

True Mother's joint meeting on Korea - Japan Harmony and Unity

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From October 3 to 7, True Parents Invitational Special Assembly of Japanese Leaders took place in Korea. Nearly eight hundred members including elderly blessed couples, ministers, heads of wives associations and leaders of providential organizations participated. The special assembly occurred in conjunction with the fifty-seventh anniversary of the founding of FFWPU-Japan.

The Japanese leaders learned the tenor of today's providence centering on True Parents. This helped them gain fresh determination to fulfill their responsibilities as true children to gain victory in Vision 2020 by achieving unity of heart with True Mother, who is leading the providence with a serious heart to save the 7.3 billion people in the world.

At the opening ceremony, held at the Cheongshim International Youth Center, on October 3, Cho Sung-II, the director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, gave a lecture to explain how True Parents have offered sincere devotion with a special focus on this assembly. "Please study hard," He said, "so you will be able to share with all of our church members about the providence True Parents are leading, True Parents' value and the state of the movement in other countries."

Next, the chairman of the judicial branch of Cheon Il Guk (the Cheon Beob Won) Jin-choon Kim gave a lecture entitled "The Status and Value of True Parents." Then, Dr. Thomas Walsh, president of the Universal Peace Federation, reported to us about the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, which UPF has been establishing in all parts of the world in response to True Parents' hope.

On October 4, Japanese and Korean leaders gave reports at a debriefing session at the Cheon Jeong Gung.

Yong-cheon Song, chairman of the Blessed Family Associations in Japan spoke on the theme "The Heart of Hyo Jeong (filial heart) toward Heaven," and introduced Japan's strategy for successfully fulfilling Vision 2020. He strongly appealed to the participants, "When you leave for Japan after this assembly, you must start off in the position of a providential representative of True Parents and a successor of God's will with the dignity of a brave soldier and a spirit that will soar to heaven."

Then, True Mother spoke. She started out, "It is my pleasure to welcome you all," and gave a speech on God's providence from the perspective of historical development of civilization and our present responsibility. She emphasized, "Please become filial children, loyal subjects and proud warriors of Cheon Il Guk who will liberate Heavenly Parent and True Parents."

At the luncheon banquet, performances by the Little Angels, songs and dances by the district leaders of CARP-Japan, graduates of Top Gun Workshops and Cheon Jeong Gung's music group, Apple Heaven, brought excitement to the site. In the afternoon, there was a report on the activities in Korea by the president of FFWPU-Korea, Kyeong-seuk Lu, and a report on current media reports by Hyo-yeol Ahn, the director-general of the Tongil Foundation.

An alliance of brothers and sisters

On October 5, after a "Pilgrimage Tour of the Hyo Jeong Culture" at the Pine Ridge Resort in Gangwon Province near the east coast, the "Special Assembly for Japan-Korea Harmony" took place in True

Mother's presence.

On that day, True Mother brought six hundred and fifty leaders from all parts of Korea on very short notice and not only gave a speech but also hosted a Japan–Korea yute tournament, which the Japanese team, led by President Eiji Tokuno, won.

On October 6, the Korea–Japan Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Harmony and Unity Kick-off for the Victory of Vision 2020 occurred at YongPyong Resort in Pyeongchang in Gangwon Province. Pyeongchang is the host city of the 2018 Winter Olympics.



A ceremony and oath

In the first part of the event, earth taken from the holy grounds of both countries was mixed together to represent the unity of Korea and Japan, which True Mother granted to the representatives of the two nations.

This was followed by a Korea–Japan "sisterhood" ceremony. Twenty-seven district and regional leaders from Japan, including Chairman Song, President Tokuno and Executive Director Ki-man Lee established relationships with Korean leaders.

The "Kick-off for Korea-Japan Harmony and Unity" took place in the second part of the event. First, a Korean regional leader, Cheongho Park, and the Japanese regional leader of Region 10, Saneo Kitatani, presented flowers to True Mother. Then, a Korean regional leader, Jae-baek Oh, and chairperson of WFWP-Japan, Moriko Hori, read aloud a resolution to kick-off Korea-Japan harmony and unity in front of True Mother, who stood at the center, and all of the participants proclaimed aloud, "We so resolve!" True Mother stated, "I strongly hope that Korea and Japan shall attain victory through unity as the world's father and mother."

In the afternoon, there was a Japan vs. Korea sports contest. The Korean team won the soccer match; the Japanese team won the volleyball and the tug-of-war. That night, the "Kick-off of Japan Cheong Il Guk Leaders" was held in the venue in YongPyong. In this event, President Tokuno gave a message entitled, "Let Us March Forward by Becoming One with the Horizontal Central Figure." Chairman Song's message followed. He recited the blessings we have received from True Mother in detail and called on the participants, "Let us fly high the flag of FFWPU and march forward to Cheon Il Guk."

In the end, ministers, heads of wives associations and representatives of providential organizations read aloud the "Resolution for Kickoff of Japanese Leaders Harmony and Unity" and altogether made a new start for the victory of Vision 2020.