

## Father and Mother Moon's Vision of Universal Peace

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Dear Mother Moon, the founder of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, honored guests, and all youth and students from around the world, it is a great honor for me to be invited here today to the IAYSP World Assembly. I feel encouraged to see so many youths and students gathered here with me. I was deeply moved by Mother Moon's message at the scholarship award ceremony. Mother Moon, thank you for giving scholarships to many students to develop into leaders of the next generation. This assembly is to commemorate the one-hundredth birthday of Father Moon. When I was vice president of Nepal, I visited Korea in 2010 leading a delegation of seventeen delegates. During that time, I met Father Moon. I was so inspired by his vision and love for all humanity, including Nepal. When he embraced me, I felt as if he were my own father. After that greeting, I have been continuing my support of the Universal Peace Federation in Nepal to complete Father and Mother Moon's vision of world peace.

In my country, Nepal, young people under twenty-five years old constitute more than half the population. Youth play an important role in the development of the country. But youth and students

in Nepal, and everywhere, need more character education and need to experience community service activities and international, intercultural exchanges. Sadly, young people around the world are leaning increasingly toward individualism. This means the number of youth engaged in social, national, and world level issues is getting smaller and smaller.

### Love your nation

I feel the most essential elements for the development of the nations of the world is that youth develop a mind with public awareness and deep love for their own country and the world. Then only let us become peace-loving global citizens.... The YSP activities in Nepal are wonderful and include character education in many schools as well as service activities and disaster relief programs in the aftermath of the devastating 2015 Gorkha earthquake.

My son is a medical doctor, and he also participated in medical service camps that UPF and YSP organized. He had a good experience working for YSP as a youth ambassador for peace. I appreciate the activities of YSP so much. I listened to the report on the IAYSP forum held yesterday from my son. He

was one of the panelists. I am very impressed by the efforts of the youth and students and their concern for environmental issues, their support for disaster relief in Africa and their promotion of character education among a wide network of youth leaders and peace ambassadors. The active participation of youth in so many programs is very encouraging. This will surely lead to the betterment of society, the nation and the world.

Even though I am getting older, I would like to continue to support the YSP activities in Nepal whenever possible. It is indeed a very hopeful sign, seeing youth and students from around the world here today. With your continued efforts in international exchange, social contributions and character education, I have hope for the advancement of peace globally. Mother Moon, let me close by once again thanking you personally from the bottom of my heart for carrying Father Moon's legacy and even expanding on it in so many areas. I am especially delighted by your tireless efforts and selfless devotions to invest in our youth, the future leaders. This is, without a doubt, our greatest hope.



*Haj Ja Han (Mother Moon) on the red carpet in the audience of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace General Assembly, on February 5 at Kintex*