

## Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Family Federation Celebrates 55 Years in Japan

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**The Passion of 10,000 Young People, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Family Federation Celebrates 55 Years in Japan at the "Global Youth Festival."**



At 2:00 PM on the 23rd, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification celebrated 55 years since the Japanese church's founding with the "Global Youth Festival 2014." The event was held at the Makuhari Event Hall in Chiba, Japan. About 10,000 people were in attendance, including Family Federation World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon, Women's Federation for World Peace World President Yeon Ah Moon, Japanese General President Yong-Cheon Song, Family Federation Japanese President Eiji Tokuno, Nigerian Ambassador Godwin Nsude Agbo, Waseda University Professor Hayashi Masatoshi, Tezukayama University Professor Yoshio Kawakami, Saitama Settlement Vice-Captain Yeong-Hak Kim, Kanagawa Settlement Vice-Captain Nam-Yeong Heo, 50 Korean Ambassadors for Peace, Japanese National Diet members, young Family Federation members and youth who shared a single passion for world peace.

Under the theme of "Let's tie the knot! Let us open a dialogue on the ties of the world! International Contribution," and with the leading goal of overcoming national borders, race and culture to bring about peace, youth gathered to resolve to move one step forward to contribute toward international world peace. Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han

Moon's 5th daughter, Family Federation World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon, read the keynote address in her mother's place.

In her speech, "The Path towards a Peaceful World," Dr. Han outlined her vision for the young people in attendance. "It has been 60 years since we began a youth student movement for a future peaceful world in 1954 in Korea. We are also celebrating 55 years of our church in Japan. Young people who follow the will of God are crossing over the borders of Japan, to Asia and beyond, to take their place on the world stage. They are educating and leading others to realize the motto of 'Love Heaven, Love Others and Love Your Nation,' by living lives of sacrifice and service. They are spreading movements to restore morality and purity in our society which is rampant with free sex and on the path to ruin. Our societal system cannot be changed in an instant. The youth needs to take the lead and resolve that they will make change 'in this moment, right here.' I need to stand up—we need to stand up. We need true youth movements that will bring the world into a new future. Those who unite their minds and bodies, follow their consciences and realize true love by sharing, service and contributions to society, can be called good men and good women: they can be called true people. If we want to revolutionize this era through peace, we must first practice a lifestyle of gratitude. We must then practice a lifestyle of forgiveness. We must then practice a life of love, and then practice oneness within our lives. We must center ourselves on true love, unite our conscience and original mind, and unite our minds and bodies. We must be grateful for all things, forgive even our enemies, love our neighbors as ourselves, and become one for the sake of peace. Young people

of the world! Let us lead the way in expanding our stage until it stretches across the world.”



Before the main event, the “Global Peace Exhibition” was held in the West Plaza of the Makuhari Event Hall, at 10:00 AM. About 40 countries displayed cultural exhibits, and international relief organizations and sponsor organizations gave presentations on their service projects. Booths were set up where each organization could give presentations or show performances. Entertainment was held before the main event, in which young people sang songs and danced, and a youth choir comprised of 2nd generation from international families performed as well. This was followed by a representative prayer, a video on Japanese youth movements, an opening message by Japanese President Eiji Tokuno, and an introduction of all the VIPs present. Nigerian Ambassador Godwin Nsude Agbo then gave a congratulatory speech, followed by words of encouragement by Japanese General President Yong-Cheon Song. World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon then read the keynote address. A presentation was then given describing the outreach and service projects to Nepal and the Solomon Islands, as well as societal and international improvement projects undertaken by Japan. Greetings were exchanged with the eight nations tuning into the event via satellite. Japan and the Ivory Coast also held a sisterhood ceremony. An awards ceremony was held for the most outstanding booths of the Global Peace Exhibition (the grand prize was awarded to Korea, first prize to the Philippines, Nepal) as well as for the best international service outreach project (grand prize winner Dominican Republic, first prize winner Solomon Islands, Albania). A declaration was then made to continue the movement in Tokyo.

Japanese President Eiji Tokuno shared his interpretation of the event’s significance. “This event was built on the foundation of purity, societal and international contribution and centered on movements for true families. It was an event which became a launching pad for new youth movements within Japan. Through the movements of international witnessing and dispatch of service organizations, we were able to gain a more international perspective, and were exposed to different values that we do not have access to in Japan. Through the unique international experiences shared here today, I feel like we were able to prepare ourselves to foster global leaders who can contribute to realizing world peace. I hope that everyone here today were able to feel the spirit of Rev. and Dr. Moon’s peace philosophy, as well as the limitless potential and love of Japan’s young people.” ...

**[Segye Ilbo]**

**Even if our races and religions differ, our vision for world peace is the same**

The sky was exceptionally blue above the Makuhari Event Hall in Chiba at 2:00 PM on the 23rd. It was in this place where 10,000 Americans, Chinese, Japanese, Nigerians and youth from 40 nations gathered together to resolve to contribute toward world peace.

In celebration of 55 years since the Japanese church’s founding, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Family Federation) held the “Global Youth Festival 2014,” under the theme of “Let’s tie the knot! Let us open a dialogue on the ties of the world! International Contribution.”

In attendance were Family Federation World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon, Women’s Federation

for World Peace World President Yeon Ah Moon, Japanese General President Yong-Cheon Song, Family Federation Japanese President Eiji Tokuno, members of the Liberal Democratic Party and other parties. The keynote address was given in lieu of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon by her daughter, Director Sun Jin Moon.



*On the afternoon of the 23rd, the “Global Youth Festival 2014 ” was held at the Makuhari Event Hall in Chiba, Japan. About 10,000 people were in attendance, including youth from 40 different countries. Family Federation World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon gave the keynote address in her mother’s (Dr. Hak Ha Han Moon) place. She read the speech in clear, eloquent English, but her voice shook and her eyes filled with tears as she read the sections about Rev. Sun Myung Moon, causing the hall to fall silent.*

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The curtain opened on the event with the entrance of flags from each nation, followed by a video on youth movements in Japan. Japanese President Eiji Tokuno gave the opening message, followed by a congratulatory speech by Nigeria Ambassador Godwin Nsude Agbo. Words of encouragement by Japanese General President Song Yong Cheon were given next, and World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon then read Dr. Han’s keynote address. A presentation was then given describing international service projects. Japan and the Ivory Coast also held a sisterhood ceremony. Finally, a declaration was made to continue the movement in Tokyo.

“I am grateful to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for creating events such as this, which make it possible for international exchange to take place through mission work in Africa. Such projects bring the world together as one. In order for world peace to be brought about, we must fulfill the vision of respecting each other regardless of religion, race or national identity,” said Ambassador Agbo.

The Family Federation first sent missionaries to Japan in July 1958, and currently has the most followers in Japan, with a staggering 600,000 members. Dr. Han formerly visited Japan on a five-city tour last year, in which she spoke at commemorative events in Sapporo, Saitama and other cities.