

## Press Release

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# Family Federation 2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day and the International Marriage Blessing Ceremony

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**Live broadcast in 194 countries worldwide**



### ▲ 2014 International Marriage Blessing Ceremony – February, 2014, Gapyeong, Korea

It has been disclosed that at 10 A.M. on March 3rd (January 13th by the Lunar Calendar) the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (hereafter referred to as the Family Federation) will hold a celebration for the Second Anniversary of Foundation Day and the 2015 International Marriage Blessing Ceremony at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Gyeong-gi Province, where 20,000 participants from around the world are anticipated to attend.

Two years ago, on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, by the lunar calendar, Family Federation founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon proclaimed “Foundation Day” as the beginning point of a peaceful world. As we usher in the Commemoration on the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, centering on Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, we will open up the era of one family under God.

After the celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day, the 2015 International Marriage Blessing Ceremony will be held, with 3,000 couples (600 new couples, 2,400 previous marriage couples) in Korea, totaling to approximately 12,000 additional couples worldwide via live broadcast (total 15,000 couples worldwide). Brides and grooms from about 50 different countries will make a new start in planting the seeds of peace to create true families. The 2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day and the 2015 International Marriage

Blessing Ceremony will be broadcast live to 194 countries worldwide. About 20,000 people are expected to be in attendance.

The various events that will take place on the upcoming 2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day in Seoul and Gapyeong are listed below.

<b>&lt;2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day Main Event Schedule&gt;</b>	
<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Commemoration on the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind</b></li> <li>● <b>(International Marriage Blessing Ceremony)</b></li> </ul>
<b>February 24<sup>th</sup> (Tue)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holy Ground Pilgrimage in Korea</li> <li>● 2015 Love Sharing Festival</li> </ul>
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2015 Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship Presentation Ceremony and Awards Ceremony</li> <li>● International Leadership Conference Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>March 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● World Media Conference</li> <li>● Great Fortune Festival (Multicultural Festival)</li> </ul>
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2015 Symposium for Peace and Unification of the Korean Peninsula</li> <li>● Korea-Japan Collegiate Youth Peace Symposium</li> </ul>
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening of the True Love Peace School</li> </ul>
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7th Hyo-Jin Moon Music Festival</li> </ul>

**\* Commemoration on the Second Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind**

***(International Marriage Blessing Ceremony)***

*(March 3rd, Tuesday, 10:00-13:00, Gapyeong, CheonShim Peace World Center)*

The 2nd Anniversary of Foundation Day and the 2015 International Marriage Blessing Ceremony are going to take the first steps towards peace, through God-centered families, transcending race, religion and nationality. They will be broadcast live via satellite to 194 countries around the world. Approximately 3,000 couples (6,000 people) will recite their marriage vows at the CheonShim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Korea. An estimated 14,000 guests will also attend, including VIPs, totaling up to 20,000 participants expected to attend the wedding ceremony.

**\* 2015 Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship Presentation Ceremony and Awards Ceremony**

*(February 28th, Saturday, 10:30, Gapyeong, CheongShim International Youth Center Indoor Gymnasium)*

For the sake of cultivating talent and promoting peace, the WonmoPyeongae Foundation (established in 2013) will present a total of 2,000 candidates with 10 billion won (\$ 9 million) in scholarships. Approximately 30 Individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding service are also among those expected to receive service awards.

**\* World Media Conference**

*(March 1st ~ March 5th, Sunday ~ Thursday, Seoul Lotte Hotel)*

The Segye Ilbo and the Washington Times will co-host the World Media Conference under the theme “Prospects for Peace in Northeast Asia in the 21st Century” with 300 journalists, politicians and scholars from 40 nations. The featured presenters on peace in Northeast Asia will include former U.S. House of Representatives member Hon. Dan Burton, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Christopher Hill, Saenuri Party Supreme Council Member Hon. Eul-Dong Kim, and Washington Times President Mr. Larry Beasley.

**\* 2015 Symposium for Peace and Unification of the Korean Peninsula**

*(March 2nd, Monday, 14:00, National Assembly Memorial Hall)*

The symposium will be conducted by the National Assembly Research Group ‘Unification Future Forum,’ Universal Peace Federation, Women’s Federation for World Peace, Professors World Peace Academy and the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of Fatherland, and will be sponsored by the Ministry of Unification, The National Unification Advisory Council and Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation. The heads of Unification movements for North and South Korea and 300 leaders will discuss the proposal for the construction of a Northeast Asia integrated railway system and a DMZ Peace Park, along with the opening of the Fifth United Nations Secretariat in Korea. As they discuss a path towards peace in Northeast Asia, as well as the unification of the Korean Peninsula, they will request national interest and support. As a special program, a signing ceremony will be held for a petition to open a new United Nations Secretariat in Korea, and a campaign to gain more signatures will continue nationwide throughout the following year.

**\* Korea-Japan Collegiate Youth Peace Symposium**

*(March 2nd, Monday, 10:00, National Assembly Memorial Hall)*

As we near the 50th Anniversary of Korea-Japan Diplomatic Relations, Korean and Japanese collegiate youth are scheduled to gather and participate in the Korea-Japan Collegiate Youth Peace Symposium with the theme ‘The Role of Korean and Japanese Collegiate Youth in Bringing about a New Peaceful Era in Northeast Asia.’ This event, conducted by the group of Korean and Japanese collegiate youth dedicated toward peace and co-hosted by Korean Assembly member Wan-Young Yi, the Youth Federation for World Peace, and World CARP Korea & Japan, will include presentations, a cultural performance and the visionary proclamation of sisterhood and peace throughout Northeast Asia.

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