

Sun Moon University holds “2014 Multicultural Festival”

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[Asia Today] Sun Moon University will hold the “2014 Multicultural Festival” on November 1st.
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Sun Moon University and 2014 Multicultural Peace Festival Organizing Committee announced that they will hold the “2014 Multicultural Peace Festival” on November 1st from 10 am.

This festival, anticipating 10,000 participants from nearly 80 nations including Japan, the Philippines and Thailand will be co-hosted by Sun Moon University, the Korea Multicultural Peace Federation and Multicultural General Welfare Center, and will be attended by members of various multicultural organizations in Korea under the slogan “Love and service unites *damunhwa* (multi-culture)! Our hope for world peace!”

The event will consist of Part one—the Commemorative Ceremony, Part two--the Multicultural Special Performance and Part three--the Multicultural Festival. There will also be an Inauguration Ceremony of “True Love Peace Volunteer Federation” where 166 voluntary organizations from around Korea will confederate.

Also, there will be 1.3 km “Global One Family Parade” from Asan City Government to Onyangoncheon Station, special performances by children, youths, college students and women from multicultural backgrounds, national arm wrestling contest by multicultural women, a multicultural soccer game and nearly 30 exhibition booths of global culture experiences, global foods, bazaars, children’s play grounds, etc.

Nearly 600 foreign citizens who have received awards such as *daetongryeong-sang* (President award), *hyobu-sang* (filial wife award), *pongsa-sang* (volunteer award), *mobeom-sang* (exemplary award), etc. including Mrs. Miki Nagaya (51) from Chungju, North Chungcheong province are expected to take part.

Mrs. Miki Nagaya is a foreign wife in Chungju who has served as leader of the Women’s Association (Judeog-eup, Mirak-maul) for seven years, and has made substantial efforts in facilitating communication and unity among the citizens. She married into a Korean family in 1996, and became a daughter-in-law of a farming family where four generations live together. As a mother of two children, she has taken an active part in voluntary services contributing toward community development and received the *hyobu-sang* (filial wife award) and the *pongsa-sang* (volunteer award) in recognition of her dedication.

[Jungbu Maeil] 10,000 gather for “2014 Multicultural Peace Festival” at Sun Moon University, Asan



Sun Moon University (Rev. Sun-Jo Hwang, President) and 2014 Multicultural Peace Festival Organizing Committee (Rev. Kyeung-Seuk Lu, Chairman) are hosting the “2014 Multicultural Peace Festival” on November 1st from 10 am under the slogan, “Love and service unites *damunhwa* (multi-culture/ foreign citizens)! Our hope for world peace!” gathering 10,000 foreign citizens from more than 80 nations including Japan, the Philippines and Thailand.

This festival is co-hosted by Sun Moon University, the Korea Multicultural Peace Federation and the Multicultural General Welfare Center and members of various multicultural organizations in Korea will participate. It will be consisted of Part one-- the Commemorative Ceremony, Part two—the Multicultural Special Performance and Part three--the Multicultural Festival.

The inauguration ceremony of “True Love Peace Volunteer Federation” will be held, and 166 voluntary organizations from around Korea will come together for the kick-off. Also scheduled are 1.3 km “Global One Family Parade” from Asan City Government to Onyangoncheon Station, special performances prepared by children, youths, college students and women from multicultural backgrounds, multicultural women’s national arm wrestling contest and the multicultural soccer game.

Furthermore, participants will be given the chance to rethink the meaning of love and service through 30 exhibition booths of global culture experience, international foods, bazaars, children’s play grounds, etc.

Mrs. Miki Nagaya (51) from Chungju, North Chungcheong who received the *hyobu-sang* (filial wife award) and the *pongsa-sang* (volunteer award) by overcoming the biased view that foreign citizens are the objects of service and education, and nearly 600 foreign citizens who have received awards such as the *daetongryeong-sang* (President award), the *hyobu-sang*, the *pongsa-sang*, the *mobeom-sang*(exemplar award), etc. by practicing filial piety(孝) and chastity (烈), the core values of Korea, are expected to take part in the event.

Mrs. Miki Nagaya is the only foreign wife who has served as the leader of the Women’s Association of Chungju City of the North Chungcheong Province (Judeog-eup, Mirak-maul) for seven years, and has made substantial efforts in facilitating communication and unity among the citizens.

In 1996, she married into a Korean farming family where four generations live together, and as a mother of two children, has taken an active part in voluntary services contributing toward community development. She received the *hyobu-sang* (filial wife award) and the *pongsa-sang* (volunteer award) in recognition of her dedications. “It’s not easy for a foreigner to serve as a leader of the Women’s Association,” say her neighbors. “She doesn’t seem like a Japanese, but more like a Korean when we see her taking care of the village works so steadfastly despite her difficult situation.”

The Korea Multicultural Peace Federation was launched on April 25th of this year at the Seoul City Hall

with 52 multicultural organizations in order to keep up with the latest needs of Korea as a nation rapidly transforming itself into a multicultural society. Along with promoting friendship between nations, it develops “multicultural peace” movements with various multicultural organizations in Korea to not only promote understanding and care for foreign citizens, but also to realize the value of peace and mutual prosperity, which the majority of Korean people can empathize with. The “Multicultural Peace Festival” is scheduled to be held every two years.