

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon Proclaims the Beginning of Cheon Il Guk and Foundation Day

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) is celebrating Foundation Day (*Giwonjeol*) at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Korea at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2013. On Foundation Day, which marks the beginning of a new era of history guided by God's Providence (*Cheon Il Guk*), FFWPU will pledge to become a "life religion" and a "national religion" through opening a new phase of Unificationist social engagement, including communicating closely with society according to the vision of the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his widow, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Throughout his life, Rev. Moon invested time and effort in anticipation of a day of proclamation of everlasting peace and unity, which he long declared would be marked on Feb. 22, 2013 as Foundation Day. From the beginning he taught that the fundamental unit of peace is the family. At the Foundation Day event in Korea, approximately 50,000 attendees from 130 nations will dress in wedding attire. This symbolizes the desire of the FFWPU members to usher in the new era of a peaceful world through true love and the determination to build true families. Three million members from 194 nations are expected to participate in this event via live broadcast.

Furthermore, a total of 250 former heads of state, religious leaders, politicians, economic leaders, NGOs, women leaders and youth leaders, etc., will transcend historical conflicts and participate in the Foundation Day event.

This event, to be supervised by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, will include a congratulatory message from the Hon. Dennis Hastert, the former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, as well as performances from choirs in Korea and Japan.