



# 10th Anniversary of the September 18th HWPL World Peace Summit

## Creating World Peace Community Through Regional Collaboration

### 1. Overview

The 10th Anniversary of the September 18th HWPL World Peace Summit is set to be held on 18 September 2024 in Seoul, South Korea, and various locations across the globe. The event is held to commemorate the 2014 HWPL World Peace Summit and examine the key achievements of the agreements signed that day to establish future plans. At the 10th anniversary this year, regional events will be held in different corners of the world to establish networks to promote peace, help peace take root, and encourage collaboration to this end.

### 2. Description

In 2014, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) hosted the September 18th HWPL World Peace Summit in Seoul, South Korea, with leaders in politics, religion, women's groups, youth groups, and the media in attendance. HWPL and leaders of various sectors convened to discuss conflict resolution, establishment of peace, and mutual cooperation, and signed landmark agreements on building and implementing solid systems for cooperation. The agreements covered implementing legal instruments to ensure peace, building religious harmony, and peace activities by state actors and citizens, respectively. Such agreements became the basis of further discussions that have taken place every year on 18 September as the signing entities continue their exchange on peace strategies.

The global community has been striving to end wars and resolve recurring disputes. International organizations have poured in efforts to address cross-border conflicts and establish international norms to help peace take root while states across the globe have long-contemplated means to promote harmony and reduce conflicts by reinforcing inter-national collaboration for each state's stability and prosperity. Numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been practicing peace activities that pursue tolerance and reconciliation at the local level, driven by voluntary civilian engagement and support.

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However, grave issues are prohibiting the spread and settlement of peace at home and abroad. In addition to traditional factors leading to disputes, recently emerging threats are heightening global uncertainties. Military and economic tensions among major powers, the war in Ukraine, post-pandemic recovery, climate change, cyber security, disinformation and propaganda, migration and refugees, and the decline in multilateralism are intricately intertwined, complicating resolution efforts and amplifying future uncertainties.

At this juncture, many individuals and institutions cooperating with HWPL have been putting in concerted efforts to ensure that peace takes a firm root, a shared aspiration crucial for the survival of humanity. HWPL has been spearheading the collective efforts to establish peace governance that brings together the individual actions of international organizations, governments, and civil societies by connecting them. Building upon a decade of global peace initiatives with members and partners worldwide, this year's emphasis is on establishing peace at a regional level. To collaborate to resolve regional issues that threaten peace and to harness collective capacities, we will strengthen regional networks.

Under the slogan, "Let's have everyone become a messenger of peace," HWPL has been enlightening everyone that each individual holds both the right and responsibility for peace at international, national, regional, and local levels. Through the power of the citizens who proactively work to establish peace and ensure it takes a firm root, a lasting global peace will be established and lead to the birth of a true world peace community.

### **3. Event Purpose and Operation**

#### 1) Purpose

- Review the outcomes of implementing peace agreements since 2014 and discuss future plans
- Host regional events to gather peace talents full of potential and establish networks needed for peace strategies tailored to each regional area

#### 2) Operation

The main event will be held in Seoul, South Korea, and regional events will be held in key cities across the globe on the day of the commemoration.