

Leadership Training Seminar Middle East

In Turkey at the Sile Resort Hotel from Oct 12-20th, 2017 about 22 leaders from Turkey, Iran, Lebanon, Israel, Pakistan and Egypt attended the Leadership Training Seminar. Included in the group were the 8 participants of the latest MEYE batch. We gathered to hear inspiration centered on True Parents guidance and to share together the HJ Culture.

The purpose of the workshop was to arouse a desire in our leadership to share about True Parents and initiate Heavenly Tribal Messiah activities in our region.

With the visit of our Regional Chair, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Balcomb, and the incredible nature that surrounded us, we felt Heavenly Parents' and True Parents' love deeply. There were 22 leaders in attendance

Every day we began with HDK and then went to the beach for a deep prayer to review ourselves and make strong determination. The lectures first began with internal guidance focusing on becoming owners of CIG. We then discussed the providence today and gave clear guidance about True Mother's strategy and how we can follow that in the Middle East. Each person and nation made a clear plan for what they would do after the seminar until Foundation Day 2018.

Because of this seminar, the members felt empowered to challenge HTM in their countries and towns and determined to do that.

In fact, the Iranian members are planning to hold a HTM workshop for 120 friends, relatives and distant members in March 2018.

Another result is that we acquired the HJ Cultural Center in Istanbul. This center will be used to facilitate outreach in Istanbul and hold cultural events. This will serve as a model to the other nations to demonstrate how to do outreach in the Middle East.

We are grateful to True Mother for making this possible and plan to repeat this program for more leaders and members to encourage them and motivate them to spread the good news of the Only Begotten Daughter of God in the Middle East.

<https://vimeo.com/239875330>

This is the link for the video that Dr. Balcomb made for our Seminar

Summary of Reflections from the Participants

True Mother, I promise I will not give up and I will overcome again and again. I will pray and overcome and I will find one spiritual child in the Middle East. I believe that God will help me. Thank you for all your prayer and support. **Toshika Agnes Kamijo, ME Youth Envoy**

Iran

Thank you for supporting our Leadership Training Seminar. It was very amazing full of precious and applicable subjects presented by our Regional President. I have strong determination to go back to Iran and strengthen my own foundation, witness to my children and relatives. Also, I will witness to the Iranian members and second generation to revive our movement in Iran.

With Love, **M. from Iran.**

Please accept our appreciation for everything, Cheon Il Guk Era has started and the door is open in the Middle East. Our country needs your love to go in the right direction. We cannot forget the tears that you have shed for us. We promise to do our best for the Middle East and don't give up easily and be responsible for our action in our country of Iran. **B., Iran**

With a grateful heart, I write this letter. It is not easy to put into words. I just want to say please trust me as your filial child of yours. Please don't worry, after our Blessed Family Workshop in Azerbaijan and this workshop in Turkey this shameful son has woken up from the deep sleep and wants to make you happy. I promise you that after learning more DP I will save my family by educating them. Our second generation are longing to meet you in person. Be sure that they all love you and will stay with you no matter what happens. We have determined to have a workshop next year for 120- 210 people of Iran, our relatives and other old Blessed couples. We really want to bring Peace and Happiness to our region of the Middle East. We will not give up hope to bring you your lost children. Your filial son, **M., Iran.**

Through this workshop, we learned many things that will help me to witness Iranian people. Iran has always been oppressed and now you have sent someone to restore Iran, to help Iran to rise to its original position. I am truly grateful for your kindness. In this workshop, I saw our leaders work so hard to educate us to be a good leader and to fulfill your will, that is to establish CIG on earth and in heaven. **S. F., Iran.**

Thank you for all your love and support, our love towards you is absolute and unchangeable. What we gained in this workshop was an incredible experience for us to feel your love. We learned to be more responsible and bring result for you, giving heavenly word to people, be a bridge to connect them to your lineage, to receive your Blessing and to be part of Cheon Il Guk. We promise never to give up no matter how many difficulties come in Iran. **M. N., Iran/Korea**

Egypt

One of the most successful workshops I have attended. The Angelucci couple have been well prepared to explain the purpose of the workshop which was to create a personal foundation so we can return to our countries and accomplish HTM and witnessing. I will determine to translate witnessing material into Arabic for the Middle East region. **S. R., Egypt**

Lebanon

After 27 years, I am back in Turkey again with a new challenge and with wonderful brother and sisters. We had wonderful support from our leaders. All that we must do is to go beyond our

realm. Not much time left, True Mother is a big treasure for us, we must take this precious moment seriously. **A. H., Lebanon**

I could find and experience this amazing atmosphere of us being like “One Family und God”. We could never have this kind of experience in the Middle East before. It truly helps us all to make a new determination to fulfill our Tribal Messiah and fulfill 430 couples. **Hermine Schellen, Lebanon**

This workshop was very important. We had time to share with each other and with nature and we learned so much. We became very close and learned from each other. I will work harder than before, organized, planned, visionary and asking support from the spiritual world. I will always work hard for God’s Providence. Thank you again. **Jong In Pak, Lebanon NL, Witnessing Director ME.**

Pakistan

I learned so much from my central figure. I realized how much you invested your heart during your life time to return people to God’s Home.

I have very strong determination to breakthrough in our region. True Mother in January 28,2018 Pakistan is going to organize national chapter launching ceremony of Youth and Student for Peace, YSP. I hope your prayer will support for breakthrough in Pakistan because I know how much you have invested there.

I will promise to you before Foundation Day we will organize Heavenly Tribal Messiah Blessings in Middle East. I will completely unite with Central Figure. True Mother I will take responsibility whatever you want. Don’t worry we will fulfill our HTM mission soon.

Binod Paudel, Pakistan NL, HTM Director ME

Israel

During this time, I found my heart changing, I could feel the love of my brothers and sisters here in the Middle East region and beyond. I have a feeling that during the Workshop I could really come to know them and understand more their situation. Thus, I am very grateful to our True Parents who had such a vision to change the world and unite between all people nations and religions. I believe together we can make a difference and lead this region into the land of Cheon Il Guk and save all our brothers and sisters. This workshop allowed me to tackle some of my fallen nature and to understand that HDH is such a vital part, not only of lives of faith but of substance, it gives us a way to live our lives centered on God and love and give a way to protect our future lineage. For this I will be forever grateful. **Luke Weiller-hill, Israel**

Japanese Second Generation MEYE Participants

When I saw the Iranian members, I cried and didn’t know why. Later I realized it was God who was crying. I understood God’s heart, His joy to see them, His sorrow to know their suffering

and His encouragement. God is not only my parent but the parent of all Humankind. So, God really wants to save all of them. I learned this in this workshop. That is why I am confident to find three spiritual children in the Middle East. I will devote myself to get results for God and True Parents. **Kae Kan, MEYE**

I met wonderful members and although they are in difficult situations they will cultivate activities in the region with strong determination. I myself determine to become a leader and find three spiritual children. I want to "just do it". **Tamiko Nagata, MEYE**

Having longed for becoming a global citizen as your daughter, I have experienced my threshold into a realm of the world through encountering with leading members of the Middle East region. Their loving personalities and conviction to their mission have strongly impressed me. **Ayaka Tanikoshi, MEYE**

In the regional workshop, I could meet with leading people of the mission, very much impressed by their dedication to the difficult task and humbleness to God and True Parents as well as seriousness to restore this region and liberate God from sadness and tears. I would like to make a new history based on Hyo Jeong. **Mika Hatakeyama, MEYE**

Having come to meet with leading members of the Middle East including Dr. Balcomb and Mr. Angelucci, I am feeling profound love and welcome from them. This partial participation in the regional program was a timely fusion, as I could appreciate the current state of the mission in the region. **Naomi Tatsushima, MEYE**

I found myself puzzled but impressed by mingling and discussing with people from different backgrounds. Though inadequate to elaborate this experience, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for True Mother to support this kind of special opportunity with MEYE Program. **Ikumi Yamaoka, MEYE**

In the Middle East workshop, I could meet with people from diverse backgrounds of nations, cultures and religions. Yet, they have a common and firm conviction towards an ideal under God. This was a moving experience to me. True Mother, thank you for allowing me this kind of opportunity. **Mika Kobayashi, MEYE**

Through this seminar, I learned many things and I realized that I was looking everything from my viewpoint. I am sorry for wasting so much time. I do not want to waste time any more. True Mother I will find one spiritual child in the Middle East.

Thank you for your prayers and support. **Toshika Agnes Kamijo, ME Region Special Youth Envoy**

Pictures



Figure 1 Group picture at Graduation



Figure 2MEYE members enjoying the beach



Figure 3 Cleaning the Beach



Figure 4 Translating during the lectures



Figure 5 Regional President addressing the group



Figure 6 Dr. and Mrs. Balcomb receiving gift from the Regional Vice President Jong In Pak