



Report

**Commemorative Service of The First Anniversary of the
Universal Seonghwa of True Father**

Vienna

On Sunday, September 1st, 2013 the Viennese Community held a Commemorative Service of The First Anniversary of the Universal Seonghwa of True Father. All the **providential organisations (Family Federation, UPF and Womens' Federation)** worked together in the preparations and in inviting Ambassadors of Peace and other guests.

Besides beautiful musical performances the speeches of Ambassadors of Peace as well as members were real highlights.

Dr. Shantu Watt, Vice President of **United Nations' Womens' Guild**, together with **Mrs. Irmgard Mäntler**, member of the Vienna WFWP, had participated in the Conferences in Seoul, Korea. **That's why they reported about their experiences.** Dr. Watt was overwhelmed by her impressions of the Unification Movement: the variety of people who had gathered there, the lectures, the meeting with True Mother. "When we met Mrs. Moon, I was awestruck by her motherly love and graceful appearance!"

Dr. Amir Bayati, speaker of the Liberal Muslim Association and Ambassador of Peace, remembered in his speech a meeting with True Father in 2003 in Budapest, **when True Father asked him three times: "Do you love me?" Each time Dr. Bayati answered: "Yes, Father, I love you!" This is true also today, Dr. Bayati continued,** and he explained that he learned from Father Moon how to forgive his enemies.

Mr. Peter Haider, President of UPF-Austria, quoted some passages of Hon. Jose de Venecia's speech which he held in Korea, and added some of his own considerations, such as what made a deep impression on his life was the fact that True Father didn't seem to know the concept of being defeated or giving up. Instead he would always stand up again and go on. "With his infinite energy he will be just as active or more active in the Spirit World as he was in this world", Mr. Haider concluded.

The latest UPF video about True Father's life was shown during the Service which gave a significant insight in True Father's activities.

After the Service the Ambassadors of Peace and other guests were invited to a VIP reception and lunch in the Headquarters of the Unification Movement of Austria. It

fel like a gathering of close friends or even family members, although for some of the guests it was their first visit. More than 30 guests and 120 members attended the event.

Elisabeth Cook



Youth UPF leader Bogdan Pammer served as MC for the event



2nd gen music Team members



There was no empty space left in the Headquarters



Irmgard Mäntler & Dr. Shantu Watt



Professional singer



Dr. Bayati



Peter & Gaby Zöhrer's closing prayer



VIP reception and lunch after the Sunday Service



Ambassadors of Peace and representatives of other religions