

The Significance and Purpose of the Hanwon Korean House

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The dedication of the Hanwon Korean House



I have named this place the Hanwon Korean House. Did I not mention in the past that I would plan this Cheonwon Garden, and that I would show you what heaven on earth, where Heavenly Parent's dreams have come true, looks like?

Hence, each project that was planned is gradually being realized. When this entire plan is completed, Heavenly Parent will walk through this beautiful garden and pass by here to rest for a while. As he rests and views the surrounding landscape, he will think, Ah, I can have this experience with my loving children thanks to True Parents. With such a grateful heart, Heavenly Parent will rest, have some tea, eat some delicious rice cakes, and depending on time, he might even enjoy a nice meal.

In the beginning, I thought the site was a bit small and wondered whether the grand Hanwon Korean House could actually be erected there. So initially, I thought we might build something like a pavilion, but I felt the strong desire to attend Heavenly Parent throughout all four seasons. Consequently, this Hanwon Korean House will be a haven for Heavenly Parent, where he can come to rest, a place where he will feel joy looking at nature. That is why I have asked that owls be placed here looking in all directions.

People all over the world love owls. During the Goguryeo period [918–1392], their symbolic bird was the crow, which was called samjok-o [three-legged black bird, the intermediary between Heaven and people]. During the Joseon Dynasty [1392–1910], they used the magpie.



We even have a children's song entitled, "Magpie -- Magpie's New Year's Day." However, in the Cheon Il Guk era, the owl is that bird that will protect Heavenly Parent's beloved children twenty-four hours a day without ceasing, block anything that is impure and bring good fortune upon them. So, centered on this garden, I have called this place Buheung Garden. Within this Korea House will be a restaurant and all other facilities. They will form the HJ Buheung Waterside Café. In this way, the term "Buheung" will be included.

[Translator's note: "Buheung" usually means "revival" or "resurrection," but on that day, Dr. Young-ho Yun explained that the bu (부) in buheung (부흥) here means prosperity.] The Hanwon Korean House is located in the nation where -- for the only time in history -- True Parents were born. It is also an eco-friendly building. I hope you can use it frequently and come to like it a lot.

