

I was recently matched and blessed by True Parents

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Hey everyone,

As many of you know, I was recently matched and blessed by True Parents. In brief, my spouse is Hitoe Suzaki; she is Japanese, but we converse in Korean; she is 20 years-old and is studying Unification Theology at Sunmoon University. She sings in a band called "Rebirth" that plays Hyo Jin nim's music.

The whole matching and Blessing experience was incredible, from when I arrived in Korea on October 3rd, until I left on the 15th.

I spent 3 days in Cheong Pyeong before the matching workshop, which began on the 6th, to prepare my heart and mind. After those three days of intense prayer and reflection I felt completely clear and ready for whatever Father had in store for me (hehe).

The matching workshop started on the 6th with lectures and testimonies of other match couples. On the night of the 6th, it was announced that Father will hold the matching the next day. The next day came and I could feel how ready everyone was; there was an immense sense of trust in God and True Parents from each if the matching candidates; but of course, we were all nervous.

We got to the palace and sat down in a room, where we waited for about 10 to 20 minutes before True Parents came. True Father first wanted to break the ice with some singing. Three brothers volunteered to sing. They were pretty good. Then Father started pointing to people in the crowd to get up and sing; it turned out they could all sing really well. It was nice to see how keen Father still is. After the singing finished, he told everyone to put their hands in the air. "Put your hands together and don't look at them" he said. "Now look at them... If your left thumb is above your right thumb, stand up. Everyone else go to the back of the room." By doing this, Father split the brothers' group and the sisters' group almost perfectly in half, so that there were a total of four groups: two brothers' and two sisters' groups. Then Father started to say, "You should all be able to take responsibility and find your own spouse. You should be able to completely follow your Original Mind and find a spouse for yourselves. I should ask you to find your own spouse, shouldn't I?" We all laughed at his joke....but he was not joking. At this point, we all thought he was kidding and he was just getting us ready before he started matching us. Then he kept talking about it more, and more, and more.

Then we started getting a little worried! Some people started to completely freak out, some people were excited, and some people were just okay with whatever Father did. It was quite amazing how everyone reacted. Then, Father said, "Go ahead. Pick a spouse for yourself. Many people break the matches that I make. If you pick your own spouse, you have no reason to break it" With the room split into two matching groups (two groups of about 40 sisters lined up facing 40 brothers), Father asked the sisters to look carefully at each brother and find a spouse! As you can imagine, it was very difficult for the sisters to do this, so Father said, "You sisters aren't brave! Let's let the brothers do it!" I was third in line to go look at the sisters and I remember standing there with my eyes closed, asking God, "What kind of person is good for me? What qualities should I look for in a spouse? What do I look for?!" The brothers next to me already went to look at the sisters, but I did not move. I remember just standing there in prayer. Then, all of a sudden, True Father said something that made everything SO clear to me. He said, "Don't look at just the face; look at her heart. Look at everything" At that moment I was overcome with a tremendous feeling of confidence and faith in God. Finally, I began looking. I looked carefully, but briefly, at each sister. By the time I went through all of them, I closed my eyes and tried to remember each person that I saw. But I could only remember one face: Hitoe Suzaki.

I decided that before I approach her I should probably go around and look at each sister again. I started to go around one more time before I make a decision, but by the time I got to Hitoe, I stopped.....and put my hand out. She hesitated for a second because she did not know what she was supposed to do. Also, she was hesitant because we were actually the first couple to be made in our group. Then, out of nowhere, Daemon nim pops out of nowhere with a HUGE smile on her face, pushing Hitoe from behind, saying, "Go, go, go!"

We left the room together and the first thing I said to her was, "Are you Japanese?" (In Japanese). She got really excited for a second because she thought I spoke Japanese, but I didn't. But when we found out we both speak Korean, we were so relieved.

After the first few awkward minutes, we began to realize that we had a lot in common. She is good friends with my brother's spouse, Yigyu; we both love music; we both want to teach the DP and educate 2nd and 3rd Gen.

Despite our similarities, we are very different in character. She is Japanese and I am American; that says enough.

The coolest thing about the whole experience was True Father. His wisdom and his love for us is incredible. He knew that the way he chose to do the matching would work out. And it did work out. The couples that were made are amazing. Everyone is happy. I am saddened when people talk badly about True Father. You had to have been there to understand why I am saying how great he is.

Thank you all for supporting me in my matching process. I am especially grateful to God, who helped me get to where I am today. Hitoe and I are very happy and look forward to the future.

Love,

~ Benjy Uyama