

Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Seonghwa Anniversary Martial Arts Festival

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Emergence of the Hwarangdo Spirit at the “Martial Arts Festival,” Celebrating Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Seonghwa Anniversary [Newsis]

The Martial Arts Federation for World Peace held the “Martial Arts Festival” in commemoration of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 2nd Seonghwa Anniversary on the 8th at the auditorium of Sun Jeong High School in Seoul. The event drew a crowd of about 1,000 people, including about 147 martial arts students.

After being established by Rev. Sun Myung Moon in Washington D.C. in 1997, the Martial Arts Federation went on to set up chapters in about 40 different nations. This festival is the first official event to be held after the Federation moved its headquarters to Korea in February of 2012.



“I hope that the youth can beautifully express the peace philosophy of my father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, both intellectually and physically, and that that spirit can grow within all of you,” said Martial Arts Federation Director Kwon Jin Moon. “Just as the Hwarangdo spirit was able to unite the three kingdoms through the mentalities of sacrifice, filial piety and the indomitable spirit, in these constantly changing times, we need an organization of youth that wields the Hwarangdo spirit and the spirit of true love to play the role of the vanguard for North-South Unification. If you train in order to be able to dash forward bravely, heaven’s fortune will be with you,” he encouraged.



“The mission of martial arts is to walk the true path. The Martial Arts Federation was created with the mentality of completely mastering of one’s body in order to resurrect the original body and cultivate mind-body unity,” said Korean President Kyeung-Seuk Ryu of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).



“I hope that this festival can embody the two mottos of the Martial Arts Federation: ‘Advancing bravely forward with discipline’ and ‘Bring ten thousand victories through the way of filial piety,’” said Sun Moon Institute Director Joon- Ho Seuk.



“Let us carve the bright image of a life of true love into our hearts, and live to fulfill the mission of martial arts: the realization of a just society and peace for humankind,” said Korea Sambo Federation President Jong-Geum Moon.

Martial arts demonstrations were given during the second half of the festival. Cheong Shim International Middle and High School gave Taekwondo, Bodyguard Martial Arts and Wonhwado performances. The World Brotherhood Student Institute’s international students gave a demonstration of Tongil Mudo, and Sun Moon University’s Martial Arts Department performed as well. After the demonstrations, all of the students aligned onto the stage and transcended the borders of martial arts sect and school as they joined hands and sang the “Song of Unification.” The festival ended with three cheers of Eok Mansei.

Martial Arts Peace Federation Director Kwon Jin Moon: “May the winds of literary and military accomplishment blow through the hearts of our youth.” [Segye Ilbo]



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World Peace and Unification Korean President Kyeung-Seuk Ryu, Sun Moon Institute Director Joon-Ho Seuk, Korea Sambo Federation President Jong-Geum Moon, martial arts leaders, organizations and martial arts students.

Cheong Shim International Middle and High School gave Taekwondo, Bodyguard Martial Arts and Wonhwado performances. The Seon Jeong Judo Team performed, the World Brotherhood Student Institute's international students gave a demonstration of Tongil Mudo, and Sun Moon University's Martial Arts Department displayed their unique strengths as well. After the demonstrations, all of the students aligned onto the stage and transcended the borders of martial arts sect and school as they joined hands and filled the hall with music as they sang the "Song of Unification."

Previously, at the opening ceremony, Director Kwon Jin Moon gave some words of encouragement. "I hope that the youth can beautifully express the peace philosophy of my father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, both intellectually and physically, and that that spirit can grow within all of you," said Moon. "Just as the Hwarangdo spirit was able to unite the three kingdoms through the mentalities of sacrifice, filial piety and the indomitable spirit, in these constantly changing times, we need an organization of youth that wields the Hwarangdo spirit and the spirit of true love to play the role of the vanguard for North-South Unification. If you train in order to be able to advance forward bravely, heaven's fortune will be with you," he encouraged.



"I hope that this festival can embody the two mottos of the Martial Arts Federation: 'Advancing bravely forward with discipline' and 'Bring ten thousand victories through the way of filial piety,'" said Director Joon-Ho Seuk in his commemorative speech. "Let us carve the bright image of a life of true love into our hearts and live to fulfill the mission of martial arts: the realization of a just society and peace for humankind," said President Jong-Geum Moon.

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