

3rd Annual CARP Hyojeong Trip to Japan and Korea: Day 4 – 6/29/18

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The Road to Waseda! Today, we visited Waseda University in Tokyo. Waseda University was the university that Father Moon attended in 1941. At the time of Father's attendance, the Japanese were occupying Korea and treated its people horribly.

Father was mistreated by the Japanese people during his stay in Japan. The police relentlessly followed him and tortured him. He struggled to find a house to stay, and even graduating from the university was a challenge.

However, Father Moon never thought of the Japanese people with disdain or resentment. He poured out his love for them and loved Japan more than the Japanese. He fought for the liberation of his homeland but not because he hated the Japanese; it was because he loved his people.

Father Moon also had many experiences with Japanese people who were kind and generous, including his home-stay family, the Mitsuhashi's.

Along our journey to Waseda, we stopped by the police station and the Mitsuhashi house, taking the same road as Father Moon. Even though it was so hot out, the walk and the strain it took to get to Waseda was a reminder of how much Father Moon endured and suffered on his road to discovering the Principle and loving the people around him without reservation.

In Waseda University, we met up with J-CARP and joined in their event, the International Borderless Conference (IBC). The theme was international friendship.

One Japanese student representative, Saeko I., spoke about the need for America and Japan to work together to help save Father Moon's homeland and peacefully reunite North and South Korea.

One American student representative, Josue K., also spoke. He spoke about how true love is the only path to true peace and that starts within. He shared his experience with God in war-torn Republic of Congo, that God's presence in his family allowed them to feel peace in spite of the many atrocities occurring around them.

We made friendships in groups at IBC and sang a song together to close.

In this way, we had full day of love and friendship and gratitude.

