

UPF: 2024 Happy New Year

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Beloved and respected Ambassadors for Peace across the globe, as we welcome the hopeful and victorious leap of the Blue Dragon, signifying hope and accomplishment, 2024, the year of the Blue Dragon, has dawned. In this new year, I wish every household abundant happiness and tranquility.

Last year, we took a bold step towards fostering global peace by strengthening our international foundation and alliances with various civil society movements. We have created a platform for dialogue and action, aimed at overcoming divisions and conflicts that have persisted for decades, if not centuries.

One of the most touching examples of these divisions can be seen in the historical context of the Korean Peninsula. The lessons learned from its liberation and subsequent division in the past century, along with the tragedies and scars of war and conflict, must be transformed into new hope for peaceful coexistence and cooperation worldwide. This backdrop of divisions is deeply rooted in the historical human conflict of ideological differences between theism and atheism.

As a fundamental solution to this, UPF, under the guidance of founders Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, promotes a global ideological movement. Our Headwing thought binds left and right, progressive and conservative, atheistic and theistic perspectives in an interreligious and international dimension. UPF, founded in 2005 and having obtained the general consultative status of ECOSOC, continues to foster tens of thousands of international Ambassadors for Peace. Through our global network of the peacebuilders, we strive for the realization of world peace.

As we welcome the New Year, UPF will accelerate our efforts on three major global agendas.

First, the Global Unification Agenda, which includes securing the fifth UN Secretariat and the DMZ Peace Park Project for the creation of the DMZ Peace Garden on the Korean peninsula. Second, the Global Peace Agenda, including the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel and Bering Strait Tunnel Project. Third, the Global Environmental Agenda, where climate environment projects will be unfolded.

The path that nations have walked in the last century, marked by modernization, industrialization, and democratization, has led to unparalleled national development. This is a testament to the sacrifices and practices of proud citizens worldwide and further proof that heavenly fortune has been with us.

The reality that the world faces in 2024 forecasts an agitated year at the critical juncture between war and peace. Elections that will bring significant changes to world politics and economy will be held in 76 countries worldwide with 4.2 billion votes. The capabilities and responsibilities of all of us longing for peace are critical.

In the year of the Blue Dragon, symbolizing bravery and wisdom, and bringing the energy of change and new beginnings, let's recall the spirit of our founder who emphasized determination, full-out effort, and personal embodiment. Let's overcome the crises ahead of us and find new breakthroughs. I wish happiness and heavenly blessings upon your families in the New Year. Thank you.

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