

The 61st anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC celebrated in Korea

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Cheon Bok Gung, headquarters church in Seoul



The sixty-first anniversary of the founding of FFWPU took place on June 16 (5.1 on the heavenly calendar) beginning at 10:30 am at the main church, Cheon Bok Gung.

Dr. Man Ho Kim, director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, Yun Gi Choi, chairman of the Tongil Group, and Joon Ho Seuk, chairman of the Sunmoon Education Foundation, joined ministers and church leaders from around the country and over seven hundred central members in the celebration. True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (later known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification) on June 16, 1954, at Bukhak-dong, Seongdong Borough, Seoul. He sent missionaries to Japan in 1958 and to the United States in 1959. This has now expanded to nations on all continents.



The event started with Gyeong Deuk Yu, vice-president of FFWPU-Korea making an opening declaration.

Everyone then sang the Cheon Il Guk anthem and then recited the Family Pledge. Gi Seong Lee, president of the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center, prayed. The leader of the northern Seoul district, In Chang Kim, and his wife offered flowers.

FFWPU vice-president Hyeon Yeong Lee and Jin Jang Jin, the Gyeongbuk district leader, offered gifts. Various people sang congratulatory songs. Main church district leader Jeong Ho Park read the Hoon Dok text.

Chairman Joon Ho Seuk made some congratulatory remarks and gave awards to church elders. Kyeong Seuk Lu, president of FFWPU-Korea gave a speech and prayed. The whole affair concluded with Jeonbuk District leader Myeong Chae Lee leading cheers.

In President Lu's address, he expressed respect and gratitude toward True Parents. He said, "I feel the

memories in my heart of True Parents' sincere devotion of blood, sweat and tears in not just all of Korea, but in all the corners of the world. He spoke of the two declarations True Mother made during this past tour in Europe.



The first, “The UN must accept Heavenly Parent, and believe in True Parents who have brought the ideal and word of Heavenly Parent” was stated at the UN headquarters openly to all the 7 billion people, not just to the European participants. The second, he explained that after the Christian cultural sphere which is the era before the coming of heaven has disappeared into history, a new cultural era which is the era after the coming of heaven has opened centered on True Parents and the culture of heart. He said that True Mother called this “a cultural revolution.”

True Mother returned to Korea on June 14 after her tours in Europe and the United States. It was raining when she arrived. She exclaimed, “This rain is rain that brings good fortune!” The draught in Korea had continued to such an extent that some places had difficulty finding drinking water.

However, lots of rain came along with True Mother's arrival. On the drive back to Cheon Jeong Gung, she received a report on activities in Korea from President Lu who was riding with her. Afterward, she said, “For the substantial era of Cheong Il Guk to be established on earth, the people must know True Parents' status and value. You must pray and offer sincere devotions when you interact with Heaven.”

On the other hand, Director General Kim posted, “The First Letter Given by the President of International Headquarters' on June 15 and in the letter, he said, “True Mother has received the reports on the MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) situation and is deeply concerned for the situation of Korea and the safety of our members. He also said, “We should have attended as representatives of all humanity and the realms of Abel and Cain, for the victorious return of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind after forty-eight days spent touring Europe and the United States. However, we substituted that with a simple gathering due to the MERS situation.



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