

2,300 dignitaries welcome True Father's to Korea after imprisonment in Danbury

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True Father delivers the Citizens' Federation Founder's Address

The "Danbury Course" was decisive in sparking widespread grassroots support for True Father across the United States from minority communities and those concerned about religious and civil liberties. In fact, a broad spectrum of 1,600 clergy and prominent laypeople welcomed True Father back from prison at a "God and Freedom" banquet held in his honor at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

A similar event occurred in Korea on December 11, 1985, when some 2,300 dignitaries from a diversity of fields, including a former prime minister of the Republic of Korea, attended a welcoming banquet at the Hilton Hotel Convention Center to pay tribute to the conclusion of True Father's 40-year ministry and to welcome him back to his homeland. Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone of Japan and five former presidents of Latin American countries presented gifts and plaques of appreciation.

From this point, True Parents initiated activities in Korea through the Korean Root-Finding Association, the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland, the Segye Ilbo newspaper, business investments and cultural work that would culminate in his meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in 1991.