

HPHC Yeosu City's Our Destiny is Harmony and Unification Peace March

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The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) hosted the 'Yeosu City Harmony and Unification Peace March' under the theme 'North-South Unification is Our Destiny' on September 8, 2024, at the D'Ocean Hotel in Yeosu. The event drew 500 attendees, including 350 leaders from various sectors of Yeosu City.

The event, moderated by Professor Lim Chae-ran of Kyonggi University, featured a series of activities: singing of national anthem, congratulatory performances, and the presentation of merit plaques. Jung Jae-hoon, UPF Yeosu Branch Director, introduced VIPs, followed by welcoming remarks from Lee Jong-seok, President of Yeosu City Ambassadors for Peace Council. Dr. Kim Kyung-hee delivered a cultural lecture, and Lee Woo-beom, President of Chonnam National University, offered congratulatory remarks.



Yang Chang-shik, UPF World Chairman, gave a peace lecture, after which new Peace Ambassadors were appointed. The program concluded with a photo session and a Peace Road launching ceremony led by Jung Woo-chul, Chairman of the National Committee for Unification Preparation.

In his peace lecture, Yang Chang-shik, UPF World Chairman, emphasized, the potential for North-South unification through a global peace movement based on the philosophy of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. encouraged participants to spark a "wind of peace" in Yeosu City, to prepare for Heavenly Unified Korea, which will grow globally, just as Korea has progressed from a developing country to join the ranks of advanced nations."

The event saw 260 new Peace Ambassadors appointed, with 10 representatives receiving certificates on stage. All participants then joined in a launching ceremony, carrying banners and flags expressing their

wishes for North-South unification.

The event concluded with all attendees singing "Our Cherished Hopes are for Unity," a song embodying their fervent desire for unification.

UPF, marking its 19th anniversary on September 12, is a global NGO with 'general consultative status' at the UN Economic and Social Council. In Korea, it maintains a presence in 15 metropolitan areas and 232 local districts, embodying its commitment to grassroots peace initiatives.



Impressions

Jung Woo-chul, Pastor of Ocean Yeosu Church

I see this event as a crucial step in our journey towards regional restoration and church growth.

Aligning with True Mother's vision is key to completing Heaven's providence. This is just the beginning of our strategy to empower Peace Ambassadors. I'm deeply grateful for the divine guidance we received and I'm committed to leading efforts in Yeosu for North-South unification.

Jung Jae-hoon, UPF Yeosu Branch Director

As a first-time organizer, I was initially worried about the event's success. Reaching out to people in the intense summer heat was challenging. But through persistence, prayer, and clear communication of our purpose, we witnessed a miracle - every seat was filled. I believe this success came from working in harmony with True Mother's vision.

Lee Jong-seok, President of Yeosu City Ambassadors for Peace Council

I'm deeply thankful to everyone who made this event run smoothly and safely. Moving forward, I'm committed to leading our council with humility, focusing on the needs of struggling families, regions, and our nation to achieve harmony and unification.

Lim Chae-ran, New Peace Ambassador (Visiting Professor at Kyonggi University)

Throughout the event, I felt a profound sense of unity and harmony. The Yeosu City Peace Council has been a real catalyst for this unity. I firmly believe that North-South unification is our destiny, and I'll do my best to convey the importance of these efforts using the language of peace.

Kim Kyung-hee, New Peace Ambassador (Director of Jeonnam Brain and Psychology Education Institute)

Chairman Yang Chang-shik's lecture on unification deeply moved me and ignited a strong desire for reunification. I feel a mix of shame for my previous lack of awareness and gratitude towards UPF members for their guidance throughout the event.

Kim Chae-gon, New Peace Ambassador

I heard widespread praise for Chairman Yang Chang-shik's lecture. The peace philosophy of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon clearly played a crucial role in making this event possible. I hope that along with the lecture, stories of those who dreamed of a new nation will reach an even wider audience.