

Fifteenth Asian Leadership Conference 2015 held in Bangkok, Thailand

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FFWPU and UPF hosted the fifteenth Asian Leadership Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 17 to 21. The twenty-eight participants from six nations covered a wide range of ages, religions and professional backgrounds. Some were religious leaders, some worked in the Ministry of Social Affairs, others were and part of the largest organization for Muslim women in Indonesia, some worked at schools, at universities, at NGOs, or as advocates, journalists, military personnel or as students. At the Opening Session, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, chairman of UPF Asia, Dr. Robert S. Kittel,

education director of UPF Asia, and Mr. Pasit Sirimalai, deputy secretary general of UPF Thailand, introduced the conference theme "UPF's Principles of Peace: The Foundation for Global Peace and Sustainable Development."

The conference was a five-day Divine Principle seminar to educate these prominent members of society about public-mindedness, marriage, family and the value of the blessing. There were twenty-eight participants from six Asian nations: nine people from Nepal, seven from Cambodia, three from Pakistan, two from Bangladesh, and one from the Philippines.

At the end, participants happily took the Pure Love Pledge. They not only promised to keep purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage themselves but also committed themselves to propagating these ideals within their communities. They promised to work together to build families, communities and a nation of True Love after returning home.

Conference Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	Thursday 17-Sep	Friday 18-Sep	Saturday 19-Sep	Sunday 20-Sep	Monday 21-Sep
7:00 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00 AM		Opening Session: Why Do We Need Principles?	Special Presentation: Dr. Chung Sik Yong	Session IX: The Life, Vision and Legacy of UPF Founders, Father and Mother Moon	DEPARTURES
9:30 AM		Tea / Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee Break	
10:00 AM		Session II: Dual Characteristics of God and Creation	Session V: The Root Causes of Evil and Human Suffering	Session X: The Pure Love Pledge and Interfaith Family Peace Blessing	
11:30 AM		Break	Break	Closing Session: Graduation, Reflections and Certificate Distribution	
11:45 AM		Session III: Give & Take Action and Purpose of Life	Session VI: Consequences of the Misuse of Love		
1:00 PM	ARRIVALS	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:15 PM		Group Activity	Group Activity	Free Time & Shopping	
2:30 PM	HOTEL CHECK IN	Session IV: Human Growth and the Existence of the Spiritual World	Session VII: The Meaning and Value of the Interfaith Peace Blessing		
4:00 PM	REGISTRATION	Tea / Coffee Break	Tea / Coffee Break		
4:30 PM		Special Presentation: Dr. Chung Sik Yong	Session VIII: UPF Activities in Asia - Interfaith Family Peace Blessing Festivals		
6:00 PM		Dinner	Dinner	Buffet Dinner Thai Cultural Show	
7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner	Free Time	Free Time		

Reflections

UPF's contribution is beyond praise mostly in the field of the unification of all human beings in the world. The motto of UPF that the whole world is one, not two, is great. -- Tiwari Shiva Dutta, Nepal

Throughout the conference, I learned many things that actually existed within me and my surroundings that I did not realize before. I have also learned the importance of purity and being faithful to your spouse from the aspect of my religion (i.e., Islam), but through this event, I could learn other perspectives that help broaden my mind. -- Patimasang, Indonesia

After participating in this workshop, I feel that Father Moon is like a God who came to earth to save human beings from sorrow and suffering and to prevent war in the world. He came to bring peace and reconciliation. I regret he departed from this world. -- Khin Bandrith, Cambodia

I have learned so much about real and true love, only with your wife after marriage. Premarital sex, which some people practice, is very harmful and breaks down the strong love relationship with your wife. We have to educate others and implement this in every area and village to reduce divorce and false love. -- Bhagwan Das, Pakistan



Really, this program changed me a lot. Before this program, I was firmly determined not to marry. But now, I firmly determine to marry, not only for myself but also to be a model for my society. -- Imran Ahsan, Bangladesh

After this conference, I think I will be more confident to talk and speak before a bigger and higher-level audience about the same topics we learned. Given a soft copy of all the lectures, I can echo and re-echo the lessons that I have learned to a bigger professional group. -- Dr. Felicitas V. Sicam, Philippines

