FFWPU International: Academic Seminar to Support Multicultural Family Policies

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A seminar aimed at supporting multicultural policies to promote marriage and childbirth took place on at the Korea Press Center, themed "Exploring Multicultural Policy Solutions to Overcome Low Birth Rates."



The event was attended by notable figures including Son Byung-ho, President of the Korean Multicultural Peace Federation; Song Kwang-seok, President of FFWPU- Korea; Professor Kim Man-ho; Nam Bu-hyun, a professor at Sun Moon University; Oh Jung-ah, a researcher at the Sejong Social Policy Research Institute; and Jeong Myung-hee, a professor at Chungwon University.

President Son Byung-ho, in his keynote address, discussed "Exploring Practical Alternatives through Multicultural Families to the Low Birth Rate Cliff." President Son focused on enhancing the social perception of multicultural families, providing tailored educational support, strengthening policy measures, and fostering an environment supportive of pregnancy, childbirth, and employment.

Dr. Oh Jung-ah from the Sejong Social Policy Research Institute gave a presentation on the "Direction of Low Birth Rate Elderly Society Services and Multicultural Family Policy." It explored the societal challenges posed by low birth rates and an aging population, stressing the need for a policy shift to see multicultural families as integral members of society rather than just beneficiaries.

Furthermore, Professor Jeong Myung-hee from Chungwon University introduced an exploratory study titled "Child-Rearing Conditions and Family Cohesion Strengthening in Korean Multicultural Families." It advocated for the need to boost family communication, establish clear family rules, encourage social activity participation among family members, and develop strategies to resolve conflicts.

The seminar concluded with a panel discussion featuring Professor Nam Buhyun from Sun Moon University and Professor Kim Man-ho a legislative policy researcher.