

## FFWPU's Hope! Marching Forward rallies for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea

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*Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon from the "Rev. and Mrs. Moon's Birthday Event" held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, this last February.*

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### Over 80,000 from over 70 Countries Desire Peace on the Korean Peninsula

"We, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification [Unification Church, referred as FFWPU below] held 'Hope! Marching Forward' rallies across the globe, including in Europe, North and South America and Africa, during the first half of this year. The rally that will be held in Sangdam is the culmination of the rallies that were held up until now."

These are the words of Kyeong-Seuk Lu, the Chairman of FFWPU-Korea and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the "2017 Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula" that will be held on November 11 at the Seoul World Cup Stadium in Sangdam-dong, Mapo-gu, Seoul. According to the FFWPU, close to 80,000, including over 2,000 religious and political leaders from over 70 countries throughout the world, will attend this event. Even Former CIA Director James Woolsey and Bishop Don Meares of the Evangel Cathedral in Maryland will attend. At this event, to be held under the theme, "Our Hope: May Korea become the Bright Light of Peace!," Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is slated to give the keynote address under the theme, "Heaven's Providence and the Mission of Countries in the Pacific Rim Viewed from the History of Human Civilization." Mrs. Moon

took the leading role comprehensively in the preparation of this rally, including the formation of its organizing committee. Participants at this event are expected to champion peace on the Korean Peninsula, currently in a state of maximum tension caused by North Korea's nuclear program and incessant missile provocations.

In relevance to this event, we met with Kyeong-Seuk Lu, FFWPU-Korea Chairman and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for this rally, at the FFWPU Headquarters located in Cheongpa-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, on November 7. We inquired Chairman Lu what caused FFWPU to organize this event.

"There are words that Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has been emphasizing since the beginning of this year. It is how our Korean society has gone through immense international and domestic conflicts, even while having a premature presidential election. With the Korean Peninsula's security crisis worsening by the day, due to North Korea's nuclear weapons, foreigners we contact through international organizations continually worry and ask if Korea is doing okay. We came to hold this 'Hope! March Forward Rally' from the notion that 'The Korean Peninsula must become one that can garner attention from citizens from the entire world' to overcome these crises."

FFWPU, founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon in 1953, is forming a vast network throughout the world, including the USA, Japan and Europe. FFWPU's explanation for the significant number of foreign news reporters lies in its periodic communication with such reporters through this network. Chairman Lu stated, "When viewed from other countries, the Korean Peninsula's security crisis seems bleak, so there are many foreign news reporters that are surprised in seeing how Korea can be this calm in such a state. It seems that Koreans are not truly aware of the crises we are in, pertaining to North-South relations and the state of affairs in the Korean Peninsula as a whole."...