

Launch the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World

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Dear Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and Distinguished guests, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your attendance at the inaugural meeting of the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World.

The main reason why Elders Association for World Peace is needed is that the number of elderly people in Korea exceeded 10 million out of a total population of 52 million last year. As the mother of peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, launched the Elders Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea (hereafter referred to as the Elders Association) last year, emphasizing that the elders should contribute not only to the country's development but also to the responsibilities and obligations as leaders and adults.

If the Elders Association can form a consensus on the vision of the Heavenly Unified Korea based on True Parent's ideology of the spirit of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, Universally Shared Values, and if they can resonate with senior leaders from around the world as one voice beyond Northeast Asia, I believe that it can be a springboard to New Heights for the World.

To this end, we will firstly invite more than 50,000 senior citizens of national social celebrities and senior leaders to the HJ Cheonwon Complex, where the spirit of harmony and coexistence is combined. These elders will have a one day workshop to pursue successful activities that contribute to the realization of global citizenship through successful activity cases that correspond to the vision presented by the Elder's Round Table, scheduled to launch later this year.

Secondly, over the past three years, with the world suffering under the COVID-19 pandemic, there is great demand reconciliation and coexistence beyond nationalities, races, religions, generations, and ages. From this perspective, over the past year, at the HJ CheonWon Complex, the Elders Association has been promoting the global citizenship movement by advocating the need for social integration, centered on the wisdom and love of the elders, while overcoming conflicts and divisions between men and women, generations, and nations.

As you know, under The Uruguay Round -- WTO, leaders of the nation spent around eight years gathering together to address various issues such as protectionism, tariffs, and agricultural products, culminating in the successful launch of the World Trade Organization (WTO) after eight years. If Uruguay Round was for a material aspect, the upcoming Elder's Round Table is for the spiritual aspect.

Through today's Convention to Launch the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified World, we hope that if senior leaders from around the world can stand in a united position based on the universal values of humanity, including the wisdom, experience, and know-how of life, humanity will gain important insights beyond nations and races.

Beyond the global elderly issue, I hope that it will be elevated to the role of elders who gather the wisdom of experts in politics, economy, religion, and media to provide a vision and insight for integration, and contribute to the realization of a more warm and inclusive global community thanks to the role of elders in society. Thank you.