saying, “Those who practice violence, rape, hedonism, murder and kidnapping destroy themselves and other people. These people cause society to become diseased. The more people who are arrogant, prejudiced and who plot, slander and lie in order to live selfishly, the more society will become ruined.”

In order to become a first rate person, one must “live a high quality life full of conscience, manners, understanding, courtesy and praise. Then society can become mature,” Dr. Yoon explained...

[Newsis] Universal Peace Federation UPF Japanese Chairman Tokuno “Heaven as Outlined by Rev. Sun Myung Moon”



Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Japanese Chairman Tokuno Eiji (60) came to know the will of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification when he was in high school. He had been attending a Catholic church at the time.

“I have a confession to make. In December of 1970, I formed a bond with the Unification Church. For three months, I attended both the Unification Church and the Catholic Church. Conscientiously, I should have chosen one or the other, as it was an act of betrayal and disrespect.”

He had been a very forthright high school student who cherished God. “Can you see heaven?” Chairman Tokuno asked the leaders on both sides of him. “Heaven is not a place that is established in society. Rather, it can be built within your heart. If you maintain a clean heart, you will be able to see heaven,” answered a Catholic priest.

“We can actually establish heaven. We will be unable to see it right away, but let us create a heaven that we can see 20 or 30 years from now.” The future-oriented spirit of the Family Federation for World Peace attracted the young student. “At that time, I did not believe in Rev. Moon, but I really liked that answer,

being inclined to be more active rather than passive. I must have been more drawn to the answers that the Unification Church gave me.”

After graduating from high school, Chairman Tokuno entered the Economics Department of Toyama University. After graduating from college, he received his Master of Religious Education degree at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in America. He then spent seven months learning Korean at the Korean Language Institute at Sun Moon University, which was established by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. During this time, he delved deeper and deeper into the Unification Church. He also watched Korean TV dramas, and was able to understand the heart of Korea during this time...

[Segye Ilbo] Nongovernmental Diplomatic Envoys, the Ambassadors for Peace “It is up to Us to Improve the Korean-Japanese Relationship”



Shine a light into the immense forest of buildings of Tokyo, Japan's capital, populated by 100,270,000 people. The Korean embassy and the Samsung building stand tall with dignity in their place on the skyline. Tokyo is a city with excellent land, sea and rivers, and with its many spectacles and constant changes, it is a city that radiates charm.

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF, Korean Chairman Dr. Jeung-Rho Yoon) oversaw the "Ambassadors for Peace Japan Training for Peace in Northeast Asia," held from the 20th to the 23rd at the Ilshim Special Training Center in Urayasu City, Chiba, just outside of Tokyo. This training center is the same place in which education was held for the leaders of North and South Korean residents living in Japan. About 35 leaders of various fields in Korea attended this 11th chapter of the Japanese Training. About half of these attendees were religious leaders invited by the Korean Religions Association (President Kyeong-Seuk Ryu), including representatives from Buddhism (Jogye order, Taego order, Cheontae order, etc.) Protestantism, Won Buddhism, Seonggyungwan, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Tenrikyo, etc. In all, representatives and clergy from about 10 different religious orders attended the event. Head of the Taego Order Culture and Societal Department Monk Seongin, attended the entire event with a passionate fervor, and disclosed his honest impressions in bursts of happy laughter, leaving a deep impression on all those present.

The International Ambassadors for Peace Training is the result of the "Outstanding Peace Leadership Project," established and promoted by the Universal Peace Federation founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The goal of the project is to bring about peace in the global village. The Ambassadors for Peace, made up of personnel from political, economic, societal, cultural and religious fields, was established by Rev. Moon (1920-2012); and with their visits to America, Japan etc., spread awareness about the realization of peace by sharing the peace achievements of Rev. Moon. The Ambassadors for Peace held over 125 international training sessions between 2004 and 2007. These events were attended by about 35,000 Korean leaders of thought. Since then, the organization has held occasional events. And since July of last year, they have been holding regular training sessions and workshops in Japan and other countries every month.



