

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Unificationist teachings benefit Japan

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Seishiro Sugihara (center) flanked by Tatsuki Nakayama (left) and Shunsuke Uotani (right) on the panel on May 19, 2024, in Hiroshima City, Japan

### Symposium in Hiroshima, Japan focuses on how teachings are practiced for society to benefit



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The Unification Movement Has Played a Role: Symposium in Hiroshima

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A symposium titled "The Role Played by the Unification Movement (統一運動) and Its Prospects for the Future", hosted by the Hiroshima Prefecture Ambassadors for Peace Council, was held on 19th May 2024 in Hiroshima City, with about 100 local members participating. Seishiro Sugihara (杉原誠), a former professor at Musashino Women's University (武蔵野女子大) who spoke at the event, praised an affiliated political organization of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)) for its "courageous actions, such as speaking out publicly against the errors of communism."



Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama

Sugihara emphasized that the request by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology for a dissolution order against the [Family Federation](#) is a serious matter, stating, "Freedom of religion is one of the pillars of the state, and dissolving a religious organization is not a simple matter." He argued that hearings being conducted behind closed doors "should not happen in a rule-of-law society. Holding closed hearings would be unconstitutional."

Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama (中山達樹) pointed out, "The Unification Movement puts good teachings into practice for the benefit of society, but this is not being conveyed." He analyzed that friction arose because the movement engaged in activities beyond its means.

Shunsuke Uotani (魚谷俊輔), Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Japan,

explained that the UPF is registered as an NGO in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and operates with the goal of contributing to society and achieving world peace. He stated, "The accusation that the [Family Federation](#) is a dummy organization stems from religious ignorance."

The organizers urged people to observe the activities of the [Family Federation](#) and the UPF and judge for themselves "what is true and factual, without being swayed by reports". Then it is easy to see whether the two organizations are anti-social or not.

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*Professor emeritus Seishiro Sugihara*

Seishiro Sugihara was born in Hiroshima Prefecture in 1941. He completed his master's degree program at the Graduate School of Education, University of Tokyo in 1967. He has served as professor at Josai University [private university in Saitama] and at Musashino Women's University (now Musashino University - in Tokyo). His publications include "Ideal Separation of Religion and Politics and Constitutional Amendment" ([理想の政教分離規定と憲法改正](#) - Jiyusha, 2015). He has co-authored works such as "The Disease Called Yoshida Shigeru" ([吉田茂という病](#) - published in 2011).

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## The Teachings in a Nutshell

Unificationism represents a paradigm shift in religious / spiritual thinking. A paradigm shift is a systematic shift in thinking that is of significant size and scope. **Father Moon** uses the phrase "super-religion beyond religious barriers" about his teachings.



That may in fact be the best way to sum up the teachings of **Father** and **Mother Moon** – their teachings in a nutshell.

Traditional view	Unificationism
Creates division	Creates unity
«Only we are right.»	All religions have parts of the truth.
Unclear purpose of life	A clear purpose / meaning of life
God as incomprehensible	A comprehensible God
Does not understand life after death	A clear understanding of life after death
Individual salvation	Salvation on family level
God as Father/ Lord	God as Father and Mother
Man above woman	Man and woman have same value.
In competition	Complementary
We are completely different from God.	We resemble God.
Keeping laws / commands most important	Living for others / altruism most important



We humans are created for a higher purpose and to realize an incredibly **great ideal**. The ideal world **God** originally planned when He created, was a world based on mature individuals creating good families, communities and nations.

However, because evil entered the world, the first humans failed to achieve the required personal maturity and therefore also failed to create a harmonious family.



All humankind is descended from the first man and the first woman (Adam and Eve). Because they were never able to realize **God's ideal** of creation, and because they never attained the

they were never able to realize **God's ideal** of creation, and because they never attained the required maturity to become the **True Parents** of humankind, their descendants, i.e., all humanity, did not get the much needed example of perfect individuals, ideal families, societies, and nations.



Adam should have become the True Father of humankind and Eve the True Mother. Instead, they became a false father and a false mother, creating an evil world full of false love, a false life, and a false lineage.



**God** has, however, never given up and has been working behind the scenes of human history so that one day His **original ideal** will be realized. Let us help **God** make that dream come true!

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