



In Memoriam: Rev. Gentaro Kajikuri 1937-2012

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Rev. Gentaro Kajikuri, president of HSA-UWC Japan, passed away at 6:10 am on December 26, 2012. He was 75 years old.

Rev. Kajikuri received the Blessing among the 43-couple Blessing group. He was inaugurated as the 12th president of HSA-UWC Japan on July 14, 2009. As president, he pushed his physical limitations and worked at the front line until his passing. We thank Rev. Kajikuri for his *jeongseong* and hard work. Below are the details for his Gwihwan Ceremony and Seonghwa Ceremony.

1. Gwihwan Ceremony: 6:00 p.m., December 27, 2012 (Thursday)
2. Seonghwa Ceremony: 9:00 a.m., December 28, 2012 (Friday)
3. Venue: Chapel Room, HSA-UWC Japan Headquarters
 - The Gwihwan Ceremony and Seonghwa Ceremony will both be held at this venue.

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Biography of Rev. Gentaro Kajikuri

Rev. Gentaro Kajikuri was inaugurated as the twelfth president of HSA-UWC Japan on July 14, 2009. After taking office, Rev. Kajikuri made effort in providing spiritual guidance to church leaders and other members and in preparing the way for future generations by strengthening the church organization for the purpose of elevating our movement in Japanese society and winning the trust of the Japanese people.

When True Mother visited Japan in March this year, even though he could only move about in a wheelchair, he accompanied True Mother throughout her tour. This display of jeongseong touched the hearts of many Japanese members. In autumn this year, his doctor told Rev. Kajikuri that he had only four months to live. Nevertheless, he continued to visit the members in the Tokyo metropolitan area, investing himself to the very end in order to strengthen the church organization and inspire future generations of our movement.

Rev. Kajikuri was born in 1937 in Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan. He graduated from Shibaura Institute of Technology, where he had majored in civil engineering. He joined the Unification Church in November 1963. In the 1960s and 1970s, leftist groups in Japan were working to communize the nation. In 1971, Rev. Kajikuri was appointed secretary-general of the International Victory Over Communism Federation, which had been established in 1968 by True Father. As secretary-general, Rev. Kajikuri fought to preserve Japan's national security.

In January 2010, he took office as the president of Victory Over Communism (VOC) Japan and president of the Federation for World Peace in Japan; he contributed greatly to the promotion of the VOC movement to Japanese people in all walks of life.

Rev. Kajikuri was a strong advocate of the Korea-Japan Tunnel as a means both to improving relations between Korea and Japan and to establishing everlasting peace in Northeast Asia. Rev. Kajikuri made effort in promoting the Korea-Japan Tunnel by speaking across Japan. Rev. Kajikuri and his wife Eriko have four sons and a daughter.

Sincerely,

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