Testimonies from attendees of UPF's World Summit 2019, in Seoul, Korea

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What struck me in the plenary session was the strategy to start the struggle for peace with the family institution. This dimension in the struggle for peace, security and development is a new awareness for me. The spiritual dimension of the peace struggle is also strategic. Many enlightening views were presented by keynote speakers. Being new and attending for the very first time, I am indeed enlightened to the need for awareness of creation's divine nature to be manifest in society. -- Hon. Wilfred Madius Tangau, Member of Parliament, Malaysia

This is my lucky week to participate in this World Summit 2019 for peace in the beautiful city of Seoul in Korea. Everybody likes and hopes for peace, prosperity, security and development. There are various kinds of peace, but peace of the heart is the inner peace of a human being, which is born in the mind as well as in the heart. This summit reflects these four elements through various events. I heartily thank the organizers and participants from the various countries and wish a bright future for UPF, which is a global phenomenon. The presentations are very remarkable and vitalizing for society. Thank you. -- Prof. Ramchandra Bhandari, Professor, Tribhuwan University, Nepal

The opening of World Summit 2019 was wonderful and extraordinary. The presence of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon was very inspiring for all the dignitaries coming from different parts of the world. The performance of the Little Angels and dances by the Korean young people reflect their desire for peace on the peninsula. The Sunhak Peace Prize Award given by Hon. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to Dr. Akinwumi Adesina and Ms. Waris Dirie was a significant event in this conference. They are both special persons and worthy to receive such a prestigious prize. Thank you for inviting us to this conference. -- Prof. Shreeram Prasad Upadhyaya, Professor, Tribhuwan University, Nepal

My name is Phra Sithawatchamethi, representing Buddhism in Thailand. I have attended one of the greatest conferences I have ever participated in for the past 30 years. In my humble opinion, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony was the most inspiring, not only for the audience but also for the whole world. This kind of excellent work is very remarkable for the historic record of humankind, especially coming at Chinese New Year, which is the beginning of year of the golden pig. I hope it will be a process of continuation to bring lasting peace to the Korean Peninsula and the world. May One Family Under Peace evoke blessings for a very great success.

-- Phra Sithawatchameth, representing Thailand Buddhism

I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for being invited to participate in this World Summit 2019 in Seoul. Each of the sessions reflected a high degree of responsibility, with important thought about for the public good, peace, security and development. I am also very delighted to participate in the founders' birthday celebration. It was a magical moment to see an outstanding performance about the life course of the Messiah. I would like to thank Father and Mother Moon, who are the central figure's to find true peace for humanity, particularly to reunify the Korean Peninsula and achieve the vision of one family under God. Thank you very much. -- Hon. Nin Saphon, Member of Parliament, Kingdom of Cambodia



I truly appreciated this exceptionally well-organized international conference. It was exactly what I was hoping to experience. To win this battle, we need to involve God in the affairs of humankind. In particular I enjoyed the celebration at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. My heart was deeply moved by Dr. Moon. May God bless this holy woman! When I saw the Botswana flag, tears flowed from my eyes. Thank you, Mother Moon. I pray to see you in my country of Botswana.

-- H.R.H. George Domy Thwane, Senior Chief, Bakgatla Tribal Association, Botswana

This was a glorious event. I feel the time has arrived for UPF to receive recognition from the whole world. I congratulate UPF for its many contributions and partnerships for peace that have impacted so many people and nations. After attending the many sessions of the World Summit and the birthday celebration, I believe Dr. Moon should be called "Mother of the World." Her love and kindness, moral values, sacrificial life, investment, and suffering course for humanity have really contributed to building a world of peace. I would like to invite Mother Moon to Thailand to receive recognition, respect and honor from the Thai people and government. Mother Moon deserves to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for her outstanding and successful achievements.

-- Pol. Gen. Lt. Thaveesak Tuchinda, Member of the King's Protection Committee, National Assembly, Thailand.

I was very inspired by the World Summit. The deliberations were of the highest caliber and represented the world's most public-minded and serious civil servants. I especially was moved by the founder, Dr. Moon. As I listened to her words I felt in my heart that I understood why God brought me here. As a member of parliament, I regularly receive invitations, all expenses covered, to programs in many cities of the world, but I never accepted any of those. Yet I accepted this one from UPF, and now I know why. I like this organization and felt immediate respect for the other participants. I learned a great deal, but most importantly, I realize I had to be here because of Dr. Moon's heartfelt words. I believe in God. We must think about God all day...and act with God in our hearts and minds. Frankly, it is difficult, but when that breakthrough moment comes, I feel fulfilled in a way that politics doesn't even come close. I am a politician because it is my civil duty and obligation, but it is God who fulfills me and gives my life meaning.

-- Hon. Dr. Branimir Bunjac, Member of Parliament, Republic of Croatia

I am very honored to attend the events organized by the Universal Peace Federation. When I speak before the assembled participants, who represent so many different organizations and countries of the world, I feel I can speak openly and truthfully because I know the people in this organization are truly serious about making the world better. It is an honor to stand together with Dr. Moon and the esteemed world leaders. The depth of the presentations is astounding and truly a manifestation of genuine care and fair analysis of the challenges we face both regionally and globally.

-- Hon. Emilia Alfaro, Senator and former First Lady, Paraguay