

Yeon Ah (Choi) Moon at SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University graduation

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The Commencement Ceremony of SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University



The Commencement Ceremony of SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University was held on 1.20 of the heavenly Calendar in the 5th year of the Cheon Il Guk (solar calendar, Feb. 16). At this ceremony, a doctor of theology, 2 doctors of pastoral theology and 28 masters of pastoral theology, and a total of 33 graduates received honorable degrees. Of these graduates, there were 24 Universal Peace Academy cadets, a total of 100 people participated in this Commencement Ceremony, including Yeon Ah Moon (WFWP International President), Cho Sung-II (Director General, FFWPU International Headquarters), Wonju McDevitt (Chief of staff, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat), Jin-choon Kim (Chairperson of Cheon Beob Won), Jin-seong Ba (President of Hyo Jeong Academy), Gi-seong Lee (Chairman of the board), Kwang-myeong Cho (Chancellor), Yun Young Ho (Deputy Chief of Staff, FFWPUI HQ and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat), Rev. Dong Woo Kim (senior pastor of the Chung Pyung Cheongshim church), directors, employees working at HJ Cheonwon, distinguished guests, and families of graduates.

Jin-su Hwang (Secretary General) was the master of ceremonies (MC). It was followed in this order: Cheon Il Guk Anthem, opening remarks, pledge of allegiance, representative report (Jae-hyun Kim, Vice-Chancellor), offering of flowers (representative of the graduates), introduction of distinguished guests, report education matters (Hyeon-seob Do, Dean of academic affairs), conferment of degree and address of the Commencement Ceremony (Kwang-myeong Cho, Chancellor), greeting (Yeon Ah Moon, WFWP International President), congratulatory remarks and benediction (Gi-seong Lee, Chairman of the board), announcement, closing remarks.

Taking time from her busy schedule, President Yeon Ah Moon delivered a warm message and showed interest in the graduates with the following greetings:

"Actually, it would be great if True Mother would come here. As you know, She was busy with the 4th anniversary of the Foundation Day, and as always is busy spearheading everything at the front line of the providence. So, we, Secretariat of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon' and I came here instead of her. Do not be sad. If you see someone who works directly with True Mother, please feel that True Mother has come directly and trust her.

You have been suffering deeply for many years. True Parents already know how much effort and hard work you have put in until now. Many members of HJ Cheonwon have protected and surrounded the place of True Father, so that many filial sons and daughters have grown up, been educated and have now become graduates. I can tell that you are proud and are commendable, thank you so much. I ask you to keep in mind that True Parents are preparing this world, and that the protagonist of this world is you. Can you imagine how much True Parents worry about the

future of this world? What kind of world will be left for the future? True Parents are proceeding carefully with the providence at this time. I ask you to spread the love you have received from True Parents through practice so that many people can also feel it at this place. I am very grateful to see you become proud filial sons and daughters, and I am sure you will continue to develop to become a person that True Parents are proud of."

Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology which was founded by True Parents, was given the mission statement: 'loving Heaven, loving people, loving country.' The mission of the school was to cultivate human resources that are capable of contributing to world peace settlement and human happiness. It was established after the approval from the Ministry of Education on Oct. 22, 2003. Since its founding, there has been over 140 scholars and doctorate graduate students from around the world who were recruited and nurtured and then sent as pastors and missionaries to other organizations.



During 2012, after the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon, the former president Lee Myung-bak and the former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and many leaders of other countries and religious groups including the Korean Buddhist Jogye Order, and Catholic Council of Korea sent a message in tribute to Rev. Sun Myung Moon who committed himself to the realization of world peace.

True Parents have dedicated their lives to a movement that transcends race, religion, and nation for the realization of the peace ideology, 'One Family Under God'. In order to promote and maintain True Parents' peace ideology, True Parents established the 'Sunhak Peace Prize' in 2013. The Sunhak Peace Prize awards individuals and organizations who have made a remarkable contribution to the world. The prize is awarded to those who promote respect and love for humankind and create a world where humans and ecology coexist beautifully. Based on the 'One Family Under God' peace ideology, we aim to realize a peace vision for the future based on solidarity, coexistence, and communication rather than competition and conflict.

We changed the school's name from Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology to SunHak Universal Peace Graduate University to praise the founder's will and conduct research and education for the contribution of world peace in the current world that is now politically, economically and culturally confused; this also includes the relationship between South and North Korea. The SunHak refers to Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's first initials of their names. It is meant to promote True Parents' efforts for peace in which they have dedicated their lives to a movement that transcends race, religion, and nation for the realization of the peace ideology, 'One Family Under God'.

The school was created to foster talented people who resemble founders and contribute to the peace of humanity. UP stands for Universal Peace. It represents global and universal peace. According to Gods word, "universal" refers to the cosmos, wherein God and the earth community centered on Heaven are at peace.