

2017 European CIG Leaders Assembly

Welcoming and Encouragement Remarks
by No Hi Pak, Special Emissary to Europe
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Respected Rev. Jack Corley, European Continental Director, Rev. An, Special Emissary and National Leaders, all leaders of the providential organizations from European mission countries,

Beloved blessed families and My dear second generation leaders,

Good morning? Welcome to Prague again!

As we begin the year 2017, the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, I am truly delighted to see you all again in this beautiful city of Prague. And also it is my great privilege to give you this welcoming and encouragement remarks with heartfelt wishes of True Mother at this opening session.

We are gathered here after we had participated directly or watched internet broadcasting programs at the series of events of True Parents Birthday and Foundation Day celebration held in Korea in early February.

Main events were the celebrations for the **97th birthday of True Father, the 74th birthday of True Mother and the fourth anniversary of Foundation Day**.

Of course, there were many other significant and meaningful public events, including the **‘2017 World Summit’**, the **‘International Leaders Conference (ILC)’**, the **‘Inaugural Assembly of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace(IAPP)’**, the **‘Second Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony’**, and the **‘International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS)’**.

Especially this year, True Parents’ Birthday was celebrated on a grand scale, under the close guidance and leadership of True Mother, with the slogan,

‘The light of Hyo Jeong shines forth as hope across the world’.

There were a series of events that presented the history of True Parents in all its glory, from the moment of their birth to their greatest lifetime achievements. These events showed all peoples of the world that True Parents came to earth as the only Begotten Son and only Begotten Daughter of God, that they worked to unfold God’s Will and the Truth, and that they opened the way to the salvation of all humankind by being enthroned as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, which had been God’s long-cherished ideal of creation.

The events also displayed the vision of substantial restoration of the world, led by True Father in heaven and True Mother on earth in complete unity. Event after event showed how True Parents encouraged and guided world leaders with love and heartfelt affection, in order to fulfill the ideal and process of the providence of constructing Cheon Il Guk.

The musical program performed at the birthday celebrations depicted the 6,000 years of providential history on the stage. The performance was an impactful masterpiece, a reenactment of an epic story that taught the audience about the wretched history of the providence of restoration

through indemnity in vivid detail.

The IAPP was also officially launched in the presence of the highest world leaders and more than 400 parliamentarians invited from 120 nations across the world. This served as a springboard for IAPP to begin its work as the 'Abel UN', bringing to culmination True Mother's efforts of whole year of 2016 in guiding the great journey of bringing about peace.

In this way, True Parents brought together leaders from all parts of the world, centering on the parliamentarians, and provided them with the opportunity to hold discussions on the realization of peace. Thereupon, all leaders came to appreciate the ideal and vision that, rather than pursuing the interests of their own countries and their own selves, they should **'live for the sake of others'** in order to successfully realize world peace.

In short, True Mother was victorious in guiding them to open their eyes to a higher and broader dimension.

At the IAPP Assembly, True Mother appointed the leaders in charge of each region. She also requested the world leaders to uphold True Parents' ideal of peace and work in their own nations centering on the idea of **'One Brethren under One God'**. Finally True Mother asked them to become Tribal Messiahs for their tribes and National Messiahs of their own countries.

Moreover, True Mother also selected exemplary leaders who have led altruistic lives and practiced their beliefs for the realization of world peace and love for humankind. She presented them with the Second Sunhak Peace Prize, acknowledging their lives as examples of practicing the peace ideal and true love of True Parents.

True Mother particularly selected two awardees who have devoted their lives to solving the problem of refugees, which is one of the most difficult problems in the world today. Her selection of two awardees **Dr. Gino Strada** as medical service in Africa and **Dr. Sakena Yacoobi** as education service in Afghanistan, and her presenting them with the Sunhak Peace Prize, moved the hearts of everyone in attendance.

At the 'Cheon Il Guk leaders conference', the most urgent tasks in the providence were presented, and reports of the achievements and visions of each continent were given.

It was a solemn occasion where the participants received True Parents' command to follow True Mother's providential direction and **"Capture the high ground for the restoration of nations"**, which is the providential goal of 2017.

And now, we are gathered here to think again about how we can realize the earnest heart and hopes of True Mother, shown to us after True Father's Seonghwa, at the very field of Europe. We definitely need to work out a realizable, future-oriented strategies which can be adoptable in our mission field and productive practically.

Beloved leaders and Blessed families,

When we first began the seven-year course of Vision 2020, True Mother presented us with three clear strategies in our providential work.

The first is the witnessing strategy, the second, the creation of witnessing environment strategy, and the third, the raising of future leaders strategy.

Now, to apply these three strategies to our field work in Europe, we have to develop our own strategies which can overcome our difficulties and make a breakthrough in Europe.

First, it is true that carrying out witnessing and Blessing activities is very difficult in the European continent, for various social environmental reasons. However, it is also true that the three strategies are our given tasks and missions that cannot be abandoned. The mission as Tribal Messiahs is not a selective mission but our own destiny for eternal life.

The Divine Principle we have learned from True Parents is not only the doctrine of the Unification Church, but also the basic values for human life and the true values encompassing the past, present and future of history. Therefore, it is our duty and blessing as the first-enlightened members to propagate and spread the values of Heaven and True Parents by practicing them in our lives.

It is True Mother's greatest wish to set the standard of having restored at least seven nations by 2020, and to dedicate them to True Father.

Not every nation in Europe will be able to set this standard. But if we were to strategically support Albania, the only nation in Europe to be selected as a special strategy nation, or Romania, where witnessing of youths is being actively carried out, we could find a way to restore them at the least.

At the European Leaders Conference held in November of 2016 in Madrid, each region in the European continent established sisterly ties with each mission center in Albania. Thus, the former was able to strategically support the latter, and this system has been praised as the most exemplary system of cooperation at Cheon Il Guk Leaders Conference in Korea. In 2017, each region should develop and practice more concrete ways of giving support.

Second, in the matter of the strategy of creating a witnessing environment, I think the European continent is rather blessed in this aspect. Until now, UPF and WFWP have laid down a wide foundation through their activities centered on the UN Headquarters in Geneva and Vienna and the European Parliament in Brussels.

During the next three years, we will have to expand their activities even further to educate others on the essential values of True Parents, thereby contributing greatly to the creation of the witnessing environment.

On the other hand, when we consider each individual nation, we still have a long way to go. Each nation, therefore, should carry out their activities more energetically.

Third, when we take into consideration the strategy of training future leaders, Europe is truly blessed.

In Europe, there are many first generation couples who have dedicated themselves with absolute faith to attend True Parents, and who are raising many young, wonderful second generations.

If we are in an environment where it is difficult to witness to new members externally, the most effective witnessing work we could carry out would be to raise our second generations right, so that they can live within the **Realm of the Divine Principle** and follow the direction of the providence.

There is a saying in Korea, “While we follow to catch wild rabbits, we lost our own house rabbits”.

The most promising witnessing candidates in today’s Europe are our own children, the second generations. Guiding them to live within the realm of the Principle is the best way to save their eternal lives and to expand the basis on which we can achieve the growth of our Unification movement.

I think we have made many strategic mistakes until now about this area. The time has now come for the continental headquarters and each nation to invest everything they have and put all their efforts into fulfilling this task.

True Mother has devised many educational programs and has invested much in her endeavor to train future leaders. If European second generations were to take active part in such programs, I am sure we will see good results.

As you may know, on 23rd February, the ‘International Association of Youth and Students for Peace’ was launched centering on True Mother in Korea. True Mother’s Idea to create this new organization will be to integrate all youth and student activities under one big umbrella and make it activate with global networking and solidarity. For this True Mother appointed Dr. Robert Kittel as international President.

If True Mother made great victory as the year of IAPP last year, I am sure this year will be the **‘year of youth and students’** under direct guide of True Mother. I think Europe

should keep pace with this direction of providence.

I hope that this assembly of European leaders and members will provide you with ample opportunity to research and discuss how the European continent can comply with True Mother’s three strategies as mentioned above. Then the European continent will be in complete alignment with True Parents’ heart, and become the foundation of devotion that can induce True Father in the spirit world to work spiritual miracles.

Beloved leaders working in all fields of providential work in the European continent,

Only three years remain now until the year 2020, which marks the 100th anniversary of True Father’s birth. True Mother expects us to go beyond memorializing the sad Seonghwa of True Father, and to tell the world about the ultimate direction and goals of God’s providence, the manifestation and achievements of True Parents, and the construction and settlement of Cheon Il Guk proclaimed on the foundation of the sacrifices True Parents have made through their lives.

She also expects us Blessed families to lead lives of devotion as we march forward toward this goal.

True Mother has told us that this is **‘the dream of God, the dream of True Parents, and the hope of humanity’**.

Let us all resolve once again to practice the heart of Hyo Jeong taught us by True Mother in our everyday lives, so that we can become proud filial sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent and True Parents as dedicating our victories of Tribal Messiahship.

I hope that True Parents Blessing would be always with you, your families and your mission countries.

Thank you.

