France: 2026 Fall Hyodong Workshop in the Chamarande Education Center

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Nestled in the serene surroundings of the Chamarande Education Center, the 2026 Fall Hyodong Workshop in France unfolded as a beautiful testament to community, faith, and connection. Held from October 22 to 24, the gathering welcomed 21 enthusiastic participants under an inspiring and uplifting theme: "A World Filled with True Love." This intimate cohort brought together a vibrant mix of generations, including nine bright-eyed Hyodong children between the ages of 9 and 11, five dedicated HARP youth staff members, and six supportive adult staff members, all united by a shared spiritual purpose.

At the heart of the weekend's curriculum was a profound objective: teaching the young attendees how to actively build a world rooted in authentic compassion. Participants were guided to shift their perspectives and view the world through Heavenly Parent's eyes, fostering a deep sense of empathy and divine understanding. Central to this spiritual education was the exploration of Susu-jakyong - the foundational principle of give-and-receive. Rather than keeping these concepts strictly theoretical, the workshop brought them to vibrant life. Through a series of engaging, interactive activities, the children were given the invaluable opportunity to practice, feel, and experience the mechanics of true love firsthand in their daily interactions with one another.

Perhaps the most moving and defining feature of the autumn retreat was the extraordinary leadership demonstrated by the older youth. The HARP staff, comprised of middle and high school students, enthusiastically stepped up to take charge of the programming. Acting as group leaders and mentors, these teenagers warmly and patiently guided the younger Hyodong children through every activity, meal, and discussion. This beautiful dynamic transformed the workshop into much more than a standard learning seminar; it became a deeply meaningful occasion for the youth to share and experience genuine fraternal love, proving that the principles of Susu-jakyong were already taking root in the next generation.

As the workshop drew to a close, the Chamarande Education Center was left echoing with newfound friendships and a strengthened spiritual resolve. The 2026 Fall Hyodong Workshop not only enriched the minds of its young participants but successfully ignited a spark of divine love in their hearts, equipping them to carry the vision of a more compassionate, interconnected world back into their homes and communities.