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## WORLD SUMMIT 2019

*– SPECIAL REPORT –*

*By Jacques Marion, Regional Vice President, UPF for Europe & the Middle East*

The UPF World Summit 2019 was held from February 7 to 11 in Seoul, South Korea. Approximately 1,200 participants from 110 nations attended the event, including current and former heads of state and government, members of parliament, religious leaders and NGO representatives. The theme was "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values." The Summit commemorated the centenary of the March 1st Independence Movement, a milestone in the early days of Japanese colonial rule that marked the consciousness of the Korean nation.

On February 8, UPF co-founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon inaugurated the International Summit Council for Peace in the presence of 40 current and former heads of state and government, first ladies and high-level dignitaries. H.E. Evaristo Carvalho, president of Sao Tome and Principe; Sir Iakoba Italeli, governor-general of Tuvalu; former US Vice President Dick Cheney and former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich were the keynote speakers.

Hon. Jose Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission between 2004 and 2014, addressed the Summit on the issue of peace on the Korean Peninsula. Former heads of state representing five continents shared their wisdom and experiences in two panels on Peace, Security and Human Development. Two concurrent sessions featured the global assemblies of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

On February 9, the award ceremony of the Sunhak Peace Prize was held, honoring individuals who have devoted their lives to human rights,

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2 Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon speaking at the inauguration of the ISCP.

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5 Hon. Dick Cheney, Vice President (2001-2009), USA; Rt. Hon. Sir Iakoba Italeli, Governor General, Tuvalu; H.E. Evaristo Carvalho, President, Säo Tomé and Principe

## LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

*Dr. Katsumi Otsuka, Chairman, UPF Europe & Middle East*

*Dear Readers,*

*This special edition of our Newsletter covers the main events surrounding the UPF World Summit 2019 held in Seoul, South Korea, in February.*

*The inaugural ceremony of the International Summit Council for Peace, the third Sunhak Peace Prize award ceremony, the International Conference on Peace in the Korean Peninsula, the 30th anniversary celebration of the Segye Times newspaper, the 25th International Conference on the Unity of Sciences, and other events brought together many world leaders as well as high officials of the Korean government.*

*This is a significant time in the history of the Korean nation. The World Summit commemorated the centenary of the March 1st Independence Movement, when the Korean people in 1919 rose against Japanese occupation. This is also the time for a possible turning point on the Korean Peninsula, when reunification at last may be envisioned.*

*Dear Readers, the recent Summit opened the year 2019 in grand fashion. We are now moving toward World Summit 2020, one year from now. It will be a milestone in the history of UPF. Let us work together for a successful year.*

conflict resolution or environmental protection. Two African laureates shared the one-million-dollar prize. Somalian top model Waris Dirie was recognized for her worldwide campaign against female genital mutilation, while African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina was rewarded for creating innovative agricultural programs in support of small farmers in Africa.

On February 9 afternoon, South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon opened the World Summit symposium on the theme "Changing the Paradigm of the Korean Peninsula: A Roadmap for Peace," sponsored by the Segye Times and The Washington Times—two daily newspapers created by the UPF founders. The symposium featured international scholars and political leaders—such as former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and former US ambassadors involved in the Korean Peace Talks—as well as Korean scholars and government officials.

On February 10, the UPF founders were honored at a spectacular birthday celebration at the Cheongshim Peace World Center outside Seoul. Seven leaders from different religions opened the event in prayer. All Summit participants were invited as guests of honor to watch a program that featured a dazzling musical and ballet performance.

H.E. Anote Tong, former president of Kiribati and Sunhak Peace Prize laureate, gave congratulatory remarks to the founders of UPF on their birthday, thanking them "for the most precious gifts given to us: these values to live for the sake of others, and to live under God as one family."

# EXCERPTS FROM WORLD SUMMIT SPEECHES

## Hon. Jose Manuel Barroso

*Prime Minister (2002–2004), Portugal; President, European Commission (2004–14), European Union*

*In 2012, I had the privilege and the honor of accepting the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the European Union and, in my acceptance speech, I quoted Spinoza, a great Dutch and European philosopher, who said that "peace is not an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence and justice."*

*When we try to go for peace, in this region or in other parts of the world, we must pursue that goal through political, diplomatic and security means, but we should also think about the cultural and people to people contacts, everything that can generate an atmosphere of virtue, reconciliation and justice. It was that spirit that made possible the reunification of Germany.*

## Hon. Dick Cheney

*46th Vice President (2001–2009), United States*

*For good reason, your conference is focused on the summit meeting set for later this month. And though it's not for me as a private citizen to represent any views other than my own, it's enough to offer a few general observations about the situation with the North. The most common mistake is one that our negotiators are surely mindful of. That would be to pursue a deal merely for the sake of having a deal, and regardless of whether it actually serves the ultimate objective. It has to be the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantling of the regime's nuclear weapons capability, and nothing less.*

*I think back to a time when I was in Congress, at the height of the Cold War, and all eyes were on a meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. At the time, commentators declared it an American failure. And yet within five years, the Soviet Union fell apart and the Cold War was over. For that, we can thank, in large part, an American president who couldn't be diverted from his objective, and who always operated from a position of strength. A similar determination is needed now, in negotiations with a regime highly skilled at extracting concessions in exchange for nothing.*

## H.E. Jerry Rawlings

*Head of State and President (1981–2001), Ghana*

*There was a time the United Nations was seen as the single most important arbiter between equals: a way for us as equal people of this planet to fairly engage and settle our differences. Now, it seems the United Nations is a place where vulnerable nations amongst others go to beg in vain to an international community held hostage by a few belligerent nations seeking their own ends at the expense of everyone else.*

*Perhaps it is time we revisited what the term United Nations means. Perhaps it's time the premise of such bodies is made to count in the interest of the voiceless, the beat-upon, and the pillaged nations for whom it is failing so badly. It is time we drew a hard line in the sand and made our numbers count.*

## H.E. Debbie Remengesau

*First Lady, Republic of Palau*

*Three years ago, my husband and our traditional chiefs declared Palau's national waters and exclusive economic zone the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, thus closing our ocean to commercial fishing and creating the largest percentage of fully protected marine territory in the world. This decision was a modern interpretation of our traditional cultural practice, but this time, by helping with food security, it will benefit the rest of the world, too.*

*To help spread this global message, at the end of 2017 a women-led initiative in Palau created another world's first: The Palau Pledge. The Palau Pledge is our official passport stamp and is printed into every person's passport on arrival in their own language. It is a mandatory promise to Palau's children that each person must make and sign, saying they will do the right thing to protect and preserve Palau's precious environment and to respect our children's home and future.*

*Once again, the Palau Pledge has set an example for the rest of the world to follow and has already inspired other territories and nations to take on similar schemes.*

Visit www.europe.upf.org/nl4 for the complete speeches.

# SUNHAK PEACE PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY

*From reports by UPF International*

**On February 9**, 1200 guests from around the world honored the recipients of the third Sunhak Peace Prize. This year, the prize was awarded based on the theme "Peace and Human Development in Africa." Dr. Il Sik Hong, chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, expressed his sincere admiration of the laureates, who dedicated their lives to protecting the most vulnerable people in Africa and the world.

Laureate Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, president of the African Development Bank, has promoted a vision of good governance for African nations, implementing innovative agricultural and anticorruption policies in Nigeria and all across Africa. Laureate Waris Dirie has improved the rights of millions of girls and women by leading a campaign to eradicate female genital mutilation. Moving video presentations highlighted the achievements and visions of the recipients.

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation, congratulated Dr. Adesina, saying that the single greatest challenge we are confronting today is to nutritiously and sustainably feed the 9 to 10 billion people who will be on Earth by the year 2050. The greatest challenge will ultimately be decided in Africa, he said. Can a peaceful Africa feed itself? At one African Investment Conference which he organized, he said, Dr. Adesina mesmerized the attendees by his answer, "Yes, Africa can!"

H.E. Syenab Abdi Moallim, the first lady of Somalia, started her congratulatory speech by reflecting on the thousands of years that the cruel act of female genital mutilation has been practiced. She explained that Ms. Dirie has persisted in devoting her life to improve the lives of girls and women at the risk of her own life. Expressing heartfelt congratulations, she said: "Ms. Dirie, now you are not alone. I want to join you in building a world of peace."

*Founded by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Sunhak Peace Prize was established in order to help resolve worldwide suffering, conflict, poverty and threats to the environment, by promoting a comprehensive, future-oriented vision of peace.*

*Awarded every two years, endowed with 1 million US Dollars, the Sunhak Peace Prize honours individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to peace and human development, working to resolve conflict and restore balance to the relationship between humanity and the natural environment.*

*For more information, visit www.sunhakpeaceprize.org.*

**• Past Laureates •**

Anote Tong (2015)
*Former President of Kiribati, who led an international crusade against climate change*

Modadugu Vijay Gupta (2015)
*An Indian fisheries scientist, who pioneered the aquaculture revolution*

Gino Strada (2017)
*A heart surgeon who fought for the right to medical care for refugees and war victims*

Sakena Yacoobi (2017)
*Who spearheaded Afghan refugee education programs, with special focus on girls and women*

*1 The laureates with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founder (L), and Dr. Il Sik Hong, Committee Chairman (R)*
*2 Amb. Kenneth M. Quinn, President of the World Food Prize Foundation, giving congratulatory remarks*
*3 H.E. Syenab Abdi Moallim, first lady of Somalia giving congratulatory remarks*
*4 The laureates celebrate the prize with the Little Angels of Korea.*

## Dr. Akinwumi Adesina *President, African Development Bank*

*I wish to commend the founder Dr. Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon for setting up the Sunhak Peace Prize. The ideals that you stand for, a world where we live in peace, with one another, is not only the decent thing to do; it is a moral imperative.*

*There is tremendous suffering going on in the world. Over 850 million people are hungry, with over 150 million children malnourished. There cannot be peace in a world that is hungry. When the ego and pride of the mighty clash, the consequences are felt by the weakest among us: children. They do not create wars, but the world's children suffer from it the most.*

*A peaceful world will be a food secure world. So, let's turn our swords into plows and our spears into pruning forks. Let us turn our guns into seed planters and replace bullets with seeds to grow our food. Let's end the indignity of hunger in our world, for God wants it so. That's why I am fully dedicating the whole of the $500,000 cash award of the Sunhak Peace Prize to my Foundation, the World Hunger Fighters Foundation, to carry on the Lord's request to provide "daily bread" for everyone around our world.*

## Ms. Waris Dirie *Human Rights Pioneer in the Fight against Female Genital Mutilation*

*I'm from Somalia, a country where 98% of women are still suffering under the inhumane torture of Female Genital Mutilation. Many years ago, I left Somalia because I did not want to be married as a 13-year-old girl to a man who could have been my grandfather. I left my home being absolutely determined that one day I will fight against all this injustice and that I will fight for the rights of girls and women.*

*One day in London, by coincidence, I was discovered as a model by Terence Donovan, the Buckingham Palace photographer, in a fast food restaurant, while I was scrubbing the floor. The dream of so many girls came true for me. Soon my face graced the covers of big fashion-and women's magazines. But I never forgot about my roots and my humanitarian mission.*

*For me, John Lennon's composition "Imagine" is the greatest peace-song ever written. In remembrance of you, great John Lennon, and all those people, dreaming every day of a world in peace, like you did, contributing to this mission, I accept with lots of love and respect the Sunhak Peace Prize 2019.*

# INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT COUNCIL FOR PEACE

*From reports by UPF International*

*H.E. Dioncounda Traore*
*President (2012-2013), Mali*

*Hon. Hassan Ghafourifard*
*Vice President (1989–1994)*
*Iran*

*H.E. Anthony Carmona*
*President (2013-2018)*
*Trinidad and Tobaggo*

*Hon. Newt Gingrich*
*Speaker, House of Representatives (1995–1999), USA*

**On February 8, 2019**, at the invitation of UPF Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, current and former heads of state and government and leaders from around the world assembled in Seoul, Korea, to inaugurate the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP).

Moderated by Dr. Michael Jenkins, Chairman of UPF North America and Dr. Maria Fernanda Flores de Aleman, former First Lady (1997-2002) and congresswoman from Nicaragua, the event began with interfaith prayers and the Korean National Anthem sung by the Little Angels.

40 dignitaries sat on the stage around UPF Founder Dr. Moon, as keynote addresses were delivered by H.E. Evaristo Carvalho, President of São Tomé and Príncipe; Rt. Hon. Sir Iakoba Italeli, Governor General of Tuvalu; Hon. Newt Gingrich, US Speaker of the House of Representatives (1995-1999) of the United States and Hon. Dick Cheney, Vice President (2001-2009) of the United States.

In her founding speech, Dr. Moon said: "We have gathered to ensure that in this new millennium the hope for a prosperous future does not remain an ideal, but rather that the prospect for world peace can be realized.... I ask you to join me in building a peaceful world of one human family attending God, our Heavenly Parent."

After the ISCP resolution was introduced by H.E. Anthony Carmona, President (2013-2018) of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Moon honored 10 representative dignitaries with a medal and launched the new organization, that will hold its first Global Assembly at World Summit 2020.

*H.E. Dalia Itzik*
*President (2007), Israel*

*H.E. Patricia Marroquín*
*First Lady, Guatemala*

*H.E. Karim Khalili*
*Vice President (2004–2014)*
*Afghanistan*

*H.E. Alfred Moisiu*
*President (2002-2007)*
*Albania*

*Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon (center) standing with the leaders who received the Distinguished Award Medal, (L to R) Hon. Dick Cheney, Vice President (2001–2009), USA; H.E. Mahamane Ousmane, President (1993–1996), Niger; H.H. Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese, Head of State (2007–2017), Samoa; H.E. Luis Federico Franco Gómez, President (2012–2013) Paraguay; H.E. Anthony Carmona, President (2013–2018), Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich, Chairman (1991–1994) Supreme Council, Belarus; H.E. Alfred Moisiu, President (2002–2007), Albania; Rt. Hon. Sir Iakoba Italeli, Governor General, Tuvalu; H.E. Evaristo Carvalho, President, Säo Tomé and Principe; H.E. Jerry Rawlings, Head of State and President (1981-2001), Ghana*

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

# THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TRUE LOVE

*This speech was given on February 10, 2000, by Dr. Sun Myung Moon at the World Peace Sports Festival 2000 Opening Ceremony*

*Ladies and gentlemen, at this moment, North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other trying to go north and their paths collide. Their purposes are at odds with each other. If both sides insist on their own position, it is certain that the situation will again result in hostilities.*

*What can be done about it? There must be South Koreans who love North Korea with a greater love than any South Korean has for South Korea. Also, there must be North Koreans who love South Korea with a greater love than any North Korean has for North Korea. There is no alternative, no solution other than this.*

*If there is even one person whose patriotic love for a reunified peninsula is greater than that any South Korean for South Korea and greater than that of any North Korean for North Korea, it is through him or her that the path to reunification can begin. Can there be another way? No matter how hard you may think about it, you will find no other way.*

*What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Whatever power one has is for a limited period. The same is true of knowledge. Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever. What then is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the changes of history across past, present and future? It is nothing else than true love centering on God.*

*A filial child lives in his family and gives profound love to his or her parents. Also, a patriot lives with profound love for his or her country. A saint lives with profound love for the people of the world. A son or daughter of God lives a life of profound love for all human beings and God. All of us are challenged to develop such a true foundation in our hearts. Once we possess such a true heart and form relationships of true love, we will receive Heaven's authority to participate in the realm of unification."*

*Photo: UPF Founders, Dr. and Mrs. Moon, meet with North Korean President Kim Il-Sung in North Korea in December 1991.*

# GLOBAL ASSEMBLIES OF IAPP AND IAPD

*By UPF International and European Staff*

**On February 8**, the World Summit featured concurrent global assemblies of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), two projects of UPF representing a multi-track approach to peace and conflict resolution.

Former Philippine Speaker Jose De Venecia, co-chairman of IAPP, described how China is challenging the West and shifting "global gravity from the Atlantic to the Pacific." Regarding the Korean Peninsula, Speaker De Venecia proposed a plan that recommended a confederation between the two nations, similar to the models of Vietnam and Germany, commercial flights, highways, and a common railway system for the two Koreas.

Speakers in the IAPP session from Europe and the Middle East included Hon. Zouheir Bahloul, former Member of the Knesset; Hon. Albin Kurti, Member of the Kosovo Parliament; Hon. Robert Cutajar, Member of the Maltese Parliament; and Hon. Carmen Quintanilla, Member of the Spanish Parliament.

The IAPD session included Dr. Mikulas Vymetal, Pastor of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren in the Czech Republic and Dr. Mukhamet Gallyamov, Imam Khatib of the Ikhlas Mosque in Ufa, Russia.

*1 Speakers of IAPP Session*
*2 Hon. Zouheir Bahloul, Member of Knesset (2015-2018), Israel*
*3 Hon. Albin Kurti, Member of Parliament, Kosovo*
*4 Hon. Robert Cutajar, Member of Parliament, Malta*
*5 Hon. Carmen Quintanilla, Member of Parliament, Spain*
*6 Speakers of IAPD Session*
*7 Dr. Mikulas Vymetal, Pastor, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, Czech Republic*
*8 Dr. Mukhamet Gallyamov, Imam Khatib, Ikhlas Mosque, Ufa, Russia*

# 25TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNITY OF THE SCIENCES – ICUS XXV

*By Jacques Marion, Regional Vice President, UPF Europe and the Middle East*

*Dr. Sun Jin Moon giving the founder's address at ICUS XXV.*

*Participants at the ICUS XXV opening*

**On February 12–14,** the 25th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences was held at the Lotte Hotel World in Seoul, Korea. ICUS XXV brought together eminent scientists from around the world, including Prof. Luc Montagnier, Nobel laureate of Physiology (2008), to discuss the theme "Environment Health and the Quality of Human Life."

In three sessions addressing the topics: "Maintaining Healthy Lives Under Environmental Stressors," "Earth's Ecosystems and Food Production," and "Preserving Freshwater and Protecting Marine Environments," presenters and commentators discussed new approaches to the environmental challenges raised by explosive urban growth, the question of food production in relation to the health of soils and climate change, the sustainability of freshwater resources and the protection of the oceans, etc.

Launched in 1972 by the Founders Dr. and Mrs. Moon, ICUS has held 22 international conferences on the overall theme of "Science and Absolute Values" until the year 2000. In 2017, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon reconvened the ICUS series, focusing it on finding fundamental solutions to regenerate the health of the Earth.

# THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE HYO JEONG ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*By Jacques Marion, Regional Vice President, UPF Europe and the Middle East*

**On February 16,** the annual International Symposium of the Hyo Jeong Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) was held at the Sunhak Universal Peace Graduate University.

HJ Academy Chairman Jin Sung Bae opened the symposium with a speech on the 1919 March 1st Independence Movement against Japanese colonial rule and its significance for the current process of Korean unification.

In the first session Korean, Japanese and US scholars discussed the ideals of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values and their implementation in our global environment and in relation to interreligious harmony.

In the second session Korean and Japanese scholars discussed on the topic of a unified Korea from an ideological, political and military viewpoint. The symposium concluded with a theological discussion by American and Korean scholars on the UPF Founders' legacy.

*1 Participants at the HJ Academy of Arts and Sciences and Professors World Peace Academy Symposium*

*2 View of the audiencew*

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# THE SEGYE TIMES 30TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

*From Reports by UPF International Staff*

**On February 11**, the Segye Times (Segye Ilbo), one of South Korea's well-known daily newspapers, founded by Dr. and Mrs. Moon, celebrated its 30th anniversary. Korean government officials and international Summit participants attended the reception: Lee Ju-Young, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly; Thomas P. McDevitt and Christopher Dolan, Chairman and President of the Washington Times; Christopher Hill, former US Assistant Secretary of State, and several South Korean government ministers, politicians and leaders from industry, banking and the media.

After South Korean President Moon Jae-in's congratulatory video-message, the Segye Times Founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, gave the keynote address. She reminded the audience in which circumstances she and her husband created the newspaper, at the end of the Cold War, to face the challenge of bringing peace and unification to the Korean Peninsula. On behalf of the Speaker of the National Assembly Moon Hee-Sang, Deputy Speaker Lee Ju-Young offered congratulatory remarks, followed by addresses from numerous dignitaries.

Prominent dignitaries from the World Summit attended the event, including Rt. Hon. Sir Iakoba Italeli, Governor General of Tuvalu; H.E. Patricia Marroquín, the First Lady of Guatemala, H.E. Dalia Itzik, former President of Israel and her husband; and H.E. Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati and Sunhak Peace Prize laureate.

*1 Segye Ilbo Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon giving her keynote address*
*2 Video message from H.E. Moon Jae-in, President of South Korea, to the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Segye Ilbo.*
*3 Cutting the celebration cake at the 30th Anniversary of Segye Ilbo*

REGIONAL NEWS

# WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK EVENTS

In 2010, the UN designated the first week of February every year as World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW). Below are a few representative programs organized by UPF Europe to celebrate WIHW 2019.

*For more information, visit www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com.*

*Commemorating WIHW 2019, UPF-Austria organized a conference on the theme of "Migration and Interreligious Understanding in the Age of Globalization."*

*The conference, held on February 1 at the Vienna International Centre (the United Nations headquarters), was attended by 200 participants, including UN diplomats, religious leaders, NGO representatives and other members of civil society.*

*UPF organized the event together with the Austrian chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace, the United Nations Correspondents Association Vienna, the International Institute for Middle-East and Balkan Studies, and the Best of the World Network.*

***Russia**: About 40 people from different backgrounds gathered in Moscow.*

***United Kingdom**: UPF was represented at an event in the House of Commons.*

***United Kingdom**: A second event was held entitled "Prayers and Words to Create Harmony."*

***Norway**: An event was held in partnership with the largest mosque in Oslo.*

***Czech Republic**: "Passing on the Tradition and Faith and the Freedom of Choice."*

***Germany**: The participants were from various religious backgrounds and worldviews.*

***Slovakia**: "Fanaticism and Tolerance—Obstacle and Impetus for Interfaith Dialogue."*

***Russia**: The participants visited various places of worship in Saint Petersburg.*

***Moldova**: An essay contest was organised to promote interfaith dialogue.*

# CONFERENCE ON PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA

*From reports by Dr. Oliver Davies and Dr. William Selig, UPF International*

The World Summit 2019 featured an international conference on Peace in the Korean Peninsula jointly sponsored by the Segye Ilbo and the Washington Times newspapers, both founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

In his opening remarks, Segye Ilbo President Jung Hee-Taeg underlined the role of the media in the Korean unification process. Washington Times Chairman Thomas McDevitt praised the relationship between South Korea and the United States and recalled the vision from the Founder that "the media should be the conscience of society."

Hon. Lee Nak Yon, the South Korean Prime Minister, reviewed North-South relations since the 1988 Olympic Games, the Inter-Korean summits and the recent North Korea–US Summit in Singapore. "The South Korean government will steadily and wisely make progress for the Korean Peninsula peace process, with support from the international community, including the U.S., China Japan and Russia," he said.

In his keynote address, Hon. Stephen Harper, Canadian Prime Minister (2006-2015), said that interfaith dialogue is essential and that UPF makes a critical contribution for bringing God into the discussion, but he expressed concern for the North's nuclear weapons program and said that negotiations should be realistic and tough.

Two panels of distinguished Korean and international experts discussed possible scenarios for the peace process, including issues of denuclearization, sanction relief, cease fire and peace agreements, diplomatic ties and regional balance of power.

Among the international contributors were Ambassador Christopher Hill, U.S. ambassador to Korea (2004-2005) and Ambassador Joseph R. DeTrani, U.S. envoy to the Six-Party Talks (2005-2006).

*1 H.E. Lee Nak-yon, South Korean Prime Minister*
*2 Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada (2006–2015)*
*3 Former Korean National Security Senior Director Cho Tae-Yong speaking at the conference on peace in the Korean peninsula*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*International Day of Families at World Council of Churches and UN May 14, Geneva, Switzerland | Seminar on UPF Vision and Peace Principles May 17-19, Glory House, The Netherlands | Conference on the Unification of the Korean Peninsula June 21-22, Berlin, Germany | Baltic Peace Road Marathon June 25-July 10, Baltics and Russia | UPF Conference at UNESCO September, Paris, France | UPF Europe and Middle East Summit October, Tirana, Albania | UPF Conference at the Italian Parliament November, Rome, Italy | UPF Conference at the British Parliament November London, United Kingdom*

*See the calendar of events at www.europe.upf.org/agenda/events*