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50th Anniversary of Radio Ministry *in Tokyo, Japan*

The Japan Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Voice of Prophecy Radio Broadcasting in Japan with the attendance of around 100 on September 1, 2002 at the Seventh-day Adventist Tokyo Central Church in Tokyo where the former union office with studio was located. Seven among nine radio pastors in the past 50 years were able to attend this special occasion both from mainland Japan and overseas including the U.S.A. and Korea.

The first regular weekly radio program started through Radio Tokyo Broadcasting Station in Tokyo in 1952, though one time radio program produced by the church was broadcasted in 1949. The first radio pastor was Paul H. Eldridge, an American missionary to Japan at that time, who was able to speak Japanese very fluently. Although he was not able to come to Japan this time because of his age, 88 years old, he gave a video message and affirmed that the inauguration of the radio ministry in Japan was just God's miraculous guidance as well as the financial support from the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists.

The Japanese Voice of Prophecy program began on August 2, 1952, through JOKR, a 50,000-watt station which reached 40 million Japanese. The broadcast was heard each Sabbath at 8:30 a.m. P. H. Eldridge was the program director and speaker. The program was made according to a format similar to that of the American Voice of Prophecy broadcast. Thus, Japan was the first union to use Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast in the Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific region. The beginning of the radio broadcasting in Japan was an epoch-making event for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, because the North American nationwide radio broadcast of Voice of Prophecy had been inaugurated in 1942, only ten years earlier.

From the second radio pastor or speaker to the current ninth one, Japanese workers have succeeded the job as radio

pastor. The 30-minutes weekly radio program on Sunday became once very popular through the major commercial radio stations in the country and was known as "Sunday Family Hour" composed of the children's story, listeners' birthday celebration and messages to adults. In the meantime, however, the program was later changed from 30 minutes weekly to 5 minutes daily, "Hikari to Tomoni," (6 times a week) targeting to only adults.



Radio Speakers: T. Yamaji, M. Kamoda, T. Iwahashi, A. Yamaji (from left in 1st row), M. Kawagoe, T. Shiraiishi, T. Shinmyo, A. Kaibe (from left in 2nd row)

In addition to this medium-wave radio program, in 1987 the Voice of Prophecy studio in Japan began to produce 60 minutes (currently 30 minutes) daily short wave program for the Adventist World Radio/Asia-Pacific region being broadcasted from Guam.

The contents of the 50th anniversary program were a brief history of the radio ministry in Japan presented by video pictures, interview with the past radio pastors, special music, and so on. Besides the past radio pastors, many former and current staff of Voice of Prophecy participated in and enjoyed the program and fellowship with their friends.

The Voice of Prophecy studio in Japan is now working for not only the radio programs, but also the Bible Correspondence School, cassette/CD/video production, Internet and satellite evangelism, etc. Thus, the studio plays the role of a mini media center in the church. The current director of the Voice of Prophecy and Speaker in Japan is Tadashi Yamaji whose father was also the former director and speaker.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communicaton/PARL/Publishing/SOP/ATN Director*

Taiwan Holds Camp Meeting

attracting over 800 people

For the first time in over a decade, the Taiwan Mission held a three-day camp meeting. Over 800 members, youth and children attended this event which was held from August 8-11 on the campus of Taiwan Adventist College. The theme for the camp meeting reflected the three year focus of the Mission on becoming a Healthy Church. Worship times for both the adults and youth focused on how to personally and corporately enjoy vibrant spiritual health.



A Program during the Camp Meeting at the Chapel of the Taiwan Adventist College

The camp meeting experience was highlighted by four different tracks. The adults enjoyed engaging worship times as well as the opportunity to choose between some of the more than 20 seminars prepared for the attendees - all of which highlighted some of the quality characteristics of a healthy church. Early each morning two different outdoor devotionals were planned. The weather was spectacular and the worship experience was truly a blessing.

The youth and young adults enjoyed a camp meeting experience that centered on the role of worship in a healthy church. Lots of singing, praising and congregational participation highlighted their meetings. The youth also enjoyed times of recreation and fellowship. There was also a special group of activities and programs prepared for the children. They enjoyed inspirational singing, crafts and Bible studies as well as outdoor recreation.

Finally, there was a special track prepared for women's ministries. Each day the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's Women's Ministries Director, sister Young Ja Nam as well as the General Conference's Women's Ministries Director,

sister Sharon Cress, led out in inspiring and challenging seminars geared to equip women for ministry in both their homes and in the local church.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the ordination to gospel ministry of four of our pastoral team. Pastors Du Mu Heng, Wu Chung Fong, Cho Zhen Lu and Cho Fu Jin were ordained in a special service officiated by Pastor James Wu, the Chinese Union Mission President.

On Sabbath afternoon a group baptism was conducted and 24 souls were baptized into the church. In the closing program for the weekend each of Taiwan Mission's 9 districts reported on the Lord's work in their districts and shared both testimony and song to the glory of our Lord.

The Lord richly blessed the time spent in sharing. Plans are underway to hold another camp meeting in the coming year.

Bob Folkenberg, Jr., *Taiwan Mission President*

Shepherdess & Women's Ministries Meeting in Taiwan Mission

The Taiwan Mission Camp Meeting was held at Taiwan Adventist College from August 8-10, 2002. The college is located very far from Taipei. It takes five hours by car to get there from Taipei.

Just before the camp meeting started, on August 7 and 8 Taiwan Mission Shepherdesses' Meeting was held. About 50 wives attended the meeting and discussed and shared their



Attendees and Nam, Young Ja, the NSD Women's Ministries Director (4th from right in 1st row) with Emmeline Liu, the Chinese Union Mission Women's Ministries Director (3rd from right in 1st row)

experiences with each other. There was a women's meeting. Sharon Cress and Young-Ja L. Nam gave lectures with the topics: "How Can Women Help the Church for the Lord?" "Personality" and "Parenting." All the women in attendance were encouraged and enjoyed the meeting and small group discussions. The participants in this meeting have witnessed a great potential power in the Chinese Union Mission which can be explored in the near future to win the innumerable of souls in the mainland China.

Young Ja nam, *Family/Women's/Shepherdess Ministries Director*

Shepherdess Meeting in Hong Kong-Macao Conference

On August 2 and 3, 2002 was held the Shepherdess and Minister's Meeting in Hong Kong-Macao Conference. The Meeting was held at the Bible Auditorium Church of SDA. Approximately 40 pastors and wives participated in the meetings on Friday and Saturday night.



Lily Wu, Hong Kong-Macao Conference Shepherdess Min. Coordinator (right) and Verra Chuah, Translator (left)

Mrs. Sharon Cress, who is Shepherdess International Coordinator at General Conference, spoke to them about "Criticism," since most shepherdesses are suffering from criticisms by their church members. She presented the ways to overcome all kinds of criticism by themselves. She also gave a lecture on "How to Have Joy-filled Spiritual Life."

The pastors' wives were inspired very much by her lectures. There were discussions on some problems in pastoring for small groups and reported very actively by each group. The subjects of discussion were as follows:

1. How to balance the load between family needs and the demand of the church ministry in our busy schedule.
2. How to keep the intimate relationship between husband and wife in our busy schedule.
3. How to break through and balance the interpersonal relationship between people inside and outside the church so that we can witness and minister effectively.

Young Ja nam, *Family/Women's/Shepherdess Ministries Director*

2nd Annual Camp Meeting

230 attendants in Mongolia

On August 7, two hundred and thirty Mongolian, Korean, Russian and American Adventists converged on a campsite just north of Darkhan, Mongolia for the 2nd annual Mongolian Camp Meeting. It was a joyous event as old and new believers joined together for five days of worshipping the Lord.

Arriving at 11:30pm on Tuesday, everyone was tired from the long journey and ready for sleep. At 6:30am, Wednesday through Friday, all were invited to share in morning exercises to get their blood flowing. Following breakfast was morning worship which was lead out by different churches each day. The morning devotion on Wednesday was delivered by Pastor Dale Tunnell, President of Adventist Mongolian Association (AMA) while Pastor Bold Batsukh of AMA delivered the message Thursday and Friday morning.

Each day brought a selection of seminars on a variety of subjects including Ruth, Esther, prayer, marriage and family, music, youth, and friendship evangelism. With this range of topics, there was a seminar that appealed to everyone.

The late afternoon time was devoted to getting acquainted with people from different places. Everyone enjoyed this time to socialize, play games, and just talk. Many new friendships were formed, and old ones renewed. The evening services, lead by Pastor Joshua Shin from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, were appreciated each day. Pastor Joshua added something special to each night by sharing a slide show of pictures from the day. He also presented many insightful talks that could really make you think.

Sabbath was a special day with Pastor Tunnell presenting an excellent Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Joshua giving an admirable sermon. Sabbath afternoon was a highlight of the week. The Hosanna Singers from Seoul, Korea gave an excellent concert including violin and accapella music.

All good things must come to an end as was realized on Sunday. The closing service Sunday morning included the presentation of the 2002 missionary training graduates and an inspiring message from Pastor Tunnell. Pastor Tunnell encouraged all to grasp the opportunity to conquer Mongolia for the Lord. This left everyone energized and inspired as they said good-bye and looked forward to next year's Mongolian Camp Meeting.

Dale Tunnell, *Mongolia Mission Field Director*

Painting Roofs by Korean Students *in the JUC Comound*

Korean Sahmyook Vocational Training Institute held a graduation field trip to Japan and worked at the Japan Union Conference (JUC), July 28 to August 8. Japan and Korea have been exchanging cultures more closely and achieving a good relationship since the World Cup 2002. As a church we wanted to have friendship with the Korean church. Meanwhile, Korean church had a plan to visit Japan. Pastor Kim, Soo Ho, teacher of the Sahmyook University, mediated between the Institute and JUC. We welcomed the group, which were composed of 11 students, Director Kim, Choon Sup and his wife, and Business manager Lee, Kwang Jae.

For two weeks from the early morning till the sundown, the volunteers worked hard under the severe hot sunshine and painted the roofs of the houses at the JUC compound. Once they have mounted a roof, they seemed to



The Students Painting A Roof

become professional painters. Some of them are licensed to paint. The students were also happy to visit the churches including Tokyo Korean church, and did sightseeing in Tokyo and Yokohama.

We hope the friendship among the youths would flourish in the both countries. Also we wish to contribute ourselves for the gospel work with joint efforts of Korea and Japan. Thank you, Korean students.



The Students and Workers of Korean Sahmyook Vocational Training Institute with the JUC President (right in 2nd row)

Kenyu Kinjyo, *Japan Union Conference President*

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