My Message for FJMGP

Raffy Ablong April 12, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for all the hard work and sacrifice of the organizers of the FJMGP.

Congratulations to all of you for making this dream of coming together possible. I am so sorry for being unable to come over to join you in this celebration of unity, hope and service for the first time.

Having been in Japan for quite sometime has made us wiser and better equipped to respond to the greater call for understanding and peaceful service for the Philippines, Japan and the world. Kuya Michael Zablan's powerful and energizing report about the Global Peace Festival has virtually inspired all of us to join hands again to mobilize for peace.

Being far from Tokyo or Manila is not a complete limitation of participation and commitment. Our limitations to serve our Mother nation and native land should allow us to find more creative ways of participation and innovations for success. This event proves us one point – we can always do something for the Providence even when we are far away, if we stick together, support each other and properly align ourselves to the hierarchy of internal heart and external structures.

The idea of GPF is to work together with communities, faiths, government and non-governmental organizations to achieve our peace agenda. We are the spark plug and energy of life that will empower these existing external organizations to work for greater internal purposes. When we educate and mobilize organizational leaders then we can easily accomplish the goals of our public, God-centered efforts. We have to connect and collaborate with individuals who can educate, inspire and mobilize organizations or hundreds of people. Better said than done but honestly, moving forward with our goal for global peace will be much more effective, easy and the effects – long lasting through this.

As Dr. Hyun Jin Moon emphasized, the purpose of GPF is to "bring about a whole new paradigm here based on this vision. We build partnerships where they take ownership. They put their resources in and bring about the reality of One Family under God. GPF is going to allow the Abel UN, that is a providential expectation in this era that we are looking," to be realized in this world. Therefore, we should "not think of it as just an event. We will be bringing NGOs, service, peace organizations and federal governments to partner with us to create and actualize programs for peace. So, we will be able to actually gauge the progress every two years."

Taking ownership of God's dream of One Family under God empowers us to work together. If we practice the heart of ownership, I hope that together we can make this big dream of Heavenly Father and True Parents a reality during our lifetime here on earth. We only live and pass this world but once. So let us do our best to realize God's dream.

This is our best offering to God, True Parents and True Children.

Best wishes to all of us!!

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