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Summary

- **To realize the global village-a peaceful ideal world, the three undersea tunnels should be built to connect Korea-Japan and China-Taiwan literally, and the most important Russia-America links, representing the unity of West-East hemispheres geographically and culturally. Therefore, completing The International Peace Highway to “allow people to travel on land from Africa’s Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, across the**
- **Bering Strait, connecting the world as a single community”(1).**

1. History and Background:

- The concept of an overland connection crossing the Bering Strait goes back before the 20th century. William Gilpin, first governor of the Colorado Territory envisioned a vast "Cosmopolitan Railway " in 1890 linking the entire world via a series of railways. Two years later Joseph Strauss, who went on to design over 400 bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge, put forward the first proposal for a Bering Strait railroad bridge in his senior thesis. The project was presented to the government of the Russian Empire, but it was rejected.

Tsar Nicholas II approved a planned tunnel in 1905. According to other sources a railway ferry was planned. These hopes were dashed when Russia became involved in **World War I**. Also funding could not be raised. Note that Alaska did not belong to Russia at that time, and no railway on the Alaskan side was planned, so a tunnel would not be useful.

In September 2005 when launching the **Universal Peace Federation**, Rev. Dr. **Sun Myung Moon** brought new light to the idea of building what he calls the "Bering Strait Peace King bridge/tunnel", calling all the world's governments to make a joint effort to realize world peace.(2)



- **Mr. George Koumal of Tucson, Arizona, has spent a lifetime in the railroad industry. More importantly for the panel's discussion, he is the Head of the Interhemispheric Bering Strait Tunnel & Railroad Group, which has proposed and promoted a Bering Strait Tunnel for two decades. Mr. Koumal has extensive mining and tunneling experience covering four continents. His remarks were very insightful and came from much experience. He concluded with the moving plea that this project could create a better world for our children and our children's children.(3)**

2. “The Peace Bridge”

- **People use metaphors and talk about “peace bridges” between people and nations, not meaning it literally. But the principles of peace and unification, which the Universal Peace Federation promotes, prompt us to make a real effort to achieve this. To enable the peoples of the globe to communicate, make friendship and peace, we need to think about physically building bridges and roads to peace, however difficult it may be.**

- **The Bering Strait Peace King Tunnel, a bold project proposed by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, has great symbolic and practical values, as it will allow completion of a global transportation system with bridges and tunnels connecting nearby land masses, which would bring together people of all races, cultures, religions, and nationalities in one peaceful and prosperous global community.**

- **The idea of building a tunnel across the 85-kilometer (53-mile) Bering Strait is not new. Such proposals were advanced more than a century ago under Tsar Nicholas II, Russia's last emperor. He approved a plan for a tunnel under the Bering Strait in 1905, 38 years after his grandfather sold Alaska to America for US\$7.2 million.**

- **In April 2007, the Russian government and the Academy of Sciences organized an international conference in Moscow to discuss the speedy construction of a railroad link from Siberia to Alaska and a tunnel under the Bering Strait. The conference proposed an intergovernmental agreement with the US to underwrite construction of the transport link in return for a stake in the business.**

- **In April 2008, the media reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin planned to propose a Bering Strait tunnel to US President George W. Bush at their meeting in Sochi. On the eve of this event, UPF's International Leadership Conference in Seoul adopted an appeal to both leaders to discuss the issue, keeping in mind its symbolic and practical importance.**

- **A tunnel connecting the far east of Russia with Alaska would open up the prospect of the ultimate rail trip across three quarters of the globe, from London to New York. The Bering Strait link would be twice as long as the 37-kilometer (23-mile) Channel Tunnel connecting Britain and France.**

- **To move forward on the project, we need a new vision of global governance and a much higher level of international cooperation, involving the United Nations, international financial institutions, regional cooperative bodies, private businesses, and NGOs. The UPF founder knows that this goal is achievable.**

- **After all, nations spend billions of dollars for wars and national rivalry. Now we have to learn how to come together to make large-scale peace projects.**
‘Peace Bridges’ have to turn from metaphors to reality. It is for us now to make a step forward.(4)

3. “Bridge of the Future”

- **The Former Chairman, Supreme Council, Belarus-H.E. Shushkevich once stated: “It is my conviction that this project is an all-important initiative on the part of modern mankind. Humanity today has immeasurable experience in elaborating and carrying out complex projects of a global scale – political, economic, cultural, and spiritual.**

- **The main fruit of achieving such an undertaking should certainly be the very much-expanded opportunity for direct contact among human beings. Not merely “virtual,” as it is with the Internet, but direct, concrete, substantial!**

- **Human interaction, like nothing else, facilitates the blossoming of human relationships in all their beauty. Antoine de Saint Exupery considered that the joys of human relationships constitute the greatest pleasure of all, and, of course, he had every reason to say so.**

- **The decisive expansion of the possibilities for such communication through realizing the Bering Strait Project is one of the gems of a whole host of projects being proposed by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. "He himself is convinced that this dream project will be realized in his lifetime through the tremendous efforts of the founder of UPF-Universal Peace Federation and FPU-The Foundation for Peace and Unification:**

- **“And, indeed, I do know of only one such inspired visionary, and that is Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Thus, may we look forward with hope to yet another one of his grandiose achievements: finding like-minded people among the very rich in our world today! As for myself, I am ready to drive across that bridge of the future!”(5)**



4. “Bridge or Tunnel”

- Therefore, the above proposed undersea tunnels are all playing a role of “bridge”, not only physically linking two nations, or two continents, even two hemispheres; but also spiritually connecting and integrating western and eastern cultures and values. Through accomplishing this historical endeavor of tunnels building and international highway system construction, we can make a new history in our own generation to complete the literal unification of the entire globe.

- **Thus realizing the dream of a global village and a peaceful ideal world that all humankind has long cherished dreamed of ! The Bering Strait passage is a bridge to tomorrow, or rather a tunnel. Railroads have historically brought economic growth and prosperity which bring peace. It is time to improve the global transportation system so that the wealthy countries can help the less developed countries in the third world.**

The Proposal for Constructing an "International Highway" 10th I. C. U. S. (1981, Seoul)



*Founder of the International
Cultural Foundation
Reverend Sun Myung Moon*

Today, all humanity is yearning to free itself from hunger, disease and war, and hoping for the ideal world overflowing with peace and happiness. We simply cannot look upon this cherished desire of humanity as though it were a dream which can never be realized.

Burning within ourselves, each of us has a passionate desire to live in a unified world transcending nationalities. This inner cry is nothing other than the true ideal and heart of man, as well as God's heart and cherished desire.

As we close out the twentieth century, which has been trying and painful, and prepare to greet the twenty-first century, I feel that we have come to a point where in order to create a true culture, we need to leave behind us the pursuit of the national good of our respective countries, which only leads to enmity and struggle, and establish a global sense of values.

At the same time, when we reflect on whether we can maintain true peace for our own countries without the happiness and peace of our neighboring countries, we realize that world peace can be thought of only in the context of a love for all humanity which transcends nationality.

From this point of view, I believe that now is the time when new academic theories with respect to established social and economic structures need to be proposed.

Moreover, we need to establish a new international economic body so that we can avoid the extensive economic waste and loss of the past, and push forward a new land use plan from a "world and humanity" point of view in order to endow all humanity with the right to enjoy peace and happiness together. On this basis an ideal world can be established, eternal peace will be realized and people will be blessed with happy and affluent lives.

Toward realizing this ideal of "humanity as one family and all men as brothers," I propose the building of an International Highway which will link the countries of the East and West.

- **Just like the founder has stated:
“Ladies and gentlemen, some may doubt that such a project can be completed. But where there is a will, there is always a way—especially if it is the will of God. The science and technology of the 21st century render it possible to construct a tunnel under the Bering Strait. The construction costs are also not a problem.**

- **Think of how much money the world is wasting on war. Humanity needs to realize that we are committing fearful sins in the presence of history and our descendants. Let us take one example. How much money has the United States spent on the war in Iraq during the past three years? It is approaching \$200 billion. That budget would be more than enough to complete the Bering Strait project." (1)**



5. Our Vision and Initiative

- **“Without vision, the people perish.”**
- **(The Holy Bible Proverbs 29:18)**
- **Realization of a global family under One Parent of humankind-God, is a great vision leading our world into a more hopeful and forever peaceful future. As a Taiwanese citizen of my original hometown, Manchuria, China, and a long time faithful member of the unification movement since 1974, I have been living and carrying the identity and consciousness of being a child of God, a universal free man, a world citizen or a global villager; rather than a yellow-skin-color Asian, a Chinese or Taiwanese civilian, or a Taipei City citizen.**

- **And I have been inspired and got pretty much involved in the initial investigation and innovation of the vision and proposal of creating an “International Highway” around the globe and an “International Tunnel” between Korea and Japan by Rev. Sun Myung Moon in 1981 at the seventh International Conference on the Unity of Sciences (ICUS) in Seoul.(6)**

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECT



THE INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION



北京

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東京

- **The project committee has informed the leaders of 120 nations worldwide, many of them were amazed at and inspired by this great idea. I myself also paid a visit to Korea and Japan in 1983 to observe the initial works (investigation, experimental tunneling and campaigns...), and participated in a seminar on this subject at the Engineering Center of University of California, Berkeley in April, 1990.**





Seoul

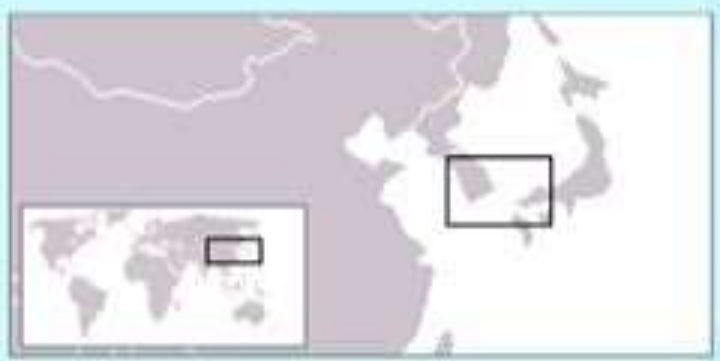
Korea

Korea Strait

Japan

Western Channel
Korea

Tsushima Strait



- **My bigger dream is: in the future, Chinese people from Mainland China, Taiwan and Overseas would be united and work together with the international supports to build a bridge tunnel crossing Taiwan Strait to make forever peace between China and Taiwan!**

- **This has been a dream since my parents' generation, now passing through mine towards my children's generation. Technically, it is not too difficult to build such a Cross-Taiwan Strait undersea tunnel; the more complicated concerns regarding this issue is no other than the political and military ones. Of course, we shall all call this tunnel "Peace Tunnel", and absolutely allowing transportation for the purposes of peace and goodness only!**

6. The Ultimate Peace Project

- In founding the ultimate peace organization: “Universal Peace Federation” in New York on September 12, 2005, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon proposed: “...that we build a passage for transit across the Bering Strait, where Satan has historically divided east and west, and north and south, and where the North American and Russian land masses are separated.

- **This passage, which I call the ‘World Peace King Bridge Tunnel’, will link an International Highway System that will allow people to travel on land from Africa’s Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York, across the Bering Strait, connecting the world as a single community.”**

- **“Carrying out this project will bind the world together as one village. It will tear down the manmade walls of race, culture, religion and country, and establish the world of peace that has been God’s cherished desire. The United States and Russia can become as one.**

- **The European continent, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all nations, and also all the world's religions, can combine their energies to succeed in this project. The success of this project will be decisive in establishing a Peace Kingdom where people will no longer make war with each other.”**



- **Thus at the end of the founder's speech, he concluded: "The Peace King Tunnel will unite the world, knocking down walls of race, culture, religion and nationality. It will contribute enormously to bringing peace on earth, which is the hope and will of God."(1)**

Plan for a tunnel connection under the Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska



7. “The Extreme Engineering”

- The construction of such a bridge or tunnel would face unprecedented engineering and political challenges. It would also be the most expensive infrastructure project ever constructed. While this idea has been proposed a number of times since its first mention at the end of the nineteenth century, it has come to the fore with more serious contemplation in the early years of the twenty-first century.

- **Advocates of the tunnel are seeking funding to study the feasibility of what they term the "World Link," which would unite four of the world's six continents. A Bering Strait bridge and/or tunnel would provide an overland connection linking Asia, Africa, and Europe with North America and South America. The Bering Strait could be spanned by a series of three bridges via the Diamond Islands for a total distance of about 85 kilometers, (53 mi).(7)**

- **However, according the professional opinion of the secretary general of the Foundation for Peace and Unification, Dr. Tim Elder, 1) Compared with the much deeper Seikan undersea tunnel of Japan which goes 213 meters, (700 feet) down from the sea surface, the Bering Strait tunnel goes only 60 meters, (200 feet) under the surface which will be much shallower and easier.**



- **2) Compared with the English tunnel crossing the Dover Strait whose seabed is made of dirt and sand, the Bering Strait seabed is made of strong rock of granite which can be self-supporting and be recycled to be utilized as the construction element of the tunnel itself, the railway per se and the extended railway system pavement material.**

- **3) Overlooking the Bering Strait, there are two (big and small diamond) islands at the middle of the strait, therefore, the engineers can start the drilling and construction works at four points at the same time to accelerate the process and shorten the overall consumed time; and even literally build a bridge connecting those two “Diamond” islands, providing the most beautiful splendid scenes of the gorgeous breathtaking strait views!**

8. The Expanded Rail Links

- The American and Russian trains have different track dimensions (1435mm vs
- 1520mm), so facilities and equipment would be required to switch the train wheels. Furthermore, at present, though the Trans-Siberia Railroad (TSR)
- has been constructed, there aren't any railroad tracks through Alaska and Canada.

- **However, the United Nations just gained new momentums on November 30, 2005 in an agreement finalized at a three-day inter-governmental meeting in Bangkok that it could play a catalytic role in constructing and upgrading railway lines to link 27 member States of the United Nations which will be called: Trans-Asia Railway (TAR).**

- **If a new railroad can be built through Asia, Siberia, crossing Bering Strait to Alaska and Canada, then the dream of traveling around the world by train will eventually be realized!(8)**

- **The Former U.S. Congressman Hon. Matthew Salmon, and the Former Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Russia, Amb. Chung Tae Ik, are both promoting the concept and substantiation of the Pan-Pacific Rim through building the Cross-Korea-Japan and Cross-Russia-America tunnels and extending the railway system from Siberia of Russia, crossing the Bering Strait, all way through Alaska of America and the vast territory of Canada.**

- **There has been a plan for the Trans-Siberia Railroad to be extended through Yakutsk towards Uelen. Now we can extend it further through the Bering Strait, Wales of Alaska to Prudhoe Bay of Canada to complete the overall 6,400 km, (4000 mi) “Intercontinental Railway System” or “Trans-Siberia-Alaska Railway System”. Thus, the extreme dreams of riding the “around the world train” and living as “one family under God” will eventually come true!**



9. The Extreme Magnetic Levitation Technology

- To match the greatness of the International Highway System, an innovative high speed transportation system, that is, Maglev-Magnetic Levitation Train technology must be built to provide an efficient, clean and quiet travel means/vehicle. According to the Former Diet member of Japan, a world well-known expert of the field Hon. Mamoru Nakajima,

- **“Based on my experience as a Diet Member and a minister of state, I have been very impressed, overwhelmed and moved by Rev. Moon’s strong passion and vision for peace. Above all, my heart beats faster with anticipation by hearing his plan of International Highway, which requires humankind to gather wisdom and act according to it, as well as his Japan-Korea Tunnel Project and Bering Strait Tunnel Project.”**

- **“One of my activities as a Diet member was the promotion of Linear Chuo Shinkansen (Super Express) through utilization of the Superconductive Magnetically Levitated Train System. I served as a secretary-general of the Legislators Organization for the Construction of Linear Chuo Shinkansen, and worked for the League for the Construction of Linear Chuo Shinkansen. The Superconductive Magnetically Levitated Train System in Japan has already succeeded in its test running. I hope that my experience can help Rev. Moon’s projects for peace.”**

- **“Superconductive Magnetically Levitated Train System is the best among three types of the Magnetic Levitation Transport.”**

There are three primary types of maglev technology:

- **1. Electro-Magnetic Suspension (EMS) relies on feedback controlled electromagnets. Example: Transrapid of Germany**
- **2. Electro-Dynamic Suspension (EDS) relies on superconducting magnets. Example: JR-Maglev of Japan**
- **3. Inductrack (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory of the United States) relies on permanent magnets.**

- **“I am confident that the Superconducting Magnetically-levitated Linear Motor Car is a most promising high speed transportation system in the 21st century. It is a vehicle befitting the requirements of the high speed and massive transportation age, as it operates at more than 500 Km/h, (>300 mph), and has the transportation capacity equivalent to the existing Shinkansen. It is a most advanced traffic system, which has less noise and vibration and promises a safe and comfortable ride.”**

- **“It is also good for the protection of the global environment. The superconductive maglev train, which levitates while traveling, makes the best use of the clean electrical energy. It minimizes the impact on the environment along its line. It is a truly eco-friendly traffic system in a new age!”(10)**

10. The Economic Benefits

- **Once this milestone history-making Bering Strait been built, this great so-called “New Silk Road” will not only revolutionize world trade and transportation, but also channel in enormous economic benefits:**

- **1) First, the project itself will provide jobs, strengthen economics and help get energies.**
- **2) Not to mention the immeasurable huge amounts of coal reserves, natural gas and minerals.**

- **3) Just given the example of transporting goods from China to America which has been one of the busiest lines among the global communities. The direct straight-line link from Beijing to Chicago is much shorter than the detour land-ocean-land line which would not only travel a lot more overall journey, but also very likely waste much time of waiting at the launching and unloading harbors for a reasonably average period of one to two weeks.**

- **4) Therefore, the total saving of the costs of transportation of goods through railways and energies through pipelines will hit the astronomical number of USD 20 billion dollars every year!(9)**

- **The President of the China Society, Dr. Yeqing Li, commented that these benefits will not only favor both China and America, but all of the world, offering tremendous advantage and values, plus communication among peoples and cultures.**

- **Some scholar like Dr. Cheryl Lau, Former Teaching Fellow of Harvard University would emphasize the spiritual values, some and more professionals and official opinions are getting more exciting about this economics-saving project which can certainly play a very positive and active role for the entire globe to breakthrough the current and ongoing financial crisis and economic depression. For the world we are living today, it is no less a “tonic booster”, and maybe even a “panacea”!**

11. The Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing

- **However, the most exciting and inspiring significance and impact of this Bering Strait Project is still nevertheless, the Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing between The United States and Russia: The founder of this history-making project, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon has stated in his historical speech and declaration:**

- **“A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will-The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World” at Hawaii King Garden on March 17, 2007 that:**

- **“Ladies and gentlemen, the Universal Peace Federation will be the vanguard carrying out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage of humanity back to that of Adam before the Fall through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing held on the interreligious and international level.**

- **Some may laugh and say that it is impossible. Yet, please think about this: what do you think will happen if people from the United States and Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing, according to the teachings of Rev. Moon who does God's works on His behalf. The two nations will become one family under God, who is the eternal, absolute Master.**

- **How could anyone harbor antagonism toward, much less point guns and knives at, a nation which billions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home?”(11)**

- **I myself is also most inspired by and excited about this great idea and would see in the near future a true, peaceful world under heaven established, thus, the realization of “world peace through ideal families” and fulfillment of the dreams of “one world, one dream” and “one family under God” eventually come true!**

12. The Strategic Impacts

- **Overlooking the great powers around the Pan-Pacific Rim centering on the Bering Strait, the deliberate and tricky triangle relationships among China, Russia and America are very complicated and are expected to have great impacts on security and peace in the entire Greater Pacific Area.**

- **Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon said: “Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you closely analyze the current state of affairs in the world and in the Pacific Rim. Although the days of communism are gone, even now powerful nations such as China and Russia are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to aggressively pursue their own interests with the powerless and small island nations.**

- **Regardless of what nation it may be, no small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful surrounding nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. Those nations are so powerful that, if they wanted to, they could dominate any of the smaller nations in a single day, without shedding blood.”**

- **“Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I said, the small island nations by themselves will not be able to stop the incredible tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region.**

- **The time has come, therefore, for all the small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite as one. The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, should enter into an agreement as one body to sustain peace throughout the Pacific Rim sphere. This will secure peace and stability for all people.”**

- **“What I am saying to you is that you have the responsibility to protect and save the oceanic realm, which is the resource on which humanity’s future depends, from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and shield the raw materials for the sake of peace in the future.**

- **This year, in particular, a jubilee year in the providence, I have come to Hawaii as the first transit stop on my visit to America. I am now completing the providence of establishing God's homeland and hometown.”(11)**

- **In an official peace conference held in Taipei, Taiwan earlier this year, one of the founding directors of the Cross-Taiwan Strait Peace Foundation, Dr. Chuan-Fong Chang commented in the 2009 Asia-Pacific International Leadership Conference, regarding the role Taiwan can play in the Bering Strait Tunnel Project, which is a quote from one of his conversations with the UPF and FPU founder-Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon:**

- **“If Taiwan can take the leading role to accomplish the Bering Strait Project, definitely the international world will recognize and respect the contribution of Taiwan to world peace, then Taiwan will not need to worry about the threat of China.”(12)**

- **My interpretation of this opinion is that from the global strategic point of view referring to the key role of Russia, while striving to become an influential power again in Euro-Asia and Pacific Rim, yet facing the dilemma of two options of choosing the alliance- either ally with China or America. Should Russia go back to China to aftertaste “the old good time” in the Soviet Union era? Or, should Russia move boldly to the east, instead to the south, to join America’s ally?**

My ultimate and resolved proposals are:

- **1) Russia rallies with America through first building the Bering Strait Tunnel to link Siberia and Alaska into one land geographically, sharing the boundless natural resources to benefit the mutual dynamic economics. Then through the active involvement and participation of both sides' citizens the International and Cross-Cultural International Marriage Blessing, to achieve the ultimate and eternal harmony and unity of western and eastern cultures.**

- **China allies with Taiwan through a three-stage process: (1) Communication (2) Cooperation (3) Reunification, which course should be natural, peaceful and mutually agreeable. Right now, Taiwan is initiating her potential leading role in inspiring the worldwide Chinese communities to actively support and participate in the Bering Strait Tunnel Project, then the International Peace Highway (including the Korea-Japan Tunnel Project), next the very important and significant Taiwan Strait Tunnel Project (between China and Taiwan), under the coordination and integration of the universal ultimate Chinese societies' peace organization-the Global Chinese Association/Federation for World Peace.**

My Prayer

- I am praying for an ideal world of everlasting peace through building the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is God's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on True Love.
 - Aju!

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