

## True Mother Speaking Tour in Joshinetsu

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“The Rally in Joshinetsu for the 55th Anniversary of the Arrival of Missionaries in Japan’ was held in a big city, Nagano, on Sep. 16th at 1 pm by the Heavenly calendar (Oct. 20). Approximately 3000 people including the current House of Representatives, assemblyman of wide-area, heads of the local organization in addition to blessed families and peace ambassadors gathered for the event.

Even though it was a heavy rain, the auditorium was filled with Unificationists came from Nagano, Niigata and Gunma prefecture which have tourist attractions as the sites of Winter Olympics. These three regions was called ‘*Joshinetsu*’ named after a old name.

Because of full of people in the auditorium, people lining up outside listened to the speech through the closed-circuit televisions, putting up the umbrellas.

Some attendee travelled 6 hours to listen to True Mother’s speech in spite of Matsuri festival season when all of Japanese go to the shrine to make offerings. Priests of the Japanese traditional religion, called Shinto, came to the event wearing traditional Japanese clothes.

True Mother gave the speech with the theme of “My hometown.” She said, “I thought about Heavenly Parent’s hometown on the way to Nagano. The hometown is the place that has beautiful memories of parents, siblings and neighbors. When people leave their hometown, they feel homesick. I wish for Nagano to become the leader who will find the Heavenly Parent’s hometown.”

She also talked to the government leaders and said, “The mother nation of Japan received the mission to embrace all humanity. If the people leading Japan think only about their own sake, it means, they will be going against the providence. Geopolitically, Japan and Korea should become one. Heaven will accomplish the harmony of humanity and peace.” She also emphasized that in order for Japan to become and admired nation, Japan needs to inherit True Parents’ ideology. Furthermore, Japan’s mission as the mother nation is to bring 127,000,000 people in Japan to Heavenly Parent.