

FFWPU Int'l: Japan’s Younger Generation Pressing Forward Amidst Trials

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Japan Global Leadership Program participants share their reflections

Workshop Launching the Japan Global Leadership Program (JGLP)

Following the confirmation by Japan's High Court in March 2026 of the ruling calling for the dissolution of the Family Federation in Japan, Heavenly Japan's Family Federation has faced unprecedented trials. Yet even amid these challenges, the younger generation of Heavenly Japan is transforming despair into hope, guided by True Mother's providential vision and strengthened through the visits of the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing. This article highlights their determination, their initiatives, and the grace-filled testimonies unfolding on the frontlines of the providence. - Editor's Note



Missionary Moon Shin-chul presenting a necklace with Death Valley holy salt

The younger generation of Heavenly Japan continues pressing forward without pause, even amid trials. Along the way, they are sustained by True Mother's love, while the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing walk beside them on that journey.

In March, with the finalization of the High Court's dissolution ruling in Japan, the Family Federation in Heavenly Japan lost the providential bases it had safeguarded for more than half a century, plunging the community into unprecedented sorrow and hardship. Yet the church in Heavenly Japan did not stop.

The greater the difficulty, the more earnestly members have sought to become clear and pure heavenly water, bringing cleansing to a darkened world in accordance with the heartfelt desire of the True Parents.

Centered on the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, the Family Federation in Heavenly Japan is now moving forward vigorously with the 2026 Heavenly Japan Future Generation Project.



Program participants and leaders with Missionary Moon Shin-chul

The first step began on May 27 in Tokyo with the workshop launching the Japan Global Leadership Program (JGLP). This nine-month leadership development program brings together twelve young public mission workers from Heavenly Japan for intensive language training in the Philippines, six months of overseas mission service, and a pilgrimage to the holy sites in Korea.

On the second day of the JGLP workshop, Missionary Moon Shin-chul paid a special visit to the participants.

Since the dissolution ruling, members have no longer been able to enter and leave the Shibuya Headquarters Church freely. At the Shibuya Headquarters Church, Missionary Moon first offered a heartfelt prayer to Heavenly Parent before meeting with the participants for a time of encouragement and open dialogue.

As participants shared their questions openly, their anxiety gradually gave way to deep trust, and their once-hesitant hearts were transformed into firm resolve.



JGLP participants during their time at the Sunhwa HJ Global Education Center in the Philippines

At the conclusion of the gathering, Missionary Moon placed a Death Valley Holy Salt necklace around each participant's neck - a gift imbued with the love and devotion of the True Parents.

At the commissioning ceremony, Heavenly Japan President Masaichi Hori encouraged the young public mission workers to see themselves as modern-day scouts of Canaan, sent to realize a world of peace, and commissioned them with strong encouragement.

The twelve young mission workers offered their pledge of determination before Heavenly Parent and the True Parents and raised a cry of Eok Mansei. They then departed for the Philippines, where they began intensive language training at the HJ Global Education Center.

"Although I have many concerns and uncertainties about leaving Japan and stepping out into the world, my greater desire is to become a child who can help fulfill the vision and dream cherished by Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. Above all, as a filial daughter, I hope to become someone in whom True Mother can take pride and someone who can be a source of strength to her.

As the 12 of us set out together on this path, we are renewing our determination to save lives throughout the world by working together. United in heart with one another and with those who remain in Japan, we want to move forward toward the world."



Participants in the Japan Global Leadership Program sharing their reflections



Heavenly Japan FFWPU National President Masaichi Hori delivering his message at the closing session of the JGLP



JGLP participant Sumika Shimizu shares the inspiration she received during the program

Toward the Future Together

On 29 May, the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing visited the participants at the HJ Global Education Center in the Philippines. Through heartfelt conversations, they shared the significance of the providence unfolding in Heavenly Japan and the hopes that True Mother has for the younger generation.

The participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to prepare themselves for public mission despite the difficult circumstances facing the church in Japan. They also reaffirmed their determination to become leaders who can serve the providence wherever they are called.

The Japan Global Leadership Program is more than a leadership training course. It is a providential initiative to prepare the younger generation to carry forward the Will in a rapidly changing world. By gaining international experience, strengthening their faith, and broadening their perspective, these young public mission workers are preparing to become leaders who can contribute not only to Heavenly Japan but also to the worldwide providence.

The path before them will not always be easy. Yet their determination to press forward, even amid trials, reflects the hope that True Mother continues to place in the younger generation.

As the participants begin this new chapter, the members of Heavenly Japan ask for the prayers and encouragement of the worldwide family. United in heart across national boundaries, they are taking their first steps toward the future together.