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Saturday, February 28

**Opening Banquet (7:30PM)**

*Emcee: Mrs. Eugenia Kagawa, Executive Office, UPF International*

Eugenia Kagawa is Chairperson of The NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns-NY at the United Nations. She also serves as the Director of the Executive Office of UPF. Previously, she served as Regional Secretary General of UPF Asia from 1999 to 2007. In the Philippines, she was Past President of the All Nations Women’s Group and Director at-Large for the UN Association of the Philippines. She received the Star of Achievement Award in 2010 from Hon. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman of International Conference of Asian Political Parties.

**Welcome Address**

*Dr. Byung Ho Son, Chairman, UPF Korea*

Dr. Byung Ho Son has recently been appointed as the 4th Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation in Korea, and the 9th Chairman of the Citizens’ Federation for the Unification of Korea. Previously, he ran for a seat in the 2012 South Korean National Assembly. From May 2008 to March 2013, Dr. Son was the Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation, South Korea. During his career, he had also served as representative of the Korean Multi-Cultural Support Council, Chairman of the Cheongwon Peace Volunteer Group, Vice Chairman of the Peace Cup Organizing Committee.

**Opening Remarks**

*Hon. Yoshinori Ohno, Former Defense Minister, Japan*

Hon. Yoshinori Ohno served eight terms in the House of Representatives of Japan, from 1986 to 2012, as a member of the Liberal Democratic Party. He served as a minister of defense and a senior vice-minister of education, culture, sports and technology. Born in Taiwan, he graduated from Tokyo University and entered the Ministry of Finance in 1958. Thereafter, he served in various prominent positions including first secretary to the Permanent Delegation of Japan in Geneva and director of the International Organizations Section of the Ministry of Finance.

*Amb. Sire Dione Conde, President, UNESCO Center for Peace, USA*

Ambassador Sire Dione Conde is President of the UNESCO Center for Peace-New York Chapter in the U.S. She is an active member in several associations within the African and African American Diaspora, including the African Day Parade, where she is President since 2008. She also founded the African Women for Good Governance (AWGG) to advocate important issues facing women, children, and the society at large. Ambassador Sire Dione Conde is a member of the National Committee for UN Women and the African Trade and Industry Inc. since 2011. Her latest project is Miss Global Africa, which is held every year since 2012.
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Sunday, March 1

Session I: Beyond the Challenges of our Time (9:00 AM)

Moderator: Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, President, UPF International
Dr. Thomas Walsh is the President of the Universal Peace Federation. With academic training in the field of religion, he earned his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University. He has been a teacher, author, and editor with specialization in areas of interfaith, religious studies, peace studies, philosophy, and social theory. He serves on the International Council of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations and on the board of directors of the International Coalition for Religious Freedom. He has contributed to and edited more than 20 books related to interfaith, peacebuilding, and renewal of the United Nations; among these volumes are Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace and The Millennium Declaration of the United Nations: A Response from Civil Society.

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Charles S. Yang, Chairman, UPF International
Dr. Charles S. Yang is Chairman of the Universal Peace Federation and The Washington Times Foundation. Dr. Yang heads the steering committee of the Universal Peace Federation’s Middle East Peace Initiative, which conducts interfaith activities for the purpose of overcoming the conflicts between religions. He was a longtime special assistant to the late Dr. Sun Myung Moon. As chairman of The Washington Times Foundation, Dr. Yang directs the activities of the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, with forums held in Tokyo, Washington, Seoul and Vladivostok.

Mrs. Sun Jin Moon, Director General, FFWPU International
Mrs. Sun Jin Moon is a daughter of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. A graduate of Harvard University in the United States, she is Director General of the World Mission Foundation Headquarters, which oversees the global activities of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International, as well as a wide range of philanthropic, humanitarian, civil society and business initiatives. She is Chair of the Seil Tour Company, based on Seoul, Korea, and serves on the Board of Directors of The Washington Times Foundation and the Yongpyong Ski Resort in Pyongchang, Korea, where the 2018 Winter Olympics will be held. She is also a certified yoga instructor. She resides with her husband, Insup Park, in Kona, Hawaii, where she chairs the Pacific Rim Education Foundation.
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Dr. Vladimir Petrovskiy, Senior Advisor, UPF Russia
Dr. Vladimir Petrovskiy is the Senior Advisor to UPF-Russia. He is a member of the Russian Academy of Military Science, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Global Peace Council and various editorial boards. He is also a senior counselor to the Asian Economic Cooperation. Petrovskiy held positions as Deputy Chief Representative to China, Academic Secretary for Public and Media Relations, President of the Russian Peace Council to UPF-Eurasia and Chairman of the Executive Board in the Russian Political Science Association. He is a writer, professor, producer and news editor, among other things.

Hon. Issaka Sidibé, President of National Assembly, Mali
Hon. Issaka Sidibé was elected to lead Mali’s new parliament in January of 2014. He is a ranking member of the ruling Rally for Mali (RPM) party and was a member of parliament between 2002 and 2007. He has a Master’s Degree in law from the National Administration School in Bamako. Before being elected to the National Assembly in 2002, he was a customs inspector and rapporteur of the Commission on Finances, Economy and Planning. Hon. Sidibé urges his members to “work for reconciliation” of all Malians regardless of their political, religious or ethnic allegiances.

H.E. Kessai Note, Former President, The Marshall Islands
H.E. Kessai Note was the third President of the Marshall Islands, having served from 2000 to 2008 as the first commoner to be elected to the Presidency, when traditional leaders’ power remained strong until a change in the political environment. He also previously was elected as Speaker of the Parliament from 1988 until 2000. H.E. Note has a long record as a member of the Parliament and was elected its Speaker three times. He was known for his opposition to the nuclear and/or toxic wastes on the atolls, and his anti-corruption position. H.E. Note is currently a Senator of the Marshall Islands.
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Session II: The Founders’ Vision: Principles of Peace (11:00 AM)

Moderator: Mrs. Tomiko Duggan, Director, Public Affairs, UPF International
Ms. Tomiko Duggan is the Director of Public Affairs of UPF International in Washington, D.C. She develops programs with embassies and government agencies in Washington, D.C. Previously she served as the General Manager of the World Media Association, a service project of the Washington Times Foundation. She traveled to numerous countries organizing fact-finding tours which brought together opinion leaders and media professionals with world leaders.

Speaker

Mr. Jacques Marion, President, UPF France
Mr. Jacques Marion is the current president of the French chapter of the Universal Peace Federation. He received his education in economics at the University of Lyon (France) and Casablanca (Morocco). Between 1982 and 1997, he worked with Unification Movement programs in North, Central and Southern Africa. From 1998 to 2006, he worked in China as a vice president of the International Educational Foundation, based in Beijing. From 2006 to 2013, he served as Secretary General of the Eurasian chapter of the Universal Peace Federation, based in Moscow.

Commentators

Prof: Ryo Kitade, Chairman, Association for Business Communication, Japan
Prof. Ryou Kitade graduated from Hosei University’s Faculty of Economics (1966) and Literature (1968), and completed his Master of Business Administration at the College of Business, University of Dallas, U.S.A. in 1974. Thereafter, he engaged as a lecturer of Nihon University and Hosei University. From 2003 to 2014, he served as a professor of commerce at Takushoku University. He also held prominent positions such as president of the Japan-U.S. Communication Association as well as the Communication Association of Japan.

Mr. Naokimi Ushiroda, President, CARP USA
Naokimi Ushiroda is President of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP). He graduated from the Wharton School of Business in 2004, and has since been involved in leadership development for youth and young adults. CARP USA is a campus-based organization that engenders young leaders with core values and the vision of true leadership, which begins by living for the sake of others. Mr. Ushiroda is passionate about helping students find success in their personal lives and providing them with the skills to make a positive difference in the lives of those around them.
Dr. Michael Balcomb, President, FFWPU USA

Dr. Michael Balcomb is President of FFWPU USA. He was born in Nigeria, educated in England, and joined the Unification Movement in California in 1976. Returning to England, he worked for several years in campus ministry and later taught character education and family values in Eastern Europe and Russia. He served as Director of Communications for UPF International. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Unification Theological Seminary.
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Session III: Overcoming the Challenges Facing the Family (2:00 PM)

Moderator: Mrs. Eugenia Kagawa, Executive Office, UPF International
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Mr. Ricardo de Sena, President, UPF USA
Mr. Ricardo de Sena is the President of UPF USA and the National Director of the Latino Ministry Development of the FFWPU USA. He previously served as President of the Family Federation in Argentina, Uruguay, and Venezuela. He earned a Master’s of Religious Education and Master’s of Divinity from the Unification Theological Seminary.

Commentators

Mr. Joseph M. Champagne, Former Mayor of Toms River, New Jersey, USA
Joseph Makhandal Champagne is the former Mayor of the Borough of South Toms River, New Jersey and a community organizer. Currently, Mr. Champagne is a board member of Ocean Community Economic Action Now (O.C.E.A.N., Inc.), the Global Syndicate, and the Haitian-American Leadership Council. He was appointed by Judge Lawrence M. Lawson to the Superior Court Monmouth Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns. He serves on the Subcommittee on Minority Access to Justice. Above all he is a family man and human rights advocate.

Mr. Kazu Matsui, Former Chairman, Educational Board, Saitama Prefecture, Japan
Born in Tokyo, Japan in 1954, Mr. Matsui graduated from University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in the faculty of Ethnic Arts. Thereafter, he served as a lecturer at Toyo Eiwa College, and a member of Educational Board of Saitama Prefecture (as chairman from 2009 to 2010). Also, he worked as a member of Child Welfare Council of Saitama Prefecture. Currently, he is giving lectures on the themes of “Family Breakdown in Developed Societies,” and “Child-Rearing Strengthens Ties between Parents and Children.”
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Session V: Overcoming the Challenges Facing Religions and Governments (9:00 AM)

Moderator: Dr. Tageldin Hamad, Secretary General, UPF International
Dr. Tageldin Hamad is secretary general of the Universal Peace Federation International and director of the UPF Office for UN and International Affairs. He is also secretary general of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO). Dr. Hamad served as secretary of the Executive Committee of DPI-NGOs at the United Nations and was the organizing chair for the Summit of World Muslim Leaders conferences held in Jakarta and London. He is global vice president of Sun Moon University in Korea.

Speaker

Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal, Chair, UPF Nepal
Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal is a Nepalese politician and peace activist. He is the president of the Nepal Family Party. He served as Member of the Constituent Assembly and Parliament of Nepal from 2008 to 2012, and was re-elected to the Parliament for his 2nd term in 2014. Hon. Dhakal served as Minister for Co-operatives and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Nepal during 2012-2013. He is also a Convener of South Asia Peace Initiative (SAPI).

Commentators

Hon. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Former President of Parliament, Luxembourg
Hon. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges was born in Dudelange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Her political career began as a Member of Parliament in 1979, and she later became the first woman president of Luxembourg’s Parliament. She served as a government minister in many different sectors: Culture, Religions, Education, Higher Education, Research and Public Works. In 2004, she became a Member of the European Parliament, where she was appointed Rapporteur of the “European Year of Intercultural Dialogue” in 2008. She is currently Vice-President of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD).

Prof. Quan Yi Zhang, Zhejiang Wanli University, China
Dr. Quan Yi Zhang is an Associate Professor at Zhejiang Wanli University. He is a guest researcher at the Center of Non-traditional Security and Peace Development at the university. He has published numerous essays on regional peace and conflict management. As a columnist, he contributed dozens of commentaries to United Press International (Asia) from 2007 to 2009, some of which were quoted by Nautilus, Global Politics and IPRIS. His current academic interest is in the area of global governance. His recent publication is Evolution of a World State: Studies on the Modes and Transformation of Global Collective Identity.
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Prof. Jaap Willem de Zwaan, Erasmus University, Netherlands
Prof. Jaap de Zwaan is a Professor of European Union Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and Lecturer at the European Integration Department at The Hague University for Applied Sciences since May of 2012. From 1979 until 1998 he worked for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague as well as in Brussels. From 1999 to 2001, he was Dean of the Law School of Erasmus University Rotterdam. From 2005 to 2011 he was Director of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations “Clingendael.”

Rev. Shuei Kobayashi, Chief Priest, Jyuzenji Buddhist Temple, Japan
Born in Tokyo, Japan in 1948, Rev. Shuei Kobayashi graduated from Sophia University in the faculty of German Language, and earned a Master’s degree in Buddhist Denominational Studies (Shingon Buddhism) at Taisho University. Thereafter, he built Juzenji Shingon Buddhist Temple and became the Chief Priest. He is vigorously acting for the solution of religious persecution and human rights in Tibet as a chairman of the Japan Committee for Tibet.

Dr. Lek Thaveetersakul, Vice Chair, UPF Asia
Dr. Lek Thaveetersakul is Regional Vice Chairman of UPF Asia and FFWPU Asia; he is also Secretary General of UPF Thailand Foundation. He received his medical doctor degree from Chulalongkorn Medical School and thereafter taught medicine in Thailand and volunteered his medical services in Viet Nam and Laos. As a pioneer for the Unification Movement, he worked to develop the Movement in Thailand and Southeast Asia. Dr. Lek has also served as Southeast Asia Regional Director of the International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace as well as Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.
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Session VII: One Family Under God: The Blessing Vision (2:00 PM)

Moderator: Mr. Tuo-Huan Chen, Secretary General, UPF Chinese Region
Mr. Tuo-Huan Chen is the Secretary General of UPF Chinese Region. He is a board member of the Taiwan Conference on Religion and Peace. Mr. Chen has a Master’s degree from the Graduate Institute of Philosophy and an M.A. in education from the Graduate Institute of Family Education and Counseling. Mr. Tuo-Huan Chen was the Executive Secretary of the Professors World Peace Academy, as well as Secretary General of the Pure Love Alliance and of the International Cultural Foundation. He is the Vice President of FFWPU, and the President of UPF, Taiwan.

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