

The 1st Anniversary of the Universal Sunghwa of Rev. Sun Myung Moon UPF Peace Ambassador Memorial and Memoir Award Ceremony

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300 peace ambassadors came together for the 1st Anniversary of the Universal Sunghwa of Rev. Sun Myung Moon UPF Peace Ambassador Memorial and Memoir Award Ceremony at 3 pm on 7.21 by the Heavenly Calendar (8.19 by Gregorian calendar) in the main auditorium on the 8th floor of the FFWPU headquarter in Seoul.



The ceremony was separated into two parts. Part I was the memorial service and consisted of an opening, prayer, introduction of guests, opening address, welcome address, words of remembrance, greeting of gratitude, and a video. Part II was the awards ceremony and consisted of a commentary, memoir awards ceremony, acceptance speech, memorial poetry reading, memorial performance, toast and a banquet.

After the opening, the Venerable Dae Woo, the former head of Evangelism for the Korean Buddhist Jogye Order, recited a prayer poem, ‘Rev. Sun Myung Moon’, to cherish the memory of True Father.

In opening address, Mr. Jung Ro Yun, president of UPF, said “Peace Ambassadors from across the nation cherish their memories of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and yearn for him. May that longing for him become love which will spread peace movement and become the root for peace among the people.” The individual experiences of the Peace Ambassadors will connect with True Father’s peace movements to remain in history.

Mr. Min Ha Kim, the center president of Peace Ambassador Conference and former top vice--president of the National Unification Advisory Council, delivered a welcoming message as a representative of thirty thousand Peace Ambassadors, saying “I hope that publishing these memoirs will give the ambassadors a chance to reminisce about their good memories with Rev. Moon, so that they may resolve to become the backbone of a peaceful and prosperous ideal world.”



During the words of remembrance, Mr. Bong Ho Kim, former vice-chairman of the National Assembly showed his respect for how Rev. Moon lead peace-making initiatives, telling an anecdote of how he was moved by True Father’s speech at the Abel UN Foundation Conference at Manhattan Center in New York City.

Afterwards, Ms. Eun Suk Shin, president of World Peace Women’s Forum emphasized on the roles of Peace Ambassadors, “ The role of the Peace Ambassadors is to correct the stereotypes the world has against Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has led peace movements throughout his whole life in order to solve the problems of humanity.



In Part II, the awards ceremony, Mr. Tae Jea Lee, the president of World Peace Education Forum and president of the board of examiners, gave a commentary and led the awards ceremony for the memoir contest commemorating True Father.



He presented one grand prize, two gold prizes, two silver prizes, three bronze prizes and 10 participation prizes, and so on, for a total of 18 awardees.

The host organizations, Universal Peace Federation and Peace Ambassador Committee published collections of memoirs in remembrance of the 1st year of True Father's Seonghwa.

In this book, there are special contributions from celebrities including Dr. Il Shik Hong, former president of Korea University and the prize-winning works.



The first prize winner, Ms. Kun Suk Jo, the president of Peace Ambassador of North Jun-ra region wrote a memoir based on the subject, 'Trinity of Love, Peace and Service'. She stated her feelings about having received the award.

Next, Mr. Jun Woo Shin, who won a gold prize for 'Yearning for Rev. Moon', and Mr. Sang Eun Seo, who won a silver prize for 'A Person Who Came as the Light', recited their poems. After that, a performance by another person besides Mr. Gue Chul Song followed. Finally, Mr. Gi Jung Na, president of Peace Ambassador Committee of North Chung Cheong region proposed a toast and a banquet was held.

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