

Executives and Staff of the Tongil Group study in Japan

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The 1st Overseas Studies for Executives and Staff of the Tongil Group, hosted by the Tongil Group itself, took place at the Urayasu Ilshim Special Training Institute in Japan over four days, from the 8th to 11th of March, with Secretary General Sun-Pyo Hong and 39 other executives and staff members from 14 affiliate organizations attending.

This Overseas Studies for Executives and Staff of the Tongil Group program, was created in order to promote understanding and practice of the founding principles of Tongil Group founders, Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han, and replace the existing ideology education with an overseas program in which executives and staff members from all affiliations can participate.



On the first day, March 8, 40 staff members gathered at Gimpo Airport and departed for the Haneda

Airport in Japan. After arriving at the Urayasu Ilshim Special Training Institute, an opening ceremony and reception dinner took place with Minister Chan-Ho Kim as the officiator.



Eiji Tokuno, Japanese President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification



Secretary General of the Tongil Foundation, Sun-Pyo Hong



At the reception dinner, the Japanese President of the Family Federation, Eiji Tokuno, and several directors of affiliate organizations, graced the occasion. The opening ceremony and reception dinner began with the opening address of Secretary General Sun-Pyo Hong, and continued with welcoming remarks by President Tokuno. He noted that many special guests had come from Korea, and thus, welcomed them in Korean. During the reception dinner that began with a toast by the Director of the Japanese Family Federation Headquarters, celebratory performances for the Tongil Group staff members by Korean wives of Japanese men commenced. Their hospitality and welcoming hearts left a lingering impression on the hearts of the Tongil Group staff members that had come from Korea.



Pastor Chan-Ho Kim of the Tongil Foundation

On the second day, March 9, the presentation on Tongil Group's founding principles by pastor Chan-Ho Kim commenced. There were four lectures spanning 70 minutes each; and because he presented the lecture on the education of founding principles in such a fun and engaging way, a harmonious atmosphere was formed. Pastor Chan-Ho Kim gave his lectures on six topics including the new ideology, world ideology, life ideology, value ideology, history ideology and the nation ideology of their founders, centered on the Unification Principle, which comprise the core values of the founders.



Along with the presentation on our founding principles, other various special lectures also took place. The “Unification Movement in Japan” lecture by Japanese President of the Family Federation, Eiji Tokuno, consisted of his personal experiences, Japanese history and even Korean history, as well as detailed explanations about the Unification Movement in Japan. President Tokuno, with his genuine love for Korea, hinted about his desire for Korean and Japan to improve their relations and develop in mutual prosperity. He especially wanted to express his loving heart towards Korea, and even though his Korean was not so good, he gave his lecture in Korean.



Senior Director of PR Department, Ho-Yeol An



Korean Director of Missionary Education for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, In-Seon Shin



Japanese Director of Revival for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Sang-Il Bang

After the press conference about the Tongil Group by Senior Director of PR Department , Ho-Yeol An, there was time for Korean Director of Missionary Education for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, In-Seon Shin to introduce the activities of the Family Federation. Through the special lecture by Director In-Seon Shin, the staff members of the Tongil Group that attended the overseas studies were able to understand the activities of the Korean Family Federation, as well as the Vision 2020 providence. Later on, in conclusion, the Japanese Director of Revival for the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Sang-Il Bang, gave a special lecture about the peace activities throughout Korea and Japan.



On the third day, March 10, they took time to explore the culture of Tokyo, Japan. Through witnessing and experiencing new cultures by visiting the Japanese historical cultural hub of Asakusa, the central shopping district, as well as the location of the headquarters of Fuji TV, Odaiba, and the Oedo Hot Spring, they were able to understand Japan and gain new insights and perspectives.



On the last day, March 11, a closing ceremony took place. It commenced with a closing address by Pastor Chan-Ho Kim, as well as testimonies from three participants of the Overseas Studies program. The staff members of the Tongil Group deeply thanked the Japanese and Korean wives responsible for preparing the event, and also expressed pride during this period about being a member of the Tongil Group, which practices the ideologies of their founders; and that through the Overseas Studies for Staff Members program, they were able to broaden their understanding of the Tongil Group and the Family Federation.

Reflection 1

At first, I participated only because it was about education; but then I found that it was also a time to heal myself, as I was able to see the ocean and forests. I am very proud to be working with the Tongil Group,

which strongly upholds the great principles of its founders. I promise that with this heart of pride, I shall work passionately with all my soul in order to contribute greatly toward the development of our company.

Reflection 2

I was deeply touched hearing about Reverend Sun Myung Moon past accomplishments, and realized why so many people have chosen to trust and follow Reverend Moon. I plan on returning to our company with a renewed heart and mind, and resolve to continue studying and pursuing enlightenment.