

FFWPU Japan Launching Ceremony

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On October 12, members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Japan (FFWPU-Japan) hung up a banner with the slogan at the Makuhari Event Hall in Chiba Prefecture stating, "Japan, Which Throbs with Happy Families, Will Bring the World We Hope to Live In." Ten thousand people, senior members, peace ambassadors, ministers and woman leaders from around the nation had come to this event.

As reported in our last issue, at the end of August, the Japanese Unification Church changed its legal name from HSA-UWC to FFWPU. This event took place to commemorate that auspicious change, which members feel represented the passing from the era of individual salvation through religion to a new era of achieving world peace through substantially making ideal families. We broadcast this event live over the internet to celebrate this new beginning with all of our Japanese members in Japan and in a wide variety of other nations as well as with non-Japanese church members throughout the world.

The launching ceremony began with a performance from the South Tokyo District Seonghwa students and our Sunhak Choir. After a viewing of the commemorative video, Japanese Church President Tokuno introduced True Mother's resolution at True Father's third ascension anniversary to complete the will and exhorted the members "to inherit a similar heart and advance hopefully toward achieving Vision 2020 without fail."

After introducing the guests, the national Seonghwa student and university student president, Tadakuni Sano, gave a "Hope Presentation." He expressed his resolve-for the sake of those in our second generation-to take the lead in realizing the dream of one world family where all children smile. The president of the Blessed Family Associations in Japan, Rev. Song Yong Cheon, testified about True Father who sacrificed his entire life for God and humankind. He urged the members to play major roles in achieving the event's theme and to re-create the nation as the model nation in which they hope to live.

The FFWPU international president, Sun Jin Moon, gave the keynote address, in which she testified to True Mother's love and comforted the Japanese members. President Moon said, "True Parents were able to achieve victory at each critical stage in the history of restoration because of the genuine, absolute, loving and sincere devotion and effort of our filial True Family members, and all our precious brothers and sisters around the world, especially here in Japan." She also said, "It is our mission to build on their foundation and expand the realm of the blessing to the 7 billion people of the world."

After her keynote address, Sun Jin Moon and her husband presented an FFWPU flag to President Song. President Song then passed it to President Tokuno. During the finale, Japanese members performed part of the musical, He Who Loved Japan the Most, which members had invested strenuous effort into preparing and performing at the third anniversary of True Father's ascension. At the end, all the audience members stood to sing "A Cheering Song for God's Will" and "Sarang Hae" to express their determination to embark on a new beginning. The Japanese CARP president, Mr. Katsumichi Motoyama, then led everyone in four cheers of og mansei.