

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

“I hope that this event can contribute to building the independent and peaceful bridge of reunification between the North and South.”

*Hub Hyuk-pil, Vice President,
Kim Hyung-Jim Educational College, North Korea*

“The Little Angels did a great job of warming up the hearts of the people here. I hope this will warm up the political leaders in the North and South as well.”

*Mr. Byung-hwa Cho, Chairman,
National Academy of the Arts, North Korea*

“We were easily able to harmonize with the North Korean residents through singing and dancing. If the politicians could work for the future of our nations, putting aside their personal ambition, the unification of North and South Korea would come soon.”

Dr. Yoon Sang-won, South Korean visiting the North

“I decided to share very openly with my guide. I told her about my family, my work and my daily feelings. Gradually she began to open herself up to me too, so by the end of the week we became very close friends”

*Lan Young Moon, President
Women’s Federation for World Peace*

“We around the world should continue to work for a unified Korea. The lives that we lost protecting this country were not in vain.”

Korean War Veteran visiting from Puerto Rico



“I went to North Korea in the spirit of true love. I was not going to the house of my enemy but to my brother’s house. I went with the spirit and conviction to forgive, to love and unite.”

*Dr. Sun Myung Moon, UPF Founder
After a historic meeting with Kim Il-sung*

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ENCOUNTER

On the Korean peninsula, one people with a common history, culture and language became tragically divided into two nations through the Cold War struggle between superpowers. Six decades later, even though the leading nations of the world gather for Six-Party Talks, the potential of a nuclear crisis remains a global concern.

After surviving two years and eight months in a North Korean concentration camp, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon fled south in 1950. Since then he has worked to overcome enmity and promote peaceful unification of his fatherland, through the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative.



The proposed Pyongyang Peace Embassy

Guiding principles: (1) true love, which calls people to live for the sake of others centered on God, and (2) unification by overcoming barriers through acts of reconciliation and cooperation.

Person-to-person encounters: An accord between Seoul and Pyongyang was signed one week after Rev. Moon traveled North to meet with Kim Il-sung in 1991. Behind-the-scenes efforts

UNDERSTANDING

enabled CNN's worldwide coverage of former US President Carter's 1994 meeting with Kim Il Sung, which defused the first nuclear crisis. Civilian tourism to Pyongyang began in 2002. Women made trips to the North to meet other women and build relationships with them and families have been reunited.

Humanitarian Relief: Early information was given about the disastrous food shortages of the mid 1990s. After a fact-finding trip to the North in 2001, women from the South began collecting donations from around the world for humanitarian relief to deliver in person to the North.



Children from North and South meet in Seoul

Cultural exchanges: The Seoul-based Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet performed in North Korea in 1998. In return, the Pyongyang Children and Students Performing Arts Troupe performed in Seoul in 2000, renewing the friendships among the dancers [above]. The North-South Peace Arts Festival in 2000 featured paintings by artists from both the North and South.

PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION

Educational programs: International conferences for scholars and political leaders increase understanding of political, economic, nuclear and humanitarian issues. Seminars on Korean reunification for university students from the North and South have been held in China. Educational programs in Japan and Korea bring together divided Korean residents affiliated with both North and South.

Reunification rallies: Korean residents living in Japan travel to Korea to join reunification rallies and to call on governments to hasten their efforts to end five decades of separation.



A tour of the Pyonghwa Motors factory in Nampo

Joint business ventures: Pyonghwa (Peace) Motors Inc. opened in the North Korean city of Nampo in 2002. It assembles two models of cars, providing employment for North Korean workers. Meanwhile, the affiliated Botonggang Hotel in Pyongyang hosts a growing number of international groups.