

## 104th Anniversary for the March First Independence Movement - Towards a Heavenly Unified Korea

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On March 3rd, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) organized the "104th Anniversary and Commemorative Ceremony for the March First Independence Movement Towards a Heavenly Unified Korea" in collaboration with UPF Daejeon-Chungcheong District, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), The Korea Religions Association, and the association of foreigners living in Korea.

The event took place at the Memorial Hall of Yu Gwan-sun in Cheonan and was attended by more than 350 people, including UPF Korea President Lee Hyun-Young, UPF Daejeon-Chungcheong District President Yoo Kyung-Deuk, WFWP Korea President Choi Young-Sun, and other religious leaders.

The focus of this second edition of the event was on understanding the history of the independence movement, inheriting the sublime spirit of love for the country from our forefathers, and praying for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. The event consisted of a peace march, a peace prayer ceremony, a memorial performance, a commemorative speech, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and a performance to invoke a Heavenly Unified Korea. The theme of the event was "Let's Build a Heavenly Unified Korea through the Korean Unification Mansei Movement."

President Lee Hyun-young said, "The March 1 Movement was a national peace movement that transcended regional borders and echelons. Let's carry on the spirit of 'Mansei Movement for Korean Independence' into 'Mansei Movement for Korean Unification' and spread the spirit of achieving a heavenly unified Korea!" President Yoo Kyung-Deuk added, "Just as our ancestors, led by Yu Gwansun 104 years ago, defended this country and passed it on to us, we also have the responsibility to pass on a unified and peaceful Korean Peninsula to future generations. I hope we can fulfill this fateful task with one mind and one heart."

Choi Young-sun, President of WFWP Korea, said, "The March 1 Independence Mansei Movement, centered on Yu Gwan-sun, was a national peace movement that transcended all regional and social divides. Let us strive to build a heavenly unified Korea with women at the forefront."

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