

## Sun Jin Moon: Blessing of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han the Cornerstone of Cheon Il Guk”

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[Newsis] Sun Jin Moon of the Family Federation speaks on “the Blessing of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Cornerstone of Cheon Il Guk”

In the place of her mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon (72), Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International Headquarters Director-General Sun Jin Moon (39) led the “Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival” in the Philippines.



The “2015 Asian Summit,” co-hosted by the Family Federation and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), was held with 150,000 people in attendance on the first day of the festival at the Marikina General Sports Center in Manila. Under the banner “Heading towards Peace, Security and the Development of Humankind in Asia,” this year’s summit, which was held on January 31st, was attended by about 500 leaders from 30 different nations.

“The greatest and dearest wish of all humankind, which has been all but forgotten in these current times, is that of true love and of a world of eternal peace. It is the wish of creating a world in which all of humankind can live together as one family under God,” said FFWPU Headquarters Director-General Sun Jin Moon. “It is said that the day of the Blessing is the day on which one is born again, the birthday of the soul. The blessing is a sacred moment in which one begins a new life.”

“The ideal and purpose of the holy blessing is that of connection. When all of humankind is connected as one family and every person regards each other with unconditional love, the

world of true peace can be established. The most important aspect of the holy marriage vows that is taken by both new couples and married couples is that of the vision of peace and the love of God for His children,” she continued.

“Through the study of the holy scriptures of religion and the practice of knowledge and virtues, we can come to understand the absolute wisdom, love and goodness of God. We come to understand that our hope for holiness, love, happiness and peace is universal and transcends religious backgrounds. We come to regard each other and all things with the Creationism of our Heavenly Parent. With this understanding, we can expand peace from the individual, through to the family, society and the nation until we establish a peaceful world,” Director-General Moon added.

The Blessing ceremony began on April 16th, 1960, when Rev. and Dr. Moon blessed three families five days after their holy wedding ceremony. The following ceremonies expanded in scale to 36 families, 72 families and then 120 families, and have continued to expand over the course of 55 years. The heavenly and earthly worlds have been brought together through the blessing of countless couples.

The scale has expanded rapidly, but according to Director-General Moon, the core values of the Blessing have not changed. “All religions teach that humans need some kind of salvation or restoration. There is a connection between the essence of salvation and the essence of the family and the love between couples. That connection is that of the original ideal of God. This is why the True Parents (Rev. and Dr. Moon) have worked to bring about the restoration of mankind through the marriage blessing ceremony centering on the love of the Heavenly Parent. Man and woman have gradually distanced themselves from the original ideal of God, but they can become connected once more to God’s lineage through the marriage blessing,” she explained.



She also placed special emphasis on the “history of God’s providence.” “Through the mistakes of our human ancestors, the sons and daughters of God were thrown into the most painful suffering. The value of True Parents lies in the fact that they have overcome all difficulties and brought about victory. For the first time in all of providential history, the one and only begotten daughter of God has been able to stand side by side with the one and only begotten son of God. This is the value of the meaning of True Parents. The two are a united presence of masculinity and femininity, and the completed body united with God,” she said.

She also emphasized the role of women. “For thousands of years, only men have stood as the important representatives, clergy, prophets and founders of religion. However, when True Father (Rev. Sun Myung Moon) stood together with his companion and partner True Mother (Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon), they were able to overcome the long history of the prejudice against women. We can see the completion of cosmic providence displayed here. With the completion of her responsibilities, True Mother was able to achieve the status of the True Parents.”

“We must fulfill our missions as the tribal messiahs of heaven in order to lay the cornerstone for the

completion of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of the eternal God,” she continued. “The Heavenly Parent hopes that soon, the seventy billion children of God can all receive the Blessing.”....

**[Newsis] Former Prime Minister of Nepal Madhav Kumar Nepal: “Rev. Sun Myung Moon is the Father of Humankind.”**



*Former Prime Minister of Nepal Madhav Kumar Nepal (62) gave a speech of gratitude before the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).*

At the January 31st “2015 Asian Summit,” held in Manila, Philippines, the former Prime Minister said that “UPF has worked tirelessly to bring about world peace, and to encourage understanding and tolerance between cultures and civilizations in Asia through interreligious dialogue.”

Kumar, who received the “Leadership and Good Governance Award” on that day, said that “I believe that lasting peace is the most important factor in any situation. We must remember that the regions of Asia and the Pacific have strengths and weaknesses, provisions and limitations. Asia is the biggest continent with the largest population. It is the meeting place of the world’s major religions, cultures and civilizations. The great thinkers and philosophers Buddha, Confucius and Mahatma Gandhi have all received the Blessing, and are sharing their heritage, thinking and philosophy of Asia.”

“Asia was sacrificed to imperialism and suffered suppression, tyranny and exploitation for a long time. Although Nepal has remained an independent state, we have had to watch the invasion of Southern Asia by stronger nations. For the success, peace, security and progress of humankind, we must recover the glory of Asia’s past. The teachings given by Buddha of peace, harmony and compassion over 2,500 years ago have never been more relevant today.”



He also shared an analysis on the current state of Asia. “This century will become the Asian Renaissance. Although our economic and technological growth still needs to catch up to the rest of the world, there are high hopes for the acceleration of economic development of Asia and the Pacific Region as the technology of America and Europe spreads to our region at an irreversible rate. However, we must not forget the history of conflict and war that spread throughout this region as we won back our freedom. During World War 2, our land was destroyed and devastated through the conflicts of the more powerful nations. The origin of the division and war comes down to nothing more than the desire of strong nations to expand their control, authority, influence and resources.”

He then called for mutual trust, understanding and cooperation between nations. “There are four fields in which oppressed peoples and religions can be preserved, the diversity and richness of languages and societies can be maintained and lasting peace can be brought to this region. These include the promotion of domestic peace and social harmony, the promotion of international peace and friendship, combating global warming, desertification, forest denudation, pollution and climate change due to ill-planning and reckless invasion and the lifting of the global standard of comprehensive development, as well as the strengthening of social equality to bring about lasting peace, security and the development of mankind,” he said.

“The countries of the Asia Pacific region need to put our heads together to work for harmony, cooperation and reconciliation. We also need to work together on the problem of imbalance between military expenses and social and economic development, the creation of jobs and various other imbalances. This is only one way for us to return to the Asia of security and progress that we had before the western world dominated us in order to prosper,” Kumar continued.



He then expressed his expectations for UPF. “I hope that the Asian Summit can successfully perform all of its duties in the process of bringing about lasting peace, security and development to the Asian Pacific Region.”

Kumar served as both the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and served as the 2nd Prime Minister of Nepal from May 25th, 2009 until February 6th, 2011. He was also a strong candidate for president.

The founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, are known as Father and Mother Moon by Kumar. He met them towards the end of the 1990's in Washington, D.C., Nigeria and Korea. Kumar describes Rev. Moon as a man who “has worked hard toward his goal of human salvation through the assessment that the improvement of the world order can be brought about by an upstanding family unit.” He even invited them to visit him in Nepal...

#### **[Newsis] Manila Mayor Estrada: “Praise for the Universal Peace Federation”**

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elected as the Mayor of Manila.



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He also mentioned Rev. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012) of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. “Rev. Moon must also be included on this list. He was imprisoned by the Communist party in North Korea for attempting to bring about the unification of world Christianity. I heard about this from Senator Rene Saguisag, who successfully defended the Family Federation and had the case dropped. This is further proof of the rights of the freedom of religion and the declaration of human rights,” he said.



Estrada garnered high praise for the UPF. “The fact that the UPF has been established in about 200 nations is an expression of its support for the establishment of peace through interreligious harmony. The UPF was recognized for its noble cause when it was appointed as a special consultative organization for the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. As my friend Saguisag says, religions cannot fight forever. He also has hopes for interreligious dialogue as an alternative to violence. This is the reason why I have such high praise for this conference,” said Estrada....