

## Martial Arts Festival

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### “Martial Arts Festival in Commemoration of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind”

*Martial Arts Federation has expanded to forty nations ever since its establishment and is continuing the founder's spirit of Love God, Love all People and Love your Country.*

Martials Arts Federation for World Peace (Martial Arts Federation in short) hosted the Martial Arts Festival in Commemoration of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind at the gymnasium in Cheongshim International Youth Center on 7.12 by the heavenly calendar (Aug. 25), 10.30 a.m.



*True Mother observes martial arts demonstrations and encourages the martial artists*

True Mother honored the event on this day by observing in person the martial demonstrations of our blessed families' second- and third- generation martial artists and their congratulatory performances and by encouraging their work. She was welcomed with ardent cheers and applause as she made her entrance. After receiving a ceremonial bow from everyone, she received a bouquet of flowers from a representative second-generation martial artist. From a seat prepared for her on stage, she watched the martial arts demonstrations of the second part of the event.

Around 700 people including the Women Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Chairwoman Moon Yeon-ah, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) International Vice-President Park In-sup, heads of providential organizations, key leaders, eighty or so martial artists, the first class of the Global Top Gun Workshop, Universal Peace Academy cadets and members participated in this festival, a time of resolve and determination to inherit True Parents' teachings and honor True Father's great life and spirit.

Martial Arts Federation Chairman Kwon-jin Moon gave the opening address, through which he said, "August 2015 is indeed a meaningful month as we celebrate both the 70th anniversary of Korea's independence and the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial. Now that the period of offering mourning conditions for True Father has come to a conclusion, this Martial Arts Festival is a platform upon which we must all make the resolve to form a solidarity centered on our Heavenly Parent and True Parents for the unification of North Korea and South Korea, the hope of our people, and open an era of unification."

He urged everyone saying, "In order to successfully achieve a peaceful unification and become the leading force in the Pacific Rim Era and a world based on the culture of heart, we must train our minds and bodies, attain body and mind unity and grow into mature people that excel both at martial arts and in literary work.... Let us become future leaders who spread True Parents' ideology and spirit and contribute to the realization of a world of peace through martial arts."

FFWPU-Korea Chairman Kyeong Seuk Lu said in his message of encouragement, "At the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Inaugural Rally, Rev. Sun Myung Moon emphasized that the path of true martial arts is one that restores the original role of the body and is one that trains the inner self and seeks to attain mind and body unity." After talking about the history of Martial Arts Federation, which has expanded its foundation to forty nations today, Chairman Ryu said, "As martial artists that have both trained mind and bodies and character, I sincerely hope that you creatively and actively respond to the changes of this new age and work toward bringing about harmony and unity in this twenty-first century."

In a report prayer offered by Director Lee Gi-seong Lee prior to the above message, Director Lee earnestly prayed, "Please enable all Tong il Moodo artists to become heavenly soldiers that achieve Vision 2020 and the substantial Cheon Il Guk at all cost. Our True Father of Heaven, Earth and Humankind gave the name Tong il Moodo with his blessings; please enable us to make Love God, Love all People and Love your Nation, the guiding ideals of Tong il Moodo, truly live up to the meaning of "Train and Advance Bravely" and "Teaching Filial Piety and Gaining Ten Thousands of Victories," and enable True Parents authority of true love to come down on earth."



### **The meaning of realizing peace and unification through martial arts**

Today's event was emceed by Martial Arts Federation President Moon Pyeong-rae. The event was divided in two parts: the memorial ceremony and demonstration of martial arts. The ceremony went in the following order: the opening remark, ceremonial bowing, the Cheon Il Guk Anthem, a report prayer by Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center Gi-seong Lee, floral tribute and silent tribute, opening message by Martial Arts Federation Chairman Moon Kwon-jin (Read by Martial Arts Federation Vice-



President Il-jing Seok) and words of encouragement by FFWPU-Korea President Kyeong Seuk Lu (read by FFWPU-Korea Vice-President Hyeon-yeong Lee).

Martial arts demonstrations, which were held in True Mother's presence, began after the first part ended. First of all, teams of second-generation and third-generation members re-created a story. Next, the True Love Peace School team gave a demonstration centered on district pastor In-chun Hwang. Thirdly, four cadets from the Universal Peace Academy demonstrated discipline and courage through their performance of martial arts using sticks. Following it, the Japanese Cheon-Bu-Eun-Go team presented a special performance based on Hyo-jin Moon's song, "Be Successful" to express their firm loyalty and filial piety for True Parents.

Fifth, the Seonjeong-Seonhwa Brothers International Team presented a performance. One particular plot centered on Shin-chul nim conveyed the firm determination of blessed children that they will pierce through the darkness and move on to become True Parents' hope. Finally, martial art demonstrators of the Martial Arts Federation presented the essence of TongilMoodo based on Divine Principle contents including the four-position foundation and the give and receive action, by forming harmony between soft circular movements and strong strait-line movements.

All participants then stood up and sang together "Saranghe Tangshin-eul" with a heart of respect and gratitude toward True Parents. Following the song, Universal Peace Academy Principal led everyone with three cheers of uog mansei. The entire event came to an end after taking a commemorative photo.

Kim Yeong-gi, member of North Gyeonggi Guri Church and guest at the event, gave the following reflection on the event: "It is the 23rd anniversary of the 30,000-couple Blessing and our last son performed as part of the True Love Peace School team. I am truly grateful and it is an honor that we could show True Parents our hearts of loyalty and filial piety through this meaningful Martial Arts Festival.

