

## Solomon Islands New Hope Academy's Grand Ceremony for Campus Expansion

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On November 13, a grand groundbreaking ceremony was held for six classrooms and a gymnasium hall, made possible through True Mother's grace. The ceremony proceeded meaningfully, beginning with students' traditional welcome, followed by congratulatory speeches from Family Federation and education sector leaders, opening prayers, welcoming remarks, keynote address, ribbon-cutting ceremony, and closing ceremonies.

During the event, Rev. Norman Pitabelama, President of Education for FFWPU - Solomon Islands, expressed deep gratitude, stating, "This project is not merely about constructing buildings, but is True Mother's response to give hope to our children." Additionally, Mr. Ali Kiko, Director of Solomon Islands Education Support Unit, conveyed profound appreciation to True Mother, expressing confidence that this groundbreaking ceremony would mark a crucial turning point in education. He emphasized that this opportunity would provide more educational opportunities for Solomon Islands' children.



In the keynote address, Rev. Yamada Yutaka, Sub-Regional Director of FFWPU - Oceania, highlighted True Mother's vision and passion for education, stating, "True Mother has always emphasized the importance of education for future generations. This project is the realization of that dream."

The highlight of the event was when students sang the Cheon Il Guk Anthem and recited the "Crown of Glory." Participants concluded the ceremony with confidence that this groundbreaking would serve as an important milestone leading to significant changes in the community and educational environment, beyond merely opening new facilities.

The celebration culminated in a communal feast where parents, teachers, and students enjoyed food together, with enough remaining for them to take home to their families.

New Hope Academy, which opened its kindergarten and elementary school in 2012 through the jeongseong of Solomon Islands members, has grown to serve 500 students. The school honors True Parents by celebrating their birthday as its founding anniversary and provides education based on True Parents' teachings.

Recognizing the urgent need for expansion, True Parents have approved the construction of six classrooms and a gymnasium to establish a middle school, blessing the students of New Hope Academy with opportunities for continued growth and education.