

## Sun Jin Moon Spoke Japanese Family Federation

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Japan holds a special place in the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. The first missionary was sent to Japan on July 15th, 1958. It was the first international mission trip of the Family Federation, and now has more followers than any other mission country. Last October, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon embarked on a five-city commemorative tour of Japan, stopping in Hokkaido, Sapporo, Saitama and other cities.

56 years prior, Rev. Sun Myung Moon (1920 – 2012) emphasized that, “Saving Japan will bring about the salvation of Korea.” He saw that the communization of Japan would lead to crisis for Korea, and thus departed for Japan in order to counter Communism with a new philosophy.



On October 2nd, 1959, he held the first service for the “Tokyo Church of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.” There are currently 600,000 followers of the Unification Church in Japan, and 266 churches and workshop centers around the country. Add to this the 21 sister/partner organizations of the church; including the Universal Peace Federation, the World Peace Federation and

the Women's Federation for World Peace, and it is difficult to ignore the power of the Unification Church in Japan.

The 1975 homeland visit of Jocheongnyeon (Pro-Pyeongyang Federation of Korean residents in Japan) was a project of Rev. Sun Myung Moon as well. Before the official invitation of the government, Rev. Moon had already carried out four visits to Korea by 625 Koreans living in Japan through his organization, the International Federation for Victory over Communism. The Japanese Unification Church Headquarters established the "North-South Unified Nation" in September of 2002, and continues to carry out unification movements centered on Korean residents living in Japan. In July of 2004, the Peace and Unification Federation was founded on the ideals of "Harmony for Korean Residents in Japan," "Unification of the Homeland of Korea" and "World Peace."



The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel also deserves special attention. In November of 1981, before 720 Nobel Peace Prize winners and scholars gathered at the 10th International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), Rev. Moon revealed his proposal for an "International Highway/Korea-Japan Tunnel." The following year, in April, construction on the International Highway began in Japan. And in May of 1983, the Korea-Japan Tunnel Research Organization was founded under the leadership of Hokkaido University honorary professor Yasuo Sasa. In July of that same year, investigative surveys were conducted in both the land and sea around Tsushima, Karatsu and Iki in Saga, Kyushu, Japan. In October of 1986, investigative surveys for the first pilot shaft were performed in Nagoya.

Surveys on the Japanese side have been conducted on the land, sea and sky; and surveys on the environmental impact of the tunnel have also been carried out. Exploratory excavation has also been conducted in Karatsu for the tunnel as well. Geological investigative work continues, with the excavation having already gone 547 meters below sea level. On the Korean side, the Korea-Japan Tunnel Research Organization was established in 1986, and drilling surveys were carried out in five different locations on Geoje Island in October of 1988. In January of 2008, the World Peace Tunnel Foundation registered with the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs