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# Important Updates for Cosmic Blessing Ceremony in Korea

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# IMPORTANT UPDATES AND DETAILS FOR TRUE PARENTS' COSMIC BLESSING CEREMONY IN KOREA ON MARCH 24, 2012 AND CHEON IL GUK MATCHING ON MARCH 19-21, 2012

To District, State, Church and Lovin' Life Pastors, Blessed Central Families March 5, 2012

Warm greetings from National Headquarters, and best wishes in this year of Complete Victorious Liberation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! We would like to share additional details and updates regarding the Blessing Ceremony that will be held on 3.3 by the heavenly calendar (March 24, 2012) in Korea.

I. The Official Title of the Blessing is: "Blessing Ceremony in the Era to Open the Gates to the Victory, Liberation and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind"

#### II. Important Programs and Schedules Related to the Blessing Ceremony

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS	COMMENTS
Cheon Il Guk Matching	March 19-22			Registration begins at 11:00 AM
iBleccing L eremony	March 24, 2012 11:00 AM	Peace World	Registered Blessing Participants	Participants should be in place by 9:00 AM
Program for 1st Generation Couples	March 23-25		All Registered Blessing Participants	Registration begins at 12:00 Noon
Program for 2nd Generation Couples	March 23-24			March 23

- A. Blessing participants should arrive at Hanhwa Resort (see below) by 11:00 AM on March 19th. Transportation will be arranged from Incheon International Airport on March 22-23 (see below).
- B. Registered, qualified candidates for True Parents' matching should arrive in Korea by March 18th. Transportation from Incheon International Airport will be announced soon.
- C. Previously married couples and 1st Generation Blessing participants should complete the Holy Wine Ceremony in the USA or their nation with their District Pastor or designated representative before coming to the ceremony in Korea.
- D. The Holy Wine Ceremony will be conducted by the USA BFM staff at Hanhwa Resort in Korea for those who were unable to complete this before entering Korea.

# III. Who Can Participate

- A. Qualified Cheon Il Guk matching candidates who are matched by True Parents.
- B. First and Second Generation matched couples registered with the USA Blessed Family Ministry.
- C. Previously married couples (including those with one partner in the Spiritual World).
- D. Blessed Families who did not participate in the October, 2009 or October, 2010 Blessings this Blessing can represent an opportunity for renewal for families that did <u>not</u> take part previously.

## IV. Things to Prepare for Blessing Participants

- A. <u>Blessing Attire</u>
- 1. Grooms: Black or dark-colored suit, white dress shirt, red necktie
- 2. Brides: Wedding dress, white shoes
- B. <u>Ceremonial Items</u> will be provided (these will be distributed at your accommodations)
- 1. Men: corsage, white gloves
- 2. Women: wedding veil, bouquet, white gloves
- C. Wedding Rings

Each participant should prepare a Blessing ring. These may be purchased through the Japanese bookstore in New York prior to departure (Phone: 212-302-6216), or can be ordered from a designated company in Korea. Rings of various sizes will also be available for purchase at your accommodations on March 23, 2012::

Men: 14K gold 0.33 ounces, 450,000 Won (about \$404)
 Women: 14K gold 0.26 ounces, 370,000 Won (about \$332)

Company: I.S. Jewelry [CEO: Young Jin KIM]

Telephone: 011-82-2-2266-4747

Address: 20-22 1F Hyosung Jewelry City, 48-2 Inui-dong, Jongro-gu, Seoul, Korea

Inexpensive metal Blessing rings are also usually available at the bookstore in CheongPyeong.

## D. <u>Wedding Dresses</u>

You may choose to bring your own wedding dress to Korea. Dresses will also be available for rent at your accommodations in Korea, provided by:

# **Ehwa University Total Wedding**

Telephone: 011-82-2-362-3666, 8666

(Address: 67-19 Daehyeon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Korea)

Rental price (excluding tax): 180,000 won (about \$162)

E. Participants should prepare and bring <u>clothing</u>, <u>toiletries and all necessary personal items</u> for the length of your stay. International participants should prepare an <u>FM radio</u> for listening to simultaneous interpretation.

# V. Transportation for Blessing Participants in Korea

- A. Transportation from Incheon International Airport will be available for international Blessing participants on March 22-23, 2012
- B. <u>All Blessing participants</u> should report your arrival and departure schedule, airline, flight number and times to your district office or BlessedLIFE team. These should be forwarded to the National BFM office at BFDadmin@unification.org by Wednesday, March 14th at the latest.
- C. Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, participants should pass through immigration and customs, and proceed to the pick-up point at door F-14 inside the arrival lobby. Watch for staff with signs who will guide you.
- D. Candidates for True Parents matching should arrive in Korea by March 18th. Transportation details from Incheon Airport will be announced soon.

# VI. Accommodations in Korea

All USA participants will Hanhwa Resort in Yangpyeong, near CheongPyeong. This includes candidates for True Parents' matching, 1st and 2nd Generation matched couples, previously-married couples (including those with one partner in the spirit world), Blessed Families participating for the 2009-10 special grace of True Parents, candidates' family members and guests.

All participants, family and guests participating in Korea should report your arrival and departure schedule, airline, flight number and times to your district office or BlessedLIFE team. These should be forwarded to the National BFM office at BFDadmin@unification.org by Wednesday, March 14th at the latest. For more information about Hanhwa Resort, visit their English-language website at: www.hanwharesort.co.kr/irsweb/resort2/eng/resort/index\_r010.asp?rcode=r1000

#### **Hanhwa Resort**

141-5 Shinbok-ri, Ogcheon-myeon, Yangpyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do, Korea

Telephone: 011-82-31-772-3811

#### VII. **Fees**

For all Blessing participants who have paid their Blessing fees in full, the costs of 3 nights accommodations, food and transportation are fully covered for the 3-day stay from March 23-25. For candidates for True Parents' matching whose Blessing fees have been paid, your costs will be covered from March 18-25. For family and guests, the cost will be \$300 for those 3 days from March 23-25. Those arriving earlier or staying later than these covered days should arrange and pay for your own additional accommodations.

Fees for family and guests should be paid via credit card to the National BFM prior to your departure for Korea at BFDadmin@unification.org, or to the USA staff upon arrival at Hanhwa Resort. Additional payment details will follow soon. NOTE: Family & guests attending the Blessing ceremony should wear a dark suit (men) or white or cream-colored suit or dress (women).

#### **USA Ceremonies**

Detailed information about the national ceremony in the USA, and ceremonies by internet broadcast, will follow this week. For questions or additional information contact your district office or BlessedLIFE team, or contact the National BFM at (212) 997-0055 or BFDadmin@unification.org.

We offer our prayers for all matching candidates, congratulations to Blessing participants, and best wishes to all our members and Blessed Central Families.

God Bless you.

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