

## Asian Leadership Conference in Bangkok, Thailand had Twenty-One VIP Guests

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At the recent Asian Leadership Conference, November 3-6, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, we had 21 VIP guests from 4 nations attending. Guests included: 10 from Cambodia, 9 from the Philippines, 2 from Myanmar and 1 from Malaysia.

The conference was a bit smaller compared to other ALC programs but the quality of delegates was no less than other events. In fact, it was stellar and included: 2 current MPs, 3 Presidential Assistants, 1 Deputy Governor, 1 Chief District Officer, 5 Government Department Directors (representing Women's Affairs, Economic and Financial, Education and Sports, Social Welfare, and the Department of Mines), 2 film makers, a Police Officer and a retired army General.

Our three days together focused on "take homes." This means the delegates were there to learn so that they could "take home" this presentations, these concepts and these principles to share with others. As always conference photos and PowerPoint presentations were put on the web and the link with QR code was given to all participants so they can access this material later.



All the delegates attended every session! They realized that Father and Mother Moon's Principles of Peace offer substantial hope in solving fundamental problems at the family, social and national levels and they wanted to use them to make their societies and nations better.

For example, the retired Army General said, "I came to attend this conference thinking, I will come to Bangkok and just show up, but I don't think I'll learn anything new." After the first day he was overwhelmed and admitted, "I have a lot to do when I go back home. I want to organize a conference for all the retired Army officers." The two film makers, a mother and son team, said they want produce a series of short films about the importance of marriage and family using this educational material. They said we have to use the mass media to educate the masses about this Universal Principles.

The conference concluded, as always, with a blessing ceremony. There were just two couples but it was very much an interfaith blessing as one was a Buddhist couple from Cambodia and the other a Muslim couple of the Philippines.

Our next ALC will be in two weeks, scheduled for November 24 to 27, 2017.

