

Albanians publically commemorate 4th anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa

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Based on True Mother's guidance to organize and commemorate the fourth anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa in each nation, on September 3, around two hundred and eighty brothers and sisters, ambassadors for peace, and prominent societal figures including Members of Parliament and those that served as Members of Parliament in the past as well as other members of government and guests, met at the main hall of the Tirana International Hotel to honor, remember and celebrate the life of our True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.



The whole program was a combination of personal testimonies and music performances, giving everybody present a small taste of how great, strong, and single-minded True Father was when facing death and being persecuted by the world. The event also recalled the other side of True Father's character, how sensible he was and how he could be moved to tears by the fall of a leaf.

After offering the bouquets of flowers, the opening remarks was given by Rev. Giuseppe Cali, the national leader of FFWPU- Italy, who was in

Albania to teach Original Divine Principle to young Albanians. Rev. Cali shared his personal experiences with True Father and how his life had changed since as a young man he had heard and been touched by the teaching and life style of True Father, which was a living principle life.

After a moving video about True Father's life and achievements, Mr. Ali Lacej, the coordinator of the Albanian Peace Council, testified about the greatness of True Father's teachings and the spiritual revolution he brought to peoples' minds and hearts. In addition, he mentioned how much True Parents did for Albania and Albanians.



Two beautiful songs were performed by UPA students Mica and Riza and Albanian blessed members who wanted to offer their hearts and gratitude to True Father. The performance concluded with an exciting rhythmic dance performed by four Japanese brothers who are part of Cheon Il Guk missionary program.

After the joyful performances, the program continued with four heartfelt moving testimonies given by one ambassador for peace, Dr. Kozeta Zavalani, and three members, Daniela Pupa, Arnold Grami and Anila Prethi. You could feel the sincerity of their words coming from the heart. Naturally, most of the participants were in tears, recalling their own experiences with True Father and missing him dearly. In that spirit, the famous Albanian singer Marisa Ikonomi, an ambassador for peace, sang "Let it Be", followed by a famous an Albanian song.

The program concluded with a moving poem by the chairman of the Universal Peace Federation in Albania, Mr. Gaqo Apostoli entitled "Oh, how much I miss you Heavenly Parent." This moved everybody. At the end, we offered three cheers of loud Eog Maneis!

It was a short program, just one hundred minutes, but we felt in a different world, close to our True Father and True Mother, as we left the hotel. Many guests who did not know much about True Parents were very happy and asked to learn more about True Parents. It was very clear to all of us that what we should do to the fullest is testify to True Parents and let people know they are here.