

FFWPU UK: Countdown to the Cheonwon Temple Opening: The Han River Miracle

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The Cheonwon Temple Opening article series will come out weekly to keep you updated. If you want to learn more, [download the Official Temple Booklet](#).



WHERE GOD CAN SPEAK TO ALL OF US
The Cheonwon Temple and the Cheonil Sanctum in Korea

C H I N A



The Cheonwon Temple 천원궁

is located at the Bukhan River and Lake Cheongpyeong,
60 km North-East of Seoul. 2-hour drive from Incheon Int. Airport

Province: Gyeonggi-do

County: Gapyeong-gun

Township: Seorak-myeon

Village: Songsan-ri

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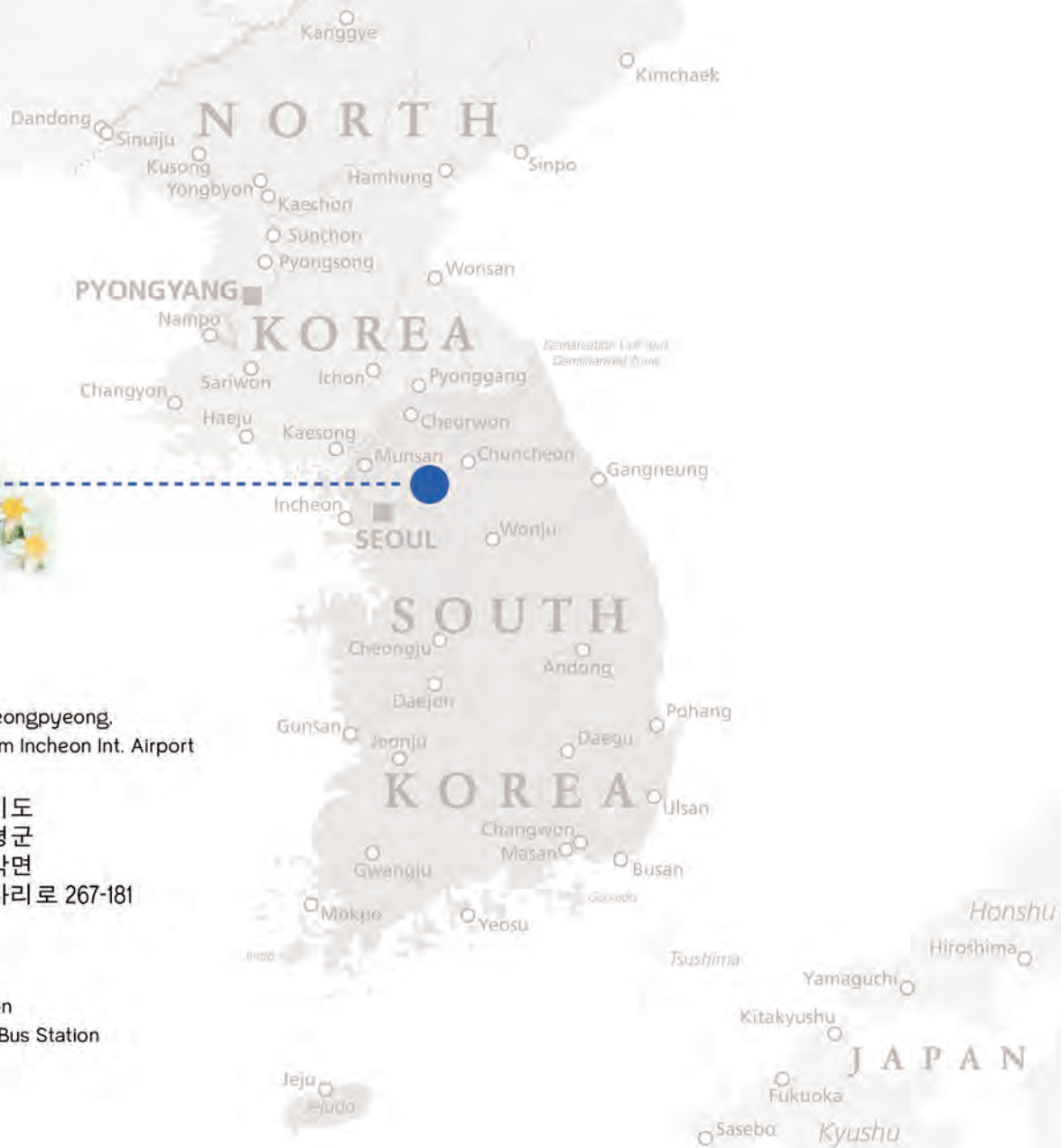
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설악면

미사리로 267-181

Seoul Yanyang Expressway 60

Direct bus line 7001 from Seoul Jamsil Station
to HJ Magnolia International Medical Center Bus Station



WHERE GOD CAN SPEAK TO ALL OF US

The

Cheonwon Temple – Temple of Heaven's Garden

and the

Cheonil Sanctum – Sacred Hall of Heavenly Oneness



*Mother Hak Ja Han Moon
and her great-granddaughter
Jeong-ah at the Gapyeong
Begonia Bird Park*

Come!

"From 2014 to 2025, together with the global community of members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, I have constructed the Cheonwon Temple which you can see right behind me on the mountain.

I most warmly invite you to come and visit this beautiful earthly home for God, our Heavenly Parent, and it's surroundings, the Hyojeong Cheonwon Complex, a place of hope and healing.

I sincerely thank every person who has contributed to establishing this precious, sacred place."

The HyoJeong (HJ) Cheonwon Complex

– developed since 1972



HJ Heaven and Earth Conference Center

Cheongshim Prayer Hall
Museum and Exhibition Center
Cafés and Shops
Traditional Korean Tea House
Bath House
Start of Hiking and Nature Trails
Children's Playground
Dormitories and Guest Rooms
Parking

HJ Magnolia International Medical Center

Western and Oriental Medicine
Walk-in Clinic
Dentistry
Shops
Bus Terminal to Seoul

HJ Gapyeong Cruise

Marina
Cafés
Observation Deck
Board Walk
All-electric Cruise Boat

Gapyeong Begonia Botanical Garden and Bird Park

Botanical Garden and Glasshouse
Extensive Aviary
Multimedia Shows
Café
Petting Zoo
Heaven G Burger Restaurant
(is actually located nearby)

Cheongshim Peace World Center

Indoor Sports Stadium
Multipurpose Event Halls
Cafés
Parking

HJ Youth and Cultural Arts Center

Performance Auditoriums
Conference Rooms
Cafés

70 Years of Interreligious and International Dialogue and Peace Building



Embodying the Heart of the Heavenly Parent

Champions of True Love and Global Unity

Father and Mother Moon embody the ideals of the Kingdom of Heaven ("Cheonil-guk" in Korean), through their unwavering dedication to living for others and uniting humanity as one family under God. Their lives reflect true love – selfless, sacrificial, and harmonious – centered on the belief that the family is the cornerstone of world peace.

As founders of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, they have advanced initiatives in interfaith dialogue, peacebuilding, and education to create a prosperous and united world aligned with God's original ideal. They emphasize God as a loving Heavenly Parent who longs for an intimate relationship with humanity, His/Her children.

Revered as True Parents, Father and Mother Moon serve as a bridge between

God and humanity, revealing God's deep parental heart and guiding the restoration of the harmony and love lost since the fall of Adam and Eve. Their mission fulfills God's providence to restore humanity's original purpose and inspire all people to live as His/Her true sons and daughters.

Their efforts to unify religions, heal divisions, and promote the vision of a global family under God bring the Kingdom of Heaven closer to realization. Through their example, they empower individuals and families to embody God's heart, creating a world of true peace where God's desires are realized in every aspect of life. Father and Mother Moon stand as models of living in alignment with God's will, inspiring humanity to co-create a world of joy and unity. ●



Father and Mother Moon were born in what today is North Korea.

In their memoirs they openly share about their journey from receiving and understanding Heaven's calling to devoting all their energies to express the longing heart of God by embracing all people, bringing together all religions and cultures as one family.



Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012) and Hak Ja Han (1943-)

The Dawn of the Era of Cheonil-guk and the Cheonwon Temple

The Kingdom of Heaven, or *Cheonil-guk* in Korean, represents an ideal world envisioned by Father and Mother Moon, where God, humanity, and all creation coexist in harmonious unity. Translating as "Land of Cosmic Peace and Unity," *Cheonil-guk* embodies a society founded on true love, where individuals, families, and nations align with divine principles. This vision fulfills God's original purpose of creation: a conflict-free world where God's heart permeates all relationships, institutions, and cultures.

Central to this vision are the Cheonwon Temple and the Cheonil Sanctum, physical embodiments of *Cheonil-guk's* spiritual and cultural ideals. These sacred structures symbolize God's sovereignty and presence on Earth. The Cheonil Sanctum, the eternal dwelling place of God and True Parents, reflects their legacy of living for others.



It serves as a focal point for worship, devotion, and education rooted in heavenly traditions.

Meanwhile, the Cheonwon Temple functions as the administrative and spiritual headquarters for realizing *Cheonil-guk* globally. It harmonizes human efforts with divine will, fostering peace through practicing true love within families, communities, and nations.

Through these institutions, the Kingdom of Heaven transforms from an abstract ideal into a tangible reality. They inspire individuals to embody God's heart, creating the cultural and spiritual foundation for an eternal, heavenly realm on Earth. Together, they guide humanity toward a unified world of peace, love, and divine purpose. ●



Cheonil-Guk

天一國

The Land of Cosmic Peace and Unity
Where Two Become One With Heaven



The Cheonwon Temple

天苑宮

The Temple of Heaven's Garden
Where God Can Directly Guide Us



Chambumo-nim

참父母

The True Parents
The Representatives of the Heavenly Parent



On 7 May 2023, during the World Summit 2023, world leaders celebrated the completion of the construction phase of the Cheonwon Temple, preparing for the final grand opening of all parts and facilities of the sacred building complex in April 2025.



Groundbreaking Ceremony, September 2017



Ridge Beam Placement, April 2021



Unveiling of the great obelisk, April 2022

The Cheonwon Temple

Facts and numbers

Architects: PDI Design Group, USA

Leading Construction Company:...

Construction companies: 52

Art companies: 12

Floors: 7

Domes: 5

Style: Neoclassic Renaissance

Main Materials: ...

Planning time: 2013-2017

Groundbreaking: 2017

Opening: 2025

Main Chapel – Cheonil Sanctum

Main Lobby

Parliamentary and Government Rooms

Exhibition Halls

Sculpture Park

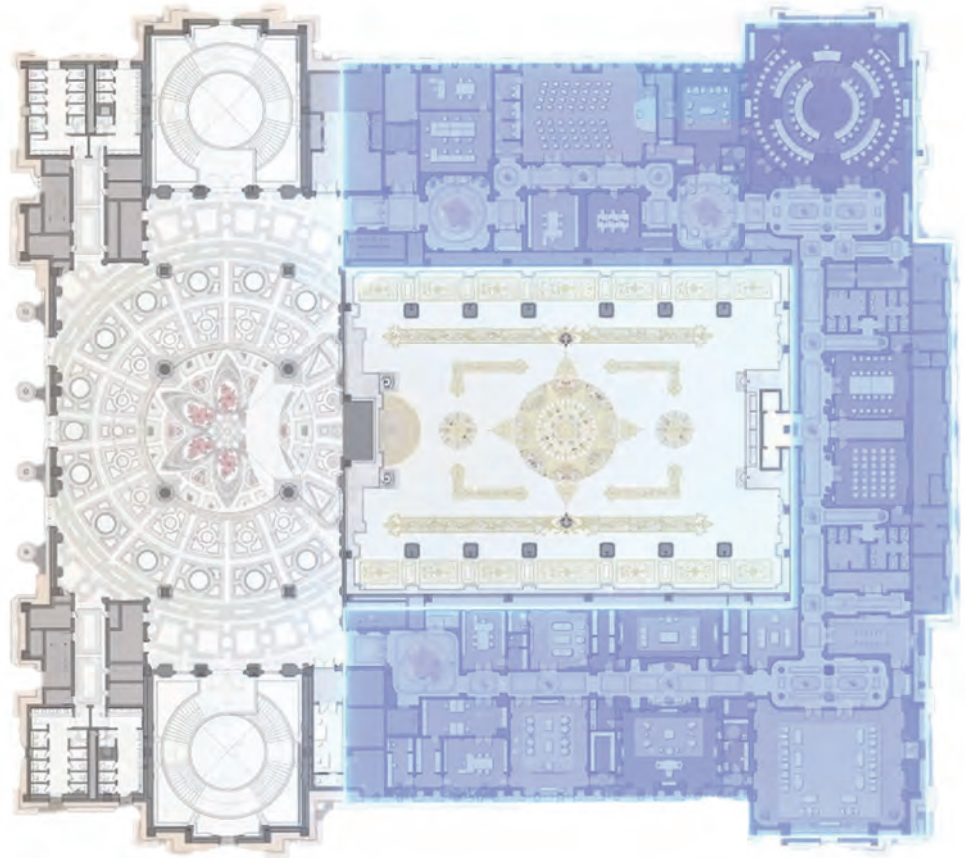
Plaza and Art Garden

Guest Apartments

Restaurants and Cafés

Conference Rooms

Shops



Functions and Facilities of the Cheonwon Temple



A museum for the work of Heaven and God's central providence to restore the ideal of creation.



Housing the central legislative organs of Cheonil-guk protecting its constitution – Governance Hall and Parliamentary Rooms



The area surrounding the main building exhibits sculptures of world-renowned artists, and is a space to enjoy the beauty of nature.

The heart of the Cheonwon Temple is the majestic Cheonil Sanctum, the home for God as the guiding and protecting force of the human family, and a holy room to converse with our Heavenly Parent.



Preserving the legacy and peace efforts of the citizens and families of Cheonil-guk in the grand Hall of Honour.



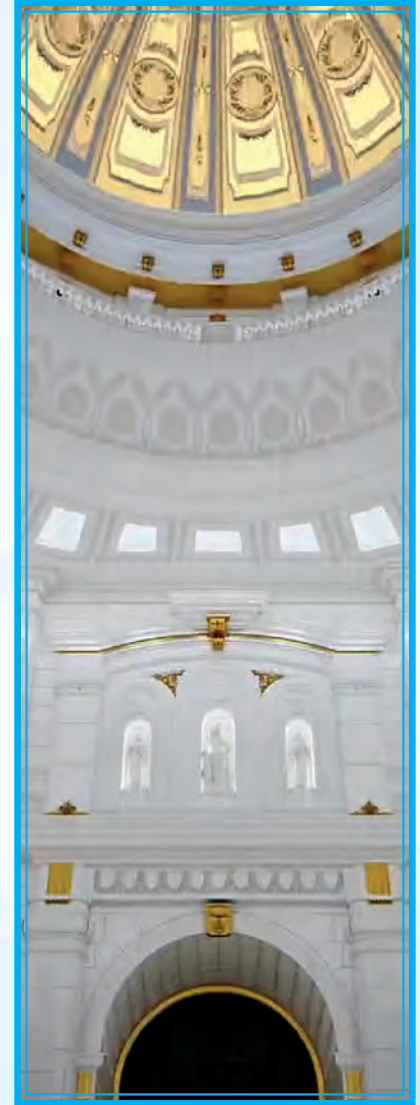
Cheonwon Temple and Cheonil Sanctum: Pillars of the Kingdom of Heaven

The Cheonwon Temple and Cheonil Sanctum stand as central symbols of *Cheonil-guk* – the Kingdom of Heaven envisioned by Father and Mother Moon. These sacred spaces embody God’s original ideal of creation, serving as hubs for spiritual connection, governance, and the cultivation of a heavenly culture.

The Cheonwon Temple, also called the palace of heavenly harmony, functions as the administrative and spiritual headquarters of *Cheonil-guk*. It integrates divine principles with human leadership, guiding efforts to establish a global society grounded in true love and peace. Housing the organizational framework of True Parents’ teachings, it fosters interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. Its heavenly-inspired architecture invites visitors to align their lives with divine ideals.

At its heart lies the Cheonil Sanctum, a holy sanctuary representing the eternal presence of God and True Parents. This sanctified space serves as a spiritual core where individuals can offer prayers and devotion, deepening their connection with the divine. It symbolizes God’s abiding presence among humanity and emphasizes the centrality of divine love and guidance in human life.

Together, the Cheonwon Temple and Cheonil Sanctum anchor the vision of *Cheonil-guk*, transforming heavenly ideals into tangible reality. Far more than architectural marvels, they embody humanity’s commitment to co-create a world of peace and unity with God, offering hope and direction to all who seek to live in harmony with the divine will. ●





The Cheonil Holy Paintings

To the left and right sides of the Cheonil Sanctum, the main sanctuary of the Cheonwon Temple, fourteen master artisan works depict scenes of God's providential work.

The paintings were planned and commissioned by Mother Moon between 2016 and 2023.

The artists worked with a century-old Korean technique of mother-of-pearl inlay covered with lacquer painting.



Life and Vision of the True Parents

The seven works on the left illustrate the beautiful figure of the True Parents, the returning Messiah and the only begotten Daughter.

The seven works on the right showcase the efforts of the True Parents working around the world for unity and reconciliation, building Cheonil-guk together with peace-loving leaders and families.





"At a given time, God established many righteous people in different parts of the world and has also allowed specific religions to guide these regions through these righteous people. The aim of any religion should be to be able to explain the Creator and to deeply comprehend His essence. God waited for the birth of True Parents who were always aware of His heart and who were able to prepare the environment in which He could embrace all humanity.

We can now see and learn at a glance the 6,000-year history of heaven's providence through the 14 sacred paintings works of art made of mother-of-pearl, showing how the eternal Creator, our Heavenly Parent led the providence for the salvation of fallen humanity. They are unique works of art created by some of the finest artists in the world."

– Hak Ja Han (23 May 2023)

Beautiful Leisure Facilities in the HJ Cheonwon Complex

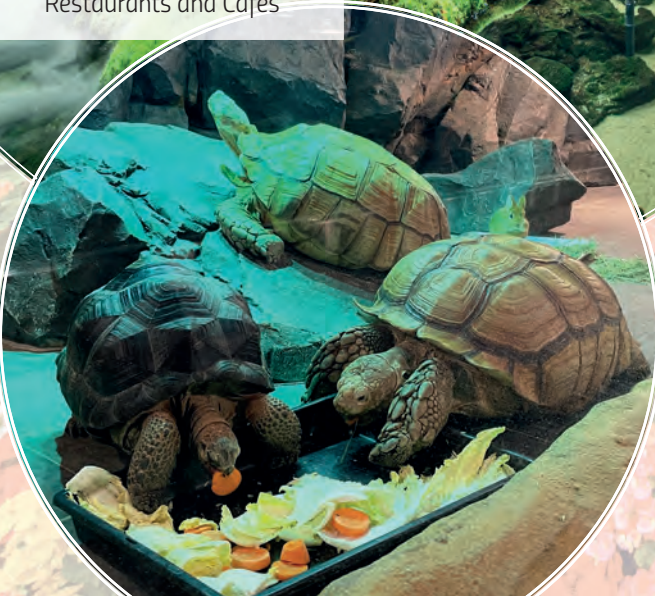
The Aqua Garden Café

Aquariums
Sealife and Marine Animals
Restaurants and Cafés



The Begonia Bird Park

Botanical Garden
Bird Park
Petting Zoo and Café



www.begoniabirdpark.com/en



The Gapyeong Cruise

HJ Marina
All-electric boat
Restaurant and Cafés
Panorama Decks and Board Walk

en.gapyeongcruise.com



The Hanjip Tea House

Traditional Korean
Tea Culture





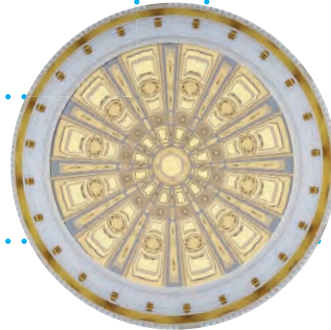
EVENT SCHEDULE APRIL 2025 AT A GLANCE

<p>THURSDAY 10</p>	<p>18:00 - 20:00 Hyojeong Cheonwon Festival - Opening Ceremony <small>III Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center</small> World Summit 2025 - Welcoming Banquet <small>Lotte Hotel</small></p>
<p>FRIDAY 11</p>	<p>21:00 - 01:00 10:00 - 12:00 15:00 - 16:30</p> <p>Cheonshim Prayer Hall Global Special Night Vigil <small>III Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center</small> World Summit 2025 - Opening Plenary <small>Lotte Hotel</small> 6th Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony <small>Lotte Hotel</small></p> <p>TOUR  DAY</p>
<p>SATURDAY 12</p>	<p>11:00 - 12:00 10:00 - 18:00</p> <p>2025 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony <small>Cheongshim Peace World Center</small> World Summit 2025 - Break-out Sessions <small>Lotte Hotel</small></p>
<p>SUNDAY 13</p>	<p>09:00 - 09:30 10:00 - 11:30 11:30 - 13:30 15:00 - 17:00 18:00 - 20:00</p> <p>Reception in the Cheonwon Temple <small>Cheonwon Temple</small> Consecration Ceremony of the Cheonil Sanctum <small>Cheonwon Temple</small> Celebratory Luncheon and ISCP Assembly <small>Cheonwon Temple Multi-Purpose Hall</small> Great Epic of the Korean People Musical <small>Cheongshim Peace World Center</small> World Summit 2025 - Closing Banquet <small>Lotte Hotel</small></p>
<p>MONDAY 14</p>	<p>16:00 - 18:00</p> <p>Youth Assembly <small>Cheonwon Temple Multi-Purpose Hall</small></p> <p>TOUR  DAY</p>
<p>TUESDAY 15</p>	<p>10:00 - 18:00</p> <p>Leaders' Assembly <small>Cheonwon Temple Multi-Purpose Hall</small></p> <p>TOUR  DAY</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 16</p>	<p>Concluding Day of the Festive Week and Pilgrimage</p> <p>TOUR  DAY</p>

Tour Information

On indicated tour days during the festive week and pilgrimage (11, 14, 15, 16 April), three different tours are prepared for EUME participants.

In the registration form you can choose to participate in one or two or all three tours.



TOUR 1 **HJ Cheonwon Tour**

4-5 hours

Cheonjeong Peace Palace
Cheonwon Temple
Cheonil Sanctum
True Parents' Life and Achievements Exhibition
Great Epic of the Korean People Exhibition
Gapyeong Begonia Bird Park
and more

TOUR 2 **Seoul Sightseeing and Shopping** All-day

details will follow

TOUR 3 **Imjingak Peace Park** All-day

Mangbaeddan Memorial
Peace Train
Bridge of Freedom
Prayers for Unification Fence
Observation Deck

The 2025 Hyojeong Cosmic Peace Blessing

Everyone is invited to observe and support the 2025 Hyojeong Cosmic Peace Blessing
on 12 April at the Cheonshim Peace World Center

If you want to apply to participate in the 2025 Blessing Ceremony and
want to find out more details, please visit the website of the
Europe and Middle East Region Blessed Family Department

www.bfdeume.org



Accommodation

All participants coming from the Europe and Middle East Region will be accommodated in the *Oak Valley Resort*, near the city of Wonju, and in a 1-hour drive distance from the HJ Cheonwon Complex.

Rooms are available there from 10 to 17 April at a cost of appr. 100 € per person and night in a double room, including food and transport.

OAK VALLEY



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Gangwon-do, Wonju-si, Jijeong-myeon,
Oak valley 1-gil, 66 KR

Webpage:

<https://oakvalley.co.kr/>

Phone:

+82 33-7303-500



The Han River Miracle

South Korea's Post-War Transformation



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HISTORIC CONTEXT

Fertile Ground for All Religions

Religious Growth in Post-War Korea: Christianity and Beyond

The Korean War (1950–1953) catalyzed significant religious growth in South Korea, particularly for Christianity. Amid the devastation and social upheaval, Protestantism flourished as a beacon of hope and renewal. Western missionary efforts, especially from the United States, intensified, bringing humanitarian aid, schools, and medical facilities that strengthened Christianity's appeal. The faith's principles of equality, compassion, and salvation resonated deeply with Koreans, contrasting traditional Confucian hierarchies. Churches also provided displaced individuals with community and support, becoming hubs of spiritual and social recovery.

Charismatic leaders like Billy Kim and megachurches such as Yoido Full Gospel Church propelled Christianity's expansion, making it a transformative force in Korea's cultural, political, and social landscape by the late 20th century.

However, Christianity was not the sole flourishing faith in post-war Korea. Buddhism, Confucianism, traditional Korean religions like Shamanism, and new religious movements

also played crucial roles. Among these, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, formerly the Unification Church, emerged as a prominent global movement.

Founded by Father and Mother Moon, the movement integrated Korean values of filial piety, communal harmony, and family centrality into its teachings. It emphasized peace, unity, and reconciliation, resonating with a nation yearning for healing and reunification amid Cold War tensions. Through its advocacy for "true families" and global harmony, the Family Federation contributed to Korea's spiritual and cultural diversity, shaping its post-war identity and extending its influence globally.

2025 marks 80 years of division between opposing ideologies on the Korean Peninsula, yet hope for peaceful reunification endures despite ongoing challenges.

In the Great Epic Exhibition Hall at Cheonwon Temple, the Great Epic of the Chosen Korean People will showcase the 2,000-year history of this chosen nation in 13 monumental paintings. ●



Come... and Visit,
this Place is so Beautiful!



Come... and Pray,
and Meditate in Nature!



Come,, and Invest

Sincere Heart and Mind!

The Cheonshim-won prayer hall in Gapyeong, South Korea, is renowned for its vibrant night prayer vigils, where many claim miraculous healings and spiritual breakthroughs. Rooted in deep prayer traditions, this holy site is believed to provide a unique channel to heaven, offering a sacred space for those seeking answers to their prayers. Reported healings include liberation from ancestral and troubling spirits, recovery from sickness, and even overcoming incurable diseases. Visitors speak of a profound spiritual presence, with angels said to aid in healing and fulfilling prayer requests.

The surrounding grounds, including revered holy prayer sites, are also described as places of extraordinary spiritual experiences, offering a sense of peace and divine connection. Many pilgrims report encountering a palpable energy of transformation, making Cheonshim-won a focal point for those seeking physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration through deep communion with the divine.



Come,, and Receive

Inner Strength for Reconciliation and Peace!



Come... and Be Inspired
by God's Warm Embrace!



Come... and Sense
the Hope of Heaven!



Come... and Activate

Positive Energies in Your Soul!



Come,,
and Enjoy!



Come!

