



Track: Korean Unification



Track Overview

SINCE THE DIVISION OF KOREA FOLLOWING THE KOREAN War of 1950-53, tension, distrust and conflict have destabilized the region, impeded development, and undermined global security. Early in 2016, North Korea (DPRK) conducted a fourth nuclear bomb test, followed by a long-range ballistic missile test. Further ground and submarine missile launches have again heightened tensions in the region and raised the threat of war.

The peaceful reunification of Korea will provide a fundamental solution to North Korea's nuclear threats and further enhance world peace and prosperity. To fulfill this vision Action for Korea United (AKU), a coalition of 1,200 civil society organizations, is now advancing the "One Korea Global Campaign" to expand international consensus and support for Korean reunification.

In 2015, AKU's "A New Era Unification Song Campaign" spread a yearning for Korean reunification and strong desire for "One Korea." The theme song, "One Dream One

Korea," was warmly received by worldwide fans of Hallyu (Korean pop culture), gaining millions of views on the Internet across more than 220 countries. Now AKU aims to further expand this message by embarking on a global-scale campaign with another song like the landmark recording "We are the World," the 1985 recording by leading USA artists. The song of hope for Korean reunification and world peace will reverberate in every corner of the world.

The Declaration and vision of a unified Korea is grounded in the ideal of Hongik Ingan, an ancient ethic to "live for the benefit of humanity" that forms the ethos of the Korean people. Korea experts will explore this principle and ideal and discuss its practical application as a preamble of an eventual new Constitution for One Korea and a model of governance elsewhere in the world in the twenty-first century.

FEBRUARY 28 SESSION 1:

Round Table discussion on Declaration for One Korea

The Declaration for One Korea and its guiding principle of Hongik Ingan, or “living for the benefit of humanity,” will be explored for possible adoption in the new Constitution of One Korea. Hongik Ingan will be examined as a precious and defining heritage of Korean people, but at the same time as a governance principle applicable to all civilized societies.



MARCH 1 SESSION 2:

Asia-Pacific perspectives on One Korea: A New Model for Peace and Development in East Asia

This session will evaluate prospects for peace, stability, development, and prosperity in East Asia. Expert panelists will present the most current views on countering the nuclear threat and improving human rights conditions in the North. Further, a vision of One Korea will be presented as the model of conflict resolution and twenty-first century development for East Asia and the world.

MARCH 1 SESSION 3:

Building Global Consensus for One Korea: A Practical Approach

Opinion leaders in areas of Korean history and tradition, human rights, civil society participation, and information technology will discuss tactical means of advancing Korean unification. The session will highlight diverse recent initiatives to raise awareness and public support for unification.

One K Global Peace Concert

SM Malls of Asia Arena • March 2, 7pm Manila, Philippines

PSY, SHINee, AOA and others raise global awareness for Korean Unification

The One K Global Campaign seeks to promote values essential to global peace using popular culture and bring to light the importance of Korean unification in securing peace and security in the world.

Singers such as Psy, ShinHee, AOA, CNBLUE, BAP, B1A4, and others will join top U.S. and Filipino stars singing songs for global peace and the hope of Korean unification.

The program will be broadcasted by the Philippines TV5 and KBS from Korea to more than 130 countries around the world. Ticket prices from 9000, 6000, 5000, and 15000 (PHP) can be purchased at any SM ticket booth.

KOREA UNIFICATION SESSION 1: LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR ONE KOREA



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DR. CHANGMIN SHIN is a professor emeritus and former Dean of the College of Business Administration at the Chung-Ang University. He is the director of Tongildaebak Institute of Korean Reunification. He is the author of Tongildaebak (Unification is Bonanza: The Road to One Korea Prosperity in Peace). He earned a PhD at Claremont Graduate School in economics, and a MA at the University of Southern California in USA. He is a graduate of the College of Law, Seoul National University.



DR. YOUNG TAE KWON is a senior researcher of Global Peace Institute since 2013, and has proposed new views on issues such as reunification ideology, human rights in North Korea, and civil reunification movement. As an expert in North Korean law, he published a book titled North Korean Laws Unknown to Both South & North. He graduated from Korea University College of Law and earned his Ph.D. in North Korean Studies from Dongguk University.



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KOREA UNIFICATION SESSION 2: ASIA-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVES ON ONE KOREA



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MR. CHANWOO LEE is a Fellow at the Japan Center for Economic Research in Tokyo. Before coming to Japan, he was a member of the Central Committee of the National Unification Advisory Council of South Korea (1998-99), which is a constitutional institution to advise the President on the formulation of peaceful unification policy. He is an author of articles and research papers on Korea Peninsula issues, including economic cooperation among the northeast Asian region.



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MR. NANJIN DORJSUREN, is Head of the Study team for China, East Asian Studies at the Mongolia Institute for Strategic Studies. He is also Head of the Council of Security and Cooperation in Asia Pacific, Mongolia Secretariat. He earned a degree in international relations from Mongolian National University and master's degree in Policy Science from Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. He also holds a master's degree in China Studies from Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. He is one of the main organizers of Ulaanbaatar Dialogue for Northeast Asian Security, initiated by the Mongolian President.



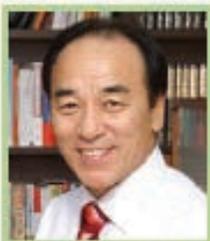
DR. ALEXANDER ZHEBIN, is a well-known Russian expert on Korea. He worked for 12 years in North Korea as a journalist and a diplomat. He is Director of the Center for Korean Studies at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies in Moscow since 2004. His fields of research include political developments in the DPRK, Russia's relations with DPRK and ROK, and security and nuclear problems on the Korean peninsula. He is the author of three books and numerous articles on Korean affairs in academic journals, and newspapers at home and abroad, and a commentator on major Russian television.

KOREA UNIFICATION SESSION 3: BUILDING GLOBAL CONSENSUS FOR ONE KOREA

DR. EDWIN FEULNER, Founder, Chairman of the Asian Studies Center, and Chung Ju-yung Fellow at the Heritage Foundation, see listing above



DR. JAI-POONG RYU is Professor Emeritus, Loyola University, and Founder of One Korea Foundation. BA from Law College Seoul National University; PhD/sociology from University Minnesota. Main interest areas: macro-sociological interpretation of history, conflict resolution, and social institutions. He served as an advisor for two Baltimore mayors and the US Census Bureau. In 2015 for the 70th commemoration of Korea's liberation and division, Ryu led OKF for the 1Dream1Korea Campaign at the Lincoln Memorial and Capitol Hill with Global Peace Foundation.



HON. CHOONG WHAN KIM served as member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea from 2004 to 2012 and as Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee during his last term. He has served as Chair of Institute for Peaceful Northeast Asia and Unified Korea and been actively serving as Co-Chair for the Action for Korea United, the biggest civil society network for Korean unification in Korea. He formerly served as Mayor of Gangdong County, Seoul for 3 consecutive terms from 1995 to 2003 and as President of 25 Seoul Mayors' Council. He received his Ph.D. in Urban Administration from University of Seoul. He is currently a professor of politics.

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