

## UPF Asia-Pacific Hosts Conference with Sri Lanka Parliamentary Leaders

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The UPF Asia-Pacific Region, in collaboration with the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Sri Lankan Parliament, co-hosted a conference titled "Responsible Action: Fostering Transparency and Good Governance." This event, held on December 6, took place at the Sri Lankan Parliament. It was attended by over 200 participants, including current members of parliament, government representatives, and UPF representatives from 12 countries, such as India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, among others.



The event was jointly presided over by former Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Summit for World Peace, and the Speaker of the Parliament. Ranil Wickremesinghe President of Sri Lanka graced the event by participating as a panelist and delivering a welcoming speech. Following a congratulatory message from Dan Burton, Co-Chair of the IAPP, Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF International, delivered a keynote lecture. He emphasized the virtues, public consciousness, transparency, altruistic actions, and responsibilities that politicians should maintain, from a principled perspective.



In particular, Dr. Yang underscored the significance and goals of the Asia-Pacific Union (APU), initiated by True Mother in Nagoya in 2019, to foster regional solidarity beyond national borders, and exchanged views on various issues. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Yang and the Sri Lankan Parliament discussed joint participation in an upcoming international event organized by UPF in May 2024 at the United Nations.

Sri Lanka holds special significance for the True Parents, as they made official visits to the country in 2005 and 2006, shortly after the establishment of UPF. During these visits, they were warmly received by the Sri Lankan government at the Presidential Palace.