

Peace Road Expedition: Unstoppable Until the Day of the Unification of Korea

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Celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of Pyeonghwa-ro Street in Gapyeong-gun and the 12th Anniversary of Peace Road: Walking United on the Path to Peaceful Unification.

Over 1,500 citizens participated, demonstrating a desire for world peace.



On June 1, Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, was the venue for the grand opening of the "Peace Road 2024 Unification Peace Walk," which aims to foster the realization of a unified Korea. The event was initiated with an opening speech by Park Gil-nam, UPF Gyeonggi Province Chairman, and continued with Lee Jung-hyo, UPF Gapyeong Chapter Chairman, introducing the guests.

During the event, Co-Chairman Yook Do-soo emphasized the installation of Peace Road signs along a

12km stretch in the town, commemorating the second anniversary of the Honor Peace Road, a symbol of Gapyeong County's commitment to peace and unification. He mentioned that beginning this year, the initiative would seek to build consensus on peaceful unification with the residents of Gapyeong County, stressing that unification is an active pursuit rather than a passive wait.



The gathering also included congratulatory remarks from Seo Tae-won, Mayor of Gapyeong, who spoke on behalf of Choi Won-jung, the operating committee chairman, and alongside Choi Jung-yong, Chairman of the Gapyeong County Council. Mayor Seo highlighted Gapyeong's proactive role in advancing projects that enhance peace and security, reinforcing its position as a hub for the peace movement.

Park Sang-sun, another Co-Chairman, remarked on the significance of the Peace Road event, now in its twelfth year and recognized as a major international event.

The Peace Walk saw participation from numerous local groups including the Gapyeong County Peace Ambassadors Council, Gapyeong County Veterans Association, Gapyeong County Patriotic Organizations Council, Gapyeong Town Merchants Association, Freedom Federation Gapyeong County Chapter, Buk-myeon Community Leaders Council, Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Gapyeong County Chapter, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, National Alliance for the Unification Movement, and the Universal Peace Federation.

Starting in 2013 as the "Korea-Japan 3800km Bicycle Unification Expedition," the "Peace Road Unification Expedition" has grown into a global endeavor involving 130 countries since 2015. This initiative, characterized as a "Global Peace Festival," involves participants worldwide who join through marching, cycling, and driving, symbolizing a global desire for the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula.