

## Young People, Save the Country, Redeem the World

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*Mr. Motoyama described a sophisticated level of development among Japanese CARP members who are making consistent investments into their nation with a selfless attitude.*

Congratulations on becoming the brave men and women in the Special Forces of Cheon Il Guk. If you hear "Special Forces," you might think, Where should I go now and what should I do? Your face may become serious, your brow become furrowed, but Special Forces of Cheon Il Guk should move forward with excitement and happy minds to build Cheon Il Guk. Usually if you hear "Special Forces," you feel tension.

I would like to introduce youth activities in Japan. I am here as the president of CARP, but I will explain as a representative of 1,200 Japanese Top Gun participants here about activities undertaken by young people, university students and youth including those in the Family Federation and CARP and the Youth Association in Japan.

### **Service as a lifestyle**

In Japan, we can never forget March 11, 2011, the date of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. I think those of you who come from different countries and Korean people still remember this. Right after the earthquake, our Unificationist young people responded by making U Peace [Unification Church Peace Service Volunteer Corps]. During these five or six years, many volunteer teams associated with other groups left, but we continued sending people to help. We did our work for the sole purpose of reviving the stricken area. The people in the disaster area came to trust us through our continuous work. The areas the volunteers work in become blossoming flowers through the residents' many smiling faces and happiness. Won't you do this kind of thing as Special Forces? This culture established itself in our church as every month around five hundred people on average do volunteer work.

### **University activities**

The people here are mostly university students. As CARP members, they have been studying, doing volunteer work and other activities. I want to go a step further. Why? We want to become students who answer True Mother's hot-hearted determination to restore the nation.

Last year, we held a project-drafting contest, in alliance with the government's direction and in consultation with experts, doing research with them and announced ways that we could contribute in

many varied areas. Solving those area-specific problems requires more than volunteer work. We developed the project to solve the Tohoku area's problems and put it into action.

This year, we will be more active. We boldly announced our results to the students in the universities. We tried to expand CARP activities to magnify the culture of living for others that True Parents teach. Of course, so many students in all of Japan are doing the same -- studying, volunteering and doing projects. That is why by sharing, by feeling happiness and new ideas through activities -- wanting to make a better world -- we can announce those ideas and create synergy. "Synergy" is "*sojokouka*" in Japanese. Love is exclamatory, which means students' ideas give the world energy. We started having young people give presentations, optimistic talks with ideas about the future, in Ted-Talk form [see [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)], which causes synergy.

Not only do we have many activities in universities but young people in the unification movement are shouting out in society. The reason is communists remain in Japan and in the world. They have changed to "culture communists." Communism has gone into the people's daily lives and young people's culture -- moving toward a Leftist society through trends shared by young people. Our students started shouting as a group called Unite. We began Unite last year. Its members give street speeches and hold demonstrations in many areas. Their activities garnered much media coverage and influenced politicians and experts.



*The enormous number of young people on hand and intently listening to True Mother's guidance*

### **Youth Federation**

The Youth Federation's Forum of Youth Leaders invites experts and young politicians and many professors and young people to study issues together. The sight of young people trying to solve the problems in their communities and thinking of the future of the society and of the country impressed those experts, the people that attended their meetings. So far, they held forums forty-three times, which attracted 1,225 people.

### **Rise**

The Rise program's focus is on saving the country and redeeming the world. Rise trains young people in communication and lecturing through online lecture study. Unification Thought and Victory over Communism is the basic theory undergirding the lectures. Through studying the lectures, many young Unificationists want to become politicians who take responsibility for the future of the society and nation. The number of these people is increasing. Unite, the Youth Federation's Forum of Youth Leaders and the Rise Program activities are making an impression on society. Members interact with experts working with IAPP, UPF and WFWP through the Rise program.

The youth and students' movement to save the country and redeem the world is trying to move the country. We are still young and lack experience but we have passionate hearts. When we speak with that heart, we make an impression even on experts and leaders of our country. "If we move, the nation moves," is what we tell ourselves as we carry out activities.

## **Contributions to society**

Our work is not limited to activities within the unification movement. We go out to society. Through this cooperation with society, we try to challenge two areas: to make volunteering a lifestyle and make volunteering a personal project, living for others, contributing to society through these activities. Through these activities, we mature to the point of self-affirmation -- as we go beyond thinking of our own situation and our very identity begins to include thinking of others. The young people's independence and public mindedness increases. They find their own identity. They have an opportunity to realize they are God's children and brave children of Cheon Il Guk. That is not only volunteer work; if it is your mission, it becomes a personal project.

We have vision -- one family under God; that is our dream. Yet, this cannot be only a dream. What can we do to become companions realizing Heavenly Parent's dream, which True Parents are trying to realize? We should consider this. That is why volunteer work clarifies our mission. For example, if an area has a problem, we ask how we can solve it. If we want to add value to something, we have to conduct a program that creates value. If we move ahead with that mind-set, some young people in society might agree with that. If someone has the same dream, he or she will agree with our movement. That is why our movement is not acting solely to convert others and it not just members contained within a system.

That activity affects education. It is a win-win situation. It is not just for ourselves, it affects others. The idea of win-win involves planning and design, marketing and human resource management and a sense of agency. This sense of agency is not others asking you; you want to make a better nation and society with a "subject" mind. I am sure that project requires you to become a leader of Cheon Il Guk, brave men and women, special forces of Cheon Il Guk. You also need teamwork and ability to communicate well with others. Through that activity, you grow, your personality changes, and you mature as leaders.

Today, 1,200 people are here from the Japan Top Gun College who will carry to Japan a sense of agency and subjective thinking. How can they contribute to their field of work and how can they affect their university? With that sense of agency in Japan especially, and in the world, we are optimistic about achieving True Parents' dream. Uniting with Korea, Japan and the world to achieve True Parents' dream, especially while True Mother is on earth, we seek filial piety most ardently. Japan can become the hope of the world.