

UPF New Zealand and World Sport Fishing Federation's 2024 World Sport Fishing Cup

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New Zealand hosted the "2024 World Sport Fishing Cup," organized by the World Sport Fishing Federation (WSFF) in collaboration with UPF- New Zealand. The event focused on sustainable fisheries management, protection of fishing waters, promoting sport fishing, fostering mutual understanding and friendship through international exchange, and recognizing anglers as contributors to world peace. This tournament, part of the True Parents' maritime providence to unite the world around the ocean, brought together 71 fishermen from 15 countries.



Since its inception in 2002, the WSFF has held six international tournaments in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Australia, and Spain, with the support of local and central governments. The WSFF is dedicated to promoting fishing as a legitimate sport, uniting nations through the shared passion for angling, and engaging in dialogue efforts, including organizing symposiums to address local and international environmental issues.

Over 200 people gathered for the opening ceremony, which began with a welcome speech by New Zealand's Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr. Shane Jones. Outgoing WSFF President Mr. Yun Tae-geun and WSFF New Zealand President Mr. Leon Pogoni also delivered speeches.

The following day, participants headed to the dock and boarded boats for acclimatization exercises and a qualifying match for the fishing competition.



Meanwhile, about thirty individuals attended a marine resources symposium featuring speakers such as Mr. Keutekarakia Keu Mataroa, the Cook Islands' Consul General in New Zealand, Mr. Choi Jin-ho, the new WSFF president, and Mr. Hori Masaichi, president of the FFPMU Asia-Pacific.



Participants also signed the "Auckland Blue Pacific 2024" Resolution for world peace and commitment to preserving and developing marine resources.