

## 12 Hour HDK with True Father in Vegas

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On Sunday morning I received a text from Mark Tengan inviting me to the celebration of True Parents birthday on Monday in Las Vegas. I cleared my schedule and immediately drove to Las Vegas, a nine hour drive which I enjoyed very much. The drive gave me a chance to listen to a book on MP3. Next morning I awoke at 3:30, got ready and attended the celebration at the Aria Hotel at 5:00am. There were around 30 people, half of them Koreans and half Japanese and two Westerners.

Without translation it was difficult to understand all that was taking place but what I gathered was that Father was upset that his speech wasn't respected enough. He had a binder in his hand and said that no one loves God's words like Father does. He spent some time chastising some people and then he began the Hoon Dok Hae reading which he led himself.



Little did I know we were in for a marathon event. We had a 12 hour Hoon Dok Hae in which mostly Father read his speech and then explained line by line. True Parents have been making a special prayer condition recently and have barely slept for many days. Without translation I don't have much to report on content however.



After Hoon Dok Hae there was a short anniversary celebration with cake, songs and congratulations. Our church recently purchased a number of properties in Las Vegas including a 130,000 warehouse on which we will build a new church. Clearly the investment of time, talent and treasures will go on for a long time in Vegas. Soon True parents will be going to Europe to conduct a speaking tour including stops at the Houses of Parliament in England and the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.