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"Become ancestors with distinguished loyality to Heaven!"

True Mother guided leaders of the Japanese Church to various sites of Hawaii where True Father's footsteps of dedication were still vivid.

Japan's church leaders in a workshop in Hawaii

It should be of great delight for church members to pay visits to historical sites where True Father dedicated his sincere prayers. What if such visits were guided personally by True Mother? It would be a moment of dream come true! Recently, the 25 leaders of the Japanese movement received such special grace and love, as they visited Hawaii at True Mother's invitation.

The special grace must be given to Japan as a whole by Heaven and the True Parents! The leaders could feel Heaven's great expectation and profound wishes for Japan as 'Mother Nation'. The following is an excerpt from the field report prepared by Lee Ki-Man, HQ's executive director

True Mother's invitation to Hawaii The Japanese Church was restructured around the end of February from the 13-region system to the 16-region system. "The 16 regions represent the 16 nations that formed the United Nations' forces participating in the Korean War", as True Father once put it. The latest restructuring was aimed at a quantum leap forward as some Regional Directors will also assume the roles of District Directors, teaching their members directly.

Following the restructuring, between March 7th and 14th, Rev. Yong Cheon Song and Rev. Eiji Tokuno itinerated all the 16 regions, each touring 8 regions dividing east and west of Japan. They conducted respective regional assemblies for the launching towards Vision 2020.

Meanwhile, True Mother was in Las Vegas, USA, between H.C. February 7th and 15th (or between March 7th and 15th by solar calendar), conducting on-site supervision for the Peace Palace which was one of True Father's cherished projects, officiating the opening of the Ocean Providence' new headquarters. Then, coinciding with her visit to Hawaii where she was to guide its church where the Pacific Rim Providence had been initiated, True Mother invited the Japanese church leaders to Hawaii.

The Japanese church group consisting of Rev. Song, Mrs. Hae Ok Lee, Rev. Tokuno, myself (Lee) as well as a total of 21 directors of the headquarters' departments and regions arrived at the Kona Airport two hours earlier than True Mother and her entrouge. The Japan delegation and the Kona Church leaders lined up at the airport lobby and welcomed True Mother and Sun-jin nim's couple, repeatedly shouting "True Mother! We love you! Thank you very much!" With full of smiles, True Mother said, "Why don't we meet at the Hoondokhae at 6:00 tomorrow morning?" Thus started our 3-day 4-night Hawaii Workshop.

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Photo-taking at Hoondokhae (March 19th, King Garden, Kona in Hawaii Island)

How to return glory to Heaven, **Constantly ponder and practice!**

Words of True Mother

March 19th at the King Garden, Hawaii

Anyone has read 'The True Parents' Scriptures'? None, right? You must have heard about it for the first time.

Finally, True Parents' life history has to be made clear. True Parents are to complete the human history; they are the purpose of Heaven's providence behind the human history. When True Parents emerge, salvation of the world's seven billion people becomes possible. You may not appreciate it, but they have been awaited throughout the long history. A path for mankind from the fallen world to Heaven's bossom will be opened, after 6,000-year history.

No doubt you are fortunate people, as you could meet with True Parents while billions of people of the world are unable to see nor hear them. You have become Blessed Families thanks to True Parents, haven't you? This has been Heaven's aspiration and the fallen mankind's wish.

You stand in the important positions, but you should know they bear responsibilities, as well. True Parents' history has passed 50 years, namely; a half of a century.

Suppose your capabilities were equal to those who had been prepared by Heaven, the providential realm could have been significantly extended by now! We should only reflect ourselves!

Those of you who have encountered True Parents in the physical world must live your daily lives in constantly appreciating how blessed and glorified your positions are.

True Parents are the true parents for the whole world and all mankind. But, isn't the fact that many children are still unaware of True Parents because the children who had been witnessed earlier have not fulfilled their responsibilities? How do you think?

You should not end up being shameful people! Heaven has shown everything to us and blessed us. You, therefore, should constantly ponder ways and manners in which you can return glory to Heaven, then practice them in your remaining life. That should be your position. This is the crucial moment!

You know the Spiritual World, don't you? Our physical bodies have certain constraints. We have sent True Father to the Spirit World before us. Though we are aware



Each member stands in precious position of the everlasting world

that True Father is with us and engaged in the providence, we must spend our time on earth with accute sense of how precious these moments in the physical world are!

What if even myself will have ascended into the Spiritual World? Imagine how it will be when your victories and achievements are dedicated (through True Mother on earth) in profound gratitude and high praises manifested throughout heaven and earth!

You may feel difference between my presence and my absence. When I am not in South Korea, they all admit feeling empty there, like an empty house. When I leave here (Hawaii) for Korea, American members feel likewise, don't they?

What does this mean? You can understand it without my elaboration, can't you? It means that you must fulfill your portion of responsibility while I am alive (on earth). The time you have shared and spent together with True Parents will be the source of everlasting praise and pride of your descendants as well as your ancestors.

As you live your daily lives this way and in such a spirit, you will be able to appreciate precious and important

I sometimes say this. Be a noble family of distinction. This is the only moment of truth to distinguish your family! Become an ancestor of a noble family! Who else should become the families of distinction other than those who have spent this era together with True Parents?

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True Mother and Sun-jin nim's couple at Hoondokhae (March 19th)

moment of our time. Do you understand? (Yes!)

I wish that you splendidly fulfill your portions of responsibility in utilizing these precious moments properly and realizing wonderful outcome for Heaven. (Yes!)

Particularly, today we have many leaders of Japanese Church here. Are you all committed to do that? (Yes!) Doubtlessly, you are in such precious positions in the everlasting realm of the world.

You are in such an incredible moment of history after the longing 6,000 years. I do wish that all of you can stand in such noble positions, but it depends upon the fulfillment of your responsibility. You cannot blame or resent anyone else. Once again, I wish that all of you, as ancestors of noble families, will dedicate loyalty to Heaven forever. (end)



 True Mother receives a lower bouquet (March 19th the King Garden. Kona in awaii Island)

Japan Church leaders elcoming True Mother for oondokhae (March 19th) 3) Near the crater of Mt. Kilauea Volcano where True Parents used to climb up True Mother arriving at the Hawaii Kona Airport (March



True Mother's words urge profound repentance and firm resolution

Hoondokhae of February 19th (H.C.)

On February 19th (H.C. corresponding to March 19th S.C.), the Hoondokhae began at 6:00 early morning at the King Garden with True Mother. In this King Garden, True Parents stayed for three years since 2007, leaving their sacred traces and footsteps everywhere in the complex. The Hoondokhae session, emceed by Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, Continental Director for North America, proceeded with the full bow to True Parents, presentation of flower bouquets by an American Second Generation couple and cutting of the welcome cake. Then, Ms. Jeong Won-ju, Special Assistant, read out loud sections related to True Parents' birth, youthful days and the family lineage from 'The True Parents' Scriptures (Champumo Gyeong)'.

True Mother said: "Finally, the True Parents' life history must be made clear. True Parents came to complete the providence. With the advent of True Parents, the humanity can be saved! A path was opened for the Fallen People of the world to return to God! The humanity has expected (this day) for 6,000 years. You are lucky people! While the humanity lost sight and hearing, you could attend True Parents and became Blessed Families."

Pointing out that we are receiving the historic grace, True Mother emphasized that we should go on witnessing so that nobody would be unaware of True Parents. She strongly encouraged that each and every one of us "becomes an ancestor of your distinguished family!" by fulfilling one's portion of responsibility.

True Mother's words, though short and concise, striked the right cord of participants, urging the new awakening, profound repentence and unshakable resolution of the leaders and members of the Unification Family.

The session was followed by cozy breakfast, whose seatings and menus had been carefully prepared by True Mother and Sun-jin nim's couple.

The 16 Regional Directors offered their greetings to True Mother. Representing them all, Kim Man Jin, Regional Director for Region No.5, declared: "In the Blessing Ceremony to be held on the Foundation Day next year,



True Father's heart and words inherited through pilgrimage to Kona

Japanese candidates shall fill the Cheongshim Peace World Center!"

The Korean Regional Directors sang "One life of a man" and "A man in the field", while Japanese Regional Directors sang a chorus of "A vibrant mission". Cheon Jeong Gung Museum Security Team sang "Men's songs". Sun-jin nim's couple sang a song and Rev. Song passionately sang "We are one!", concluding the Hoondokhae.

At True Father's favorite shop

True Mother then instructed us: "Today, we shall go around Kona. Follow me at 9:00 o'clock!" True Mother wished the Japanese delegation to inherit True Father's heart and will by touring around the sites where True Father used to go.

Our bus followed True Mother's vehicle. The sights and sounds, everything, appeared refreshing thanks to True Mother's presence. The first stopover was Punalu'u Bake Shop, a shop for bread and doughnuts. We felt True Mother's love as to offer the same bread,

While appreciating Hawaii island's scenery and pondering about what True Father had in mind there, we arrived at the Kilauea Visitor Center located in the Hawaii Volcanic National Park. Against the backdrop of white volcanic smokes rising out of the crater, we had our commemorative photo taken.

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doughnuts and coffee as True Father had enjoyed.

While resting there, newly-appointed 3 Regional Directors and 2 headquarters' Directors (Tomihiro TANAKA for Youth and Students, Yano for General Affairs) introduced themselves. True Mother blessed them with a word: "Increase the membership ten-fold through witnessing!"

After observing a natural tunnel made by the volcanic eruption, we went to a McDonalds shop in Hilo, where True Father used to have hamburrgers. The shop was crowded, but, remembering True Father, we took our lunch of hamburgers there together with True Mother.

As we drove on, passing the Parker Ranch, purportedly



A prayer pledging Vision 2020 at 4,200-meter-high mountain peak

the second largest in the USA, we stopped by the Parker shop, where True Father used to buy belts and jeans for Continental Directors and National Messiahs. True Mother kindly purchased belts and jeans for the Japanese delegation, whose alphabetical initials were inscribed on the purchases. What was True Parents' wish in buying the cowboy belts and jeans to the leaders? It may be: "Like shepherds tending sheep, you nurture and lead the members on behalf of True Parents!" Having accepted the everlasting presents from True Mother, everyone looked shining.

As for True Mother, shouldering the heavy cross of heart, she must be totally occupied to take the global providencial responsibility, with little time to rest! Constant stress and fatigue have developed mouth inflammation. Nonetheless, she showed little sign of exhausion, rather, apparently filled with joy of giving love for us.

The last destination of this day was the Kona Church located deep in a beautiful mountain with some 30

members attending its service. Overlooking the sea down, True Mother said: "From this summer, workshops for the second and third generation children will be organized here. In an environment like this, the children could have hope and self-esteem. We shall nurture world-class individuals from infancy." She stressed importance of raising successors. She then said: "Tomorrow early morning, you climb up Mt. Mauna Kea where True Father used to climb. After that, let us see you at 10:00 in the morning!"

All throughout this day, True Mother spent for as long as 11 hours since the morning Hoondokhae together with the Japanese delegation. For us, it was a precious, unforgettable day, visiting True Father's footsteps in the Big Island together with True Mother. Directly receiving True Parents' profound heart and great love, the delegation could renew their determination for greater missions.

Climbing up Mt. Mauna Kea on February 20th (H.C.)



 Coming out of the restaurant
(2) Lunch at the restaurant ③ True Mother watching pearls picked out of oyster shells ④ Dedicating a holy song at the Mt. Mauna Kea's peak 4,200 meters high (5) Walking along the Wikiki Beach with True Mother (6) At the Queen Coffee Garden (March 19th)

Vibrant practices of filial piety to alleviate **True Parents' burdens**

At 4:00 am, our group left the hotel in 3 four-wheel vehicles. After about 2-hour drive through the morning breeze, we reached the Onizuka Center for International Astronomy. After high-altitude breathing exercises, we got back in the vehicles driving up to the 4,200-meter mountain top, where stood the Mauna Kea Observatory.

The temperature was around 2 - 3 degrees celcius, but it felt much less thanks to the wind chill with snows piled here and there. True Father in his senior age repeatedly climbed up this mountain, so chilly and thin of oxygen, devoting himself in lengthy prayer. In instructing our mountain climbing up to this peak, True Mother must have wished us to inherit True Father's heart and will.

From the mountain top, we could look at clouds far below! What a magnificent view! We would have regretted if we had not come to the peak, where everyone shouted in awe, holding each other's hands and singing 'Song of Unity' loudly twice. Rev. Song offered a report prayer committing to realize 'Vision 2020' and to devleop the Pacific Rim Providence. After

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a commemorative group photo, we were back in the vehicles, still excited with our experiences at the Mt. Mauna Kea.

At 9:45 am, we went to the Warranty Booklet, where True Mother and Sun-jin nim's couple showed up shortly. In the Hawaii Island, there is a unique shop where you can pick up live oysters and, if a pearl is found inside, you can take it away. We entered into this particular shop. We chose pearl shells one piece each and shouted all together, "One, Two, Three! Aloha!" as we struck the shells. Then, the shop's staff rang a bell, opened the shells carefully and looked for a pearl. True Mother explained that this was a peculiar way of augury in Hawaii! As pieces of white, black, blue, pink or yellow pearl appeared out of the shells, we got excited.

The pieces of pearl picked out of the shells were neatly arranged on the showcase. As True Mother watched, an examination was conducted by Sun-jin nim's couple and the shop's staff. Eventually, the first prize was awarded to Rev. Kamijo of Region No.10, the second to Lee



True Mother's Words on the 55th True Parents Day (March .31 . 2014)

Ki-Man, the third to Hwang Jeong-Woo, Regional Director for Region No.11, the fourth to Nam Kyung-Tak, Regional Director for Region No.4. The prizes were golden necklesses with the pearls attached. For those who did not win the prizes, True Mother purchased Aloha shirts. In attending True Mother, we had lunch in a highly reputable restaurant called Tommy Bahama. True Mother said, "This time, I received the Japan's leaders as my VIPs!" Indeed, True Mother took care of us with her love and affection, deeper than anyone had ever extended to us. Afterwards, according to True Mother's advice, we paid a visit to the Hilton Hotel and the Peace Garden, where True Parents had offered their life-or-death dedication before visiting President Gorbachev and President Kim II son. We heard a vivid testimony from Mr. Momose about how dedicated True Parents were in the poor environment those days. In our prayers, we expressed

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True Mother with Sun-jin nim and In-seop nim, Rev, Song and Mrs. Lee (March 18th, Wikiki Beach, Hawaii)

our resolution to follow True Parents' footsteps and march forward!

The last stop was our coffee plantation, just after coffee harvesting. Thanks to its high quality, the plantation won a prestigious prize in the 2013 Kona Coffee Contest. We could see a hopeful future in the vast and green coffee plantation.

Back in the hotel and, after dinner, all of us had free exchanges of reflections and friendship. The two days of the hectic schedule became a very memorable special workshop, because we were guided directly by True Mother to the very sites where True Father's dedication was vividly kept in tact.

Rev. Song declared that "We shall alleviate Mother's heavy burdens by dedicating our victories to Heaven!". True Mother's smiles remain deeply in our hearts. We shall demonstrate our love to True Parents with concrete results. (end)

Bringing Europe's dream of integration to East Asia!

Dr. Schwimmer, former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, speaks in 3 cities



The ideal of Cheon II Guk means creating an environment of one world family under God's love. A nation achieving something close to this ideal in the contemporary context may be the United States of America, which was settled by emigrants from diverse racial and religious backgrounds. But it is Europe that has advanced a regional cooperation and integration among the existing sovereign states.

For instance, now 24 states use EURO as their common single currency, while 25 nations allow their citizens to cross across their common borders without passport control, free flows of goods, money and services without customs control. Roughly speaking, citizens of the 28 countries forming the Europen Union can live in any of these countries for study, employment or marriage. They more or less experience like one nation divided only by their linguistic barriers.

In Asia, by comparison, especially the East Asia consisting Japan, South and North Koreas, China and Taiwan witness little clues for their integration, rather, undergoing sour relations, hampering mutual cooperation. However, the CIG ideal essentially requires collaboration between Japan and South Korea, or the re-unification of the Korean peninsula.

In this light, Japan's Council of Ambassadors for Peace as well as the Universal Peace Federation-Japan invited Dr. Walter Schwimmer who had served in the forefront of the European integration and peace. His lecture programs were organized in Tokyo, Osaka and Sapporo under the title: Peace-building processes in Europe and Proposals to East Asia.

Dr. Schwimmer served the Council of Europe (CoE), a 47-nation intergovernmental body of Europe, as its secretary general for five years since 1999. Still pursuing the dream of one Europe, he is currently engaged in the World Public Forum Dialogue of Civilizations, a non-government organization endorsed by the United Nations, as its co-chair.

Dr. Yong Cheon Song, UPF-Japan's Regional Chair, met with Dr. Schwimmer while Dr. Song was responsible for the UPF Europe. Moved by Dr. Schwimmer's passion for one Europe, Dr. Song read carefully Dr. Schwimmer's book entitled 'The European Dream'. Dr. Schwimmer later helped UPF organize the Europe-Urasia Dialogue. This time, he came over to Japan at the invitation of Dr. Song.

The CoE has aspired to create one peaceful Europe on the principles of democracy, human rights and rule of law. It was established in 1949, shortly after the World War II, developing to cover most of the countries in the European continent of 800 million people.

In Tokyo, Japan-Europe Leadership Forum on April 3rd was attended by 26 current members of the Diet, Japan's national parliament, 5 foreign ambassadors as well as some 90 scholars, journalists and religious figures. In the following two days, Japan-Europe Special Seminar Program brought 540 guests in Osaka and 650 guests in Sapporo respectively.

Cherry blossoms in full bloom exclaimed Dr. Schwimmer in Tokyo and Osaka, while he was exited by snowy streets in Sapporo, capital of the northern island of Hokkaido.

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Press conference at Press Center, Tokyo, with main news organizations



A press conference with reporters of major news media (April 3rd, Press Center)

Dr.Schwimmer's visit to Japan was overshadowed by a crisis in Ukraine, especially following Russia's annexation of Crimea. The subsequent tension between Russia vs. the USA and Europe has become one of the most serious challenges in the post-Cold War era. Thanks to his high-level experiences in the European diplomacy and his relations with Russian leadership through the World Public Forum which he chairs, Japan's major media organizations sent their reporters to listen to his views.

In a press conference at the National Press Center right after his lecture in Tokyo, Dr. Schwimmer pointed out, as one reason of the escalated tension, that European leaders did not utilize good offices of the CoE in which both Russia and Ukraine were its members. He stressed that the crisis should be resolved through peaceful diplomacy and dialogue. His interviews were published by several major newspapers.



 Japan-Europe Special Seminar (April 4th, Osaka)

② 'Japan-Europe Leadership Forum - Europe's peace-building processes and Proposals to East Asia', attended by about 90 leaders including Diet members and foreign ambassadors (April 3rd, Tokyo)

③ Japan-Europe Special Seminar (April 5th, Sapporo)

Peacemaking Processes in Europe: Proposals for East Asia 欧州における平和構築のプロセスと東アジアへの提言



The 3-day, 3-city itinerary was accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Song as well as Rev. Eiji Tokuno, President of UPF-Japan. They introduced Dr. Schwimmer to the guests and exchanged friendship with them.

In his welcome remark, Dr. Song hoped to "apply Europe's wisdoms towards its integration and peace in the tension-rising north east Asia." For this lecture program, Dr. Thomas Walsh, President of UPF International, accompanied the tour, introducing UPF's global activities including peace initiatives for the Middle East and the North East Asia. The audience was impressed by UPF's interfaith endeavors that are drawing attention of the United Nations and the Vatican, the heart of the Catholic faith.

At the onset of each lecture, Dr. Schwimmer paid tribute to a Japanese woman called Mitsuko Aoyama who got married to an Austrian diplomat, because their son, Count Richard Coudenhove-Calerghi, advocated and pioneered the contemporary Pan-Europe Movement after World War One.

Europe currently consists of 49 nations, large and small, with many ethnic groups and about 200

languages. Its history was tainted with bloodshed from struggles among royalities and countries over territories, peoples as well as religious allegiance and ideologies. The two World Wars in the 20th century began in Europe. Dr. Schwimmer expressed lamentation by saying, "Precious lives of millions of young people were lost for senseless wars!"

Out of the war-torn Europe, some courageous statesmen such as Sir Winston Churchill of the Great Britain raised their voices for a peaceful and integrated Europe, leading to an establishment of the CoE, which envisioned "one Europe from Laykabik (Iceland) to Vladivostok (Russia's Far East)", as Dr. Schwimmer put it. Shortly, however, Europe was divided with the so-called 'Iron Curtain', leading to the Cold War with threats of nuclear holocaust in the latter half of the 20th century.

Right after the Berlin Wall was dismantled in 1989, Dr. Schwimmer joined the like-minded politicians and diplomats in the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE as one of Austria's representatives. Against many odds stemming from distrust and hostility, he worked hard to bring Russia into the democratic Europe in the aftermath of the Cold War . As a result, Russia joined the CoE by 1996, then several former communist nations joined 'Common Family of Europe' (Gorbachev).

Dr. Schwimmer's endeavors for East Europe might be in tandem with the sincere efforts of True Father, who held a meeting with then President Gorbachev in Moscow in 1990, discussing ways and means of Russia's soft-landing out of the communism.

Incidentally, the CoE has its blue-color flag with 12 golden stars forming a ring and its anthem, Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' (from his Symphony No.9) arranged by the world-famous Austrian conductor Karajan. When the European Union was formed later, it adopted the same flag and the anthem. It was the EU, however, that has steadily substantiated Europe without walls and tension.

According to Dr. Schwimmer, Europe's process of integration was initiated by the reconciliatory efforts dismantling their historic resentments and filling gaps of distrust, particularly between Germany and France. Their efforts resulted in the establishment of the European Community of Coal and Steel, which would place the management of coal and steel, the two most vital resources to produce conventional weapons, to the international control among the six member states. This system later developed into the European Economic Commonuty (EEC) and, finally the European Union (EU).

Each of his lectures was concluded with the following

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notes: "In spite of what remains to be done, I believe that we have taken a great step forward and, with the help of all who believe in the vision of our founding fathers, we shall accomplish the vision of a united Europe. A dream of hundreds of European generations is coming true, and I am convinced that such a dream is not restricted to Europe. All mankind has much more in common than what could divide us. "

"As East and South East Asia have a history of conflicts and ideological rifts, reconciliation of former enemies and rivals should play a similar role to Europe."

The audience gave generally positive responses to his lecture: "Dr. Schwimmer's remarks encouraged my vision for an Asian community" (a Diet member); "Following the European lead in reconciliation and peace, we in Asia should tread steadfast steps towards our peaceful coexistence" (former university rector); "I agree with Dr. Walsh in the importance of religious dimension in international politics and their harmony" (a military expert); "I wish we could travel freely to South and North Koreas and China without a visa, just like in Europe." (end)