

## Youth Rally Commemorating 55 Years of the Japanese Family Federation – ‘Breaking Down the Walls of Race and Culture,’ Youth of the World Make a Proclamation for Peace

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10,000 2nd generation members from 40 nations gathered to determine to work for world peace...to send youth evangelists to their nations and bring about peace and love within the family by 2020.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, known to us as the Unification Church, held a mass youth rally in Tokyo, Japan in September. After Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s Seonghwa, as the Federation entered into the process of changing leadership, 2nd generation members began taking their places in the world peace movement.

It was the day when players Seung-Yeom Lee and Tae-Gyun Kim of the Japanese professional baseball team, the Chiba Lotte Marines, began their home game in Chiba City in Tokyo: September 23rd. On that day when the Lotte Home Field, the QVC Marine Field, was swarming with baseball fans, not too far away, 10,000 youth gathered at the Makuhari Exhibition Event Hall. These young people gathered to commemorate 55 years of the Japanese Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (hereafter Family Federation) at the Global Youth Festival, 2014.



Youth overcame national borders, as well as the walls of race and culture, to proclaim their determination to work in world peace movements at the “Global Youth Festival 2014.” As stated by the slogan of the Festival, “Let us tie together the bonds of the world and talk together about international benefits,” the Festival was organized so that the young members of the Family Federation, which works for peace and prosperity in international society, could gather together to encourage each other and strengthen their determination. The event was not only attended by Japanese youth, but also by foreigners from Africa, Southeast Asia and Middle Asia, who stood shoulder to shoulder in solidarity.

Youth from Korea, America, England, China, Canada, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Malaysia, Congo and 40 other nations all gathered together for the day’s event.

Major leaders of the church were all in attendance, including FFWPU International HQ Director-General Sun-Jin Moon, Women’s Federation for World Peace World President Yeon-Ah Moon, Japanese National Blessed Family General Federation President Yong-Cheon Song and Family Federation Japan President Eiji Tokuno. Major world leaders were also in attendance, including Nigerian Ambassador Godwin Agbo, Waseda University Professor Masatoshi Hayashi, Tezukayama University Professor Yoshio Kawakami,

Saitama Association Vice Captain Yeong-Hak Kim and Kanagawa Association Vice Captain Nam-Yeong Heo.

The themes of the day's events were "International Contribution" and "Family Love." The participants, in particular the youth evangelists, resolved to help the suffering people of the world with the mindset of helping their own family, their global brothers and sisters. The Family Federation plans to send youth evangelists to 40 nations by 2020 in order to improve the world and realize the love of the family, creating a global youth leader network.

The Family Federation emphasizes that before national borders can be broken down, the walls within hearts must first be broken down. The participants of the event were fully convinced of this fact.....