

Attendance Record Set at the Asian Leadership Conference in Bangkok, Thailand

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Once again, new records for attendance were set at the most recent Asian Leadership Conference. Organized monthly, this ALC was held in Bangkok, Thailand from Sept. 27-29, 2019 and records were set in the three areas:

This was the largest number of guests ever attending an ALC, 107.

The largest number of guests coming from a single nation with 70 delegates from Cambodia.

The largest number of delegates that ever came from China, 19. (This is considered a major breakthrough by the Regional Group Chairman, Dr. Yong Chung-sik.)

Participants repeatedly expressed their delight and amazement at the clarity and focus of Father Moon's universal principles of peace. Equally important, these ideas were very practical and it was easy to see how they could solve major social problems. The numerous UPF activities that supported this global vision of peace and sustainable development were also highlighted and appreciated. (See reflections below.)

The 3-day conference drew an exceptionally large number of guests from Cambodia because this nation is preparing to receive True Mother, November 18-21. Many of the participants are directly involved in preparations for the Asia Pacific Summit 2019 – Cambodia.

Our beloved True Mother has been personally invited to Cambodia by the Prime Minister, H.E. Hun Sen. In addition, the Prime Minister himself directed his government to hold the Summit inside the Prime Minister's office. This beautiful building in the center of the capital, Phnom Penh, is called the Peace Palace.

VIPs attending the ALC included two current Members of Parliament from Cambodia and one former Senator from Thailand. Participants also included the mayor from Dhangadhi, a major metropolitan city in the western Nepal, and from China the former Vice-President of the International Sunzi Art of War Research Center.

Eleven participants received the Ambassador for Peace award. Delegates came from six nations in the Shin Asia-Pacific region: Bangladesh (1), Cambodia (70), China (19), Malaysia (2), Nepal (2), and Thailand (13).

Reflections

Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal invited me here and I'm so grateful because I feel as if I'm reborn today. During Nepal's 10-year insurgency I spent time in jail, but realized how Father and Mother Moon struggled throughout their lives, their incredible sacrifices... I didn't know that how important marriage was and how it can really address so many social problems. From now on, I will educate our youth to be moral

and parents in our families to be ideal husbands and wives. And I'll support completely UPF programs.
-- Hon. Nirpa Bahadur Odd, Mayor, Dhangadhi Metropolitan City, Nepal



I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to UPF. We could listen to the very wonderful presentations and have a great experience together. This gave us a great vision for the global level; we can see it is possible for this world to be better. I completely agree that the beginning of world peace starts with the family... All participants should bring back the knowledge and inspiration from this conference to their home countries...

--Hon. Sumol Sutaviriyawat, Senator (2008-2014), Thailand

We are so honored and pleased to be here, we have learned a lot from all of you. We need to show the culture of gratitude to each other, even to our spouse because it is so important to become a loving couple... to apply True love not only in our family but also in our institutions and our country... We need to have a vision for peace, this starts in our hearts. Once again, I'd like to thank our Mother Moon and Father Moon for their vision and leadership...

-- Mrs. Ek Sophanna, Wife of Mr. Doung Virorth, Permanent Vice Chairman Civil Society Alliance Forum

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, we have been greatly inspired and impressed by UPF's philosophy and efforts for peace promotion, co-founded by Father and Mother Moon. We learned a lot about universal principles of peace, the culture of love, living for others, and the importance of the family for society as well as the many grand activities of UPF for peace... We really appreciate very much the 'living for the sake of others' philosophy initiated by Father Moon.

-- Hon. Ty Sokhun, Member of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, Information and Media of the National Assembly of Cambodia