

True Mother spoke in the Kanagawa, Japan region and the second-generation

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On October 15, True Mother visited Japan to attend an event that attracted ten thousand people hosted by the Kanagawa region, just adjacent to Tokyo. True Mother had told the Japanese leaders that if they were able to prepare an event gathering ten thousand people in any of the forty-seven prefectures and cities in Japan, she would come to speak in person. True Mother kept her word and the Kanagawa event took place successfully as the second ten-thousand- person event following the one held previously in Tokyo.

Since there are around five thousand church members in Kanagawa, in order to hold the event successfully, they gathered five thousand additional people, comprising new guests and returning members; that is, those who had left but whom we had contacted and successfully witnessed to again.

Next month, November, the city of Nagoya in Aichi Prefecture and the city of Osaka in Osaka Prefecture are each planning to hold an event of ten thousand people centering on their region.

During her stay, True Mother cared for the second-generation leaders and devoted her effort directly to training leaders of the next generation. She also held meetings for elderly blessed families at which she emphasized the importance of their mission as the heavenly tribal messiahs and encouraged them to become eternal filial sons or daughters who are able to act in line with True Parents even after they enter the spiritual world.

In the Kanagawa event, three second-generation members representing three-generation international blessed families gave moving speeches. These included Ms. Sasamoto Awako, who received the blessing to a second-generation member in Africa in adherence to the will of her father, Sasamoto Masaki, a member who was blessed among the 1,800-couple blessing group who was martyred in Tanzania, and Mr. Tatsumi, whose father Tatsumi Naoto, blessed among the 6,000-couple blessing group, was martyred in South Africa.

In her speech, True Mother said, "The Atlantic Civilization Era has come to an end and the Pacific Rim Civilization Era has begun. The era of the Pacific Rim Civilization centers on the father nation, Korea, the mother nation, Japan and the eldest son nation, the United States. I hope Japan will realize the dream of Heavenly Parents, True Parents and humankind by approaching the 7.4 billion people of the world and nearly two hundred nations around the world with the heart to give unconditionally and become the mother nation that lives for the sake of the world. Furthermore, you can start anew only when you recognize the historical truth and your wrongdoings. I want the Japanese leaders to know this."

Moreover, she emphasized, "Humankind cannot solve the difficult problems of the world without connecting to God, our Heavenly Parent. Since the Fall began when humankind stepped away from God, they must return to God in order to solve this. Otherwise, there is no future or hope for humankind and the world."

Although True Mother's stay in Japan was brief, it was a period of great blessing. She showed us her love and devotion for Japan and clearly defined the path Japan must take and Japan's mission and responsibility within Asia and the world. I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to True Mother for visiting Japan and gracing the victory of the ten thousand-person event in Kanagawa.