

## UPF Fiji's Peace Road was held at Colo-i-Suva with Asian Leadership Training

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This year's Peace Road event in Fiji was held on June 30th, 2018 at Colo-i-Suva (pronunciation: Tholo-ee-Suva). It was organized through the collaboration between Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) Fiji and Asia Leadership Training (ALT). The visiting ALT team was comprised of 26 youths from Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. It was attended by a total of 51 participants, 21 of whom are guests from Fiji, Tuvalu and Tonga invited by our own ALT youths. We hiked for a modest total of 7km as part of our efforts to contribute toward international peace efforts.

The event started with a group photo and was followed with a steady hike to the end of the forest park. After that, we had a short program hosted by Mr Andrew Halim as the MC, who then introduced Ms Yevgeny to give an explanation of what Peace Road is all about. Although it started raining as the explanation concluded, we gathered to a small hut nearby and started singing "You Are My Sunshine" three times in an impromptu fashion and "Where Peace Begins" with unity and confidence. By the grace of our Heavenly Parents and True Parents, the rain stopped afterward.

Next, we listened to a remark made by FFWPU Fiji National Leader, Santosh Neupane, who encouraged everyone to think of the situation between North and South Korea, and spoke True Parents Effort on Peaceful re unification of Korean Peninsula. He also urged youth to create an environment where we can

serve God beyond our own religions. Participants then prayed in unison for the peaceful reunification of North and South Korea in their own respective faiths.

The event proceeded to the signing of the Peace Road Map immediately after, followed by few more group photos at the end of Colo-i-Suva Forest Park. Our guests were then entertained by the ALT youths who gave a dance performance based on the song “Bounce.” As the formal programme concluded then, we went on to enjoy the beautiful nature especially by swimming at the natural pool there.

There was plenty of joy flowing from every participant at the end of the event and the activities we’ve shared together. As we concluded the first ever Peace Road event in Suva, we felt truly grateful to have been able to participate in a global effort to create lasting peace in a substantial way, regardless of our race, nationality and religion. Through the bonds we’ve made with one another, we look forward to realize the ideal realm of love transcending any barrier that Heavenly Parents, True Parents and all of us have been longing for.

