

Hak Ja Han: The Era of a United Korea through Living for the Sake of Others

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At KINTEX exhibition center in Goyang City, in an event hall the size of a huge aircraft hangar, True Mother today encouraged a crowd of 10,000 members, ambassadors of peace and local leaders to follow the way of love and peace building. The event was one of four or so events to be held throughout Korea in the ensuing weeks, on the same theme. They will be followed up with smaller events geared to helping leaders in Korean society strategize for the path ahead for their country.

After Korean Family Federation president Rev. Kyeong Seuk Lu, who was MC for the event, welcomed everyone warmly, he spoke on some of the issues facing Korea – including the threat of North Korean military action and the political turmoil of recent months – and introduced some of the prominent guests in attendance (which included the Mayor of Guri City). The event featured speeches by two Korean lawmakers (and a message from a third).

The first among these, Mr. Myeong-cheol Jo, had previously taught in Kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang before defecting to the south. He had been present when Father was in North Korea and when he declared that North Korean Juche philosophy was never going to lead to unity. Mr. Jo testified based on his first-hand experience that no one else had ever dared to say such a thing in a public forum in North Korea. He admired Father for risking his life to say those words.

The second lawmaker, Mr. Kim -dong, Seong recounted how Father had worked tirelessly for South Korea's security, and he looked back to the Rally for Korea Freedom in Yoido, Seoul, in June 1975. He also mentioned the landmark visits True Parents made to meet Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow in 1990 and to meet Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang the following year. He exhorted all present to continue the work for peace in Korea, and beyond, for the peace of the world.

After a brief video presentation entitled “True love for others is the path to harmony and unity,” highlighting True Parents' lifelong for peace, True Mother was welcomed to the podium.

Mother's spoke for about 25 minutes on Heaven's providence and the mission of Korea. Here is a summary of some of the points Mother made (taken from the English interpretation; please see a more official translation at a later date):

God gave us a portion of responsibility but Adam and Eve, through self-centeredness, made the mistake of the Fall. Since then God has walked the lonely path to restore fallen human beings. Along its course, those who practiced virtue were raised up to lead the others.

God raised up Israel as a chosen nation over 4000 biblical years. People had been yearning for the Messiah; then Jesus was sent by God. Jesus, as the only begotten son, should have met the only begotten daughter and he and his bride should have become the True Parents of humanity. But this did not work

out. Mother explained that the Christianity was placed in the position to restore this. It took 300 years for Christianity to make a beginning. Christianity then spread across the world.



Yet Christianity does not understand its mission entirely. The essence of Jesus is true love. Giving, giving again, and forgetting you have given. But looking at Christian civilization, they have not all kept an attitude of giving. All the nations in Europe have technology and knowledge, and are economically strong. But internally, they had not managed to learn to live for the sake of others and thus they have not prepared for Jesus' second coming.

This mission transferred to the Christians in Korea, but they also have not succeeded. Christians in Korea have not understood God's providence sufficiently. You need to understand that with True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, the Messiah was here. If people had recognized this in 1960 it would have been easier. There are many more people now, so it is a bigger job. But if people unite with True Parents, there will be a future for humanity.

In 2016 the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace was launched in many important places, and has drawn many members of parliament in many countries.



In February, 700 congressmen came Korea for the conference. I told them they should be messiahs to the people in their countries. We began IAPP in 120 nations.

How painful and difficult a path our Heavenly Parent has endured. In the Bible it is described as 6,000 years, but human history is much longer than that.

Your wish is the reunification of Korea, to live in a nation of unity and prosperity. But this wish cannot be realized through political or ideological means alone. You need True Parents to solve this problem.

Korea has been blessed as God's homeland. Therefore, all of you must show through your actions that this really is the nation where God and True Parents can dwell. You must be able to stand proud before the entire world. You must be the light of Asia.

This is the era of the Pacific-Rim Civilization. From here, peace will expand throughout the world. The Pacific Rim Era is one of living for the sake of others and centering on True Parents.

Before Heavenly Parent, and with a heart of filial attendance, let us offer glory and happiness. Until we have accomplished this, let us march forward!

The program's final feature was the affirmation by all of the following points:

To realize peace in Korea we will work actively.

We will raise leaders for the future

We will work to realize a community of true love, and culture of harmony

We will practice a life of true love to make peace.

We will set in motion a movement to restore values.

Three resounding cheers of Eok-mansei brought the event to a cheery conclusion, and Mother departed the stage accompanied by members of the True Family.