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This issue of UPF Today looks back at the successful programs of 2021, including, the Rally of Hope Series, Think Tank 2022, and the Interfaith Prayer Rally. Initiated in August 2020 in the midst of the pandemic, the Rally of Hope held three more events for world leaders to address millions of viewers around the world.

Besides the Rally of Hope, UPF launched Think Tank 2022, and quickly commenced a Forum Series with renowned figures including former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, and American investor and financial commentator Jim Rogers. Panels of U.S., Korean, and Japanese experts added to the lively discussion and debate on key issues such as religious freedom and the role of faith leaders in reunifying North and South Korea. Lastly, UPF proudly inaugurated the 1st Interfaith Prayer Rally as a prayer call for God to bring healing and restoration to the peninsula.

UPF co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, has continued to lead by example. It is time for all religions to converge together, she said, “like streams and waterways coming together into a tremendous river that flows into the vast ocean.” In an age filled with so many unique challenges, UPF remains committed to building a world of sustainable and lasting peace, and to the belief that with God all things are possible!

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5TH RALLY OF HOPE: CURRENT AND FORMER HEADS OF STATE FOCUS ON GLOBAL ISSUES

Seoul, Korea | February 27, 2021

Millions of viewers from 150 countries joined the live online broadcast of the 5th Rally of Hope sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

The virtual event featured world-class entertainment and globally renowned leaders including Cape Verde President Jorge Carlos Fonseca; Guyana Prime Minister Mark Phillips; U.S. Vice President Mike Pence (2017–2021); United Nations World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley; City of Refuge Church Bishop Noel Jones; South Africa President F.W. de Klerk (1989–1994); India Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari (2007–2017); Oxford Vaccine co-developer Dr. Sarah Gilbert; and East Timor President Xanana Gusmão (2002–2007).

UPF co-founder **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon** shared an inspiring message of hope in her Founder’s Address, as speakers focused on key global issues—including COVID-19, race relations, poverty, and inequality—under the theme “Building Partnerships for Peace Based on Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values.”

Nearly two million people worldwide registered for the 5th Rally of Hope, with viewership reaching 320 million

people on more than 455 platforms. Dr. Moon emphasized the importance of global peace and unity to prevail over the world’s challenges, calling for citizens to cultivate a “sense of reverence” for our God-given blessings and fulfill our responsibilities by creating ideal families.

“Let us join hands in making a new resolve to advance God’s providence today,” said Dr. Moon. “If the Korean Peninsula can be reunified and become one people, and if all of the Asia Pacific can be united into a heavenly civilization and connect the entire world, we can become a force for good that will expand to all of the continents and oceans of the world . . . I encourage each of you to join me in marching forward victoriously.”

Bishop Noel Jones quoted the Beatitudes in his opening prayer and peace message, saying, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God,” that cultivating “the love for peace . . . is the function of those who walk with God.” He noted that February 28 marked the birthdays of Dr. Moon and her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, as well as the 30th anniversary of their historic 1991 visit and talks with Kim Il Sung to “encourage the North Korean leader to bring peace” to the Korean Peninsula.





Bishop Noel Jones

Hon. Mike Pence

Hon. David Beasley

Dr. Sarah Gilbert

As quoted in *The Washington Times*, former U.S. Vice President **Mike Pence** said, “A unified Korean Peninsula would contribute greatly to a more stable, peaceful Pacific region and that goal is within reach.”

“We will stand firm against our common adversaries, even as we work in good faith to turn our adversaries into friends,” said Vice President Pence. “In so doing, I believe we can lay a foundation to bring about the peaceful unification of Korea within our lifetime. That vision of freedom, peace, and prosperity is the same vision the people of the United States and the Republic of Korea have shared for nearly 70 years: A Korea united by the universal values of human dignity, liberty, and economic freedom.”

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), the world’s largest humanitarian agency working to end global hunger, knows from its work that, “where peace exists, fewer children go to bed hungry,” said WFP Executive Director **David Beasley**. “We exist to serve our brothers and sisters in need. In other words, to love our neighbor wherever they may be.” The program assisted some 114 million people in more than 80 countries last year, earning the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

Health care efforts, such as a vaccine for COVID-19, are also aimed at “protecting each other” and “saving lives,” said Oxford Vaccine co-developer **Dr. Sarah Gilbert**, whose vaccinology

work in the Nuffield Department of Medicine at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom has garnered world attention. “The vaccine has been shown to be safe and effective, and it is approved for use in almost 60 countries,” she said. “The values that resulted in this vaccine being made available align with those of the Universal Peace Federation. This is a vaccine for the world ... to protect each other and ourselves.”



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

Other world leaders outlined the necessities for global peace. “Thirty-five years ago, the situation that confronted us in South Africa appeared to be hopeless,” said **H.E. F.W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa and 1993 Nobel Peace Prize winner with the late South African President Nelson Mandela. South Africa was isolated, filled with unrest, protests, lawlessness, and under siege by procommunist forces before having its first fully inclusive election in 1994, leading to the inauguration of President Mandela and “the adoption of a truly inclusive and democratic constitution,” said H.E. de Klerk. Challenges continued, “but above all, we have learned the importance of never losing hope.”

“What does a future built on peace look like?” asked Guyana Prime Minister **H.E. Mark Phillips**. The answer lies in “world leaders, decision makers, and even religious leaders joining to collectively plan and develop ways to respond to the requirements of peacebuilding ... and building strong partnerships.”

“The challenges being addressed by [the 5th Rally of Hope] go beyond national borders and address concerns which are critical for human well-being,” said **Hon. Mohammad Hamid Ansari**, former vice president of India.



H.E. F.W. de Klerk



The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet

Cape Verde President **Jorge Carlos Fonseca** said, “More than just the mere absence of war, peace, as a value and as an asset, is a blessing that is achieved through tolerance, solidarity, and respect for people’s differences.” He added that entrepreneurship among youth is becoming “extremely important,” and said, “I believe that in order to build a better world, to strengthen democracy and encourage citizenship, it is not only the economy that is important; values are also fundamental and ... change must begin now.”

“There will be no peace for people who do not take ownership of their own destiny and who do not work together to achieve it,” said **H.E. Xanana Gusmão**, former president of East Timor. “I can say with certainty that fair peace means much more than the absence of conflict. It is paramount to also free people from hunger, disease and poverty,” he said, adding that peace and development go hand in hand.

The Rally of Hope series, launched in August 2020, is dedicated to “building a unified world of peace,” said UPF Chairman Dr. Thomas G. Walsh. UPF, which was founded in 2005 by Reverend Moon and Dr. Moon, has chapters and programs worldwide and is an NGO in General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. ❖

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British tenor Paul Potts



Coppa jammo ja funiculi funicula
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 行こう フニクリ・フニクラで!
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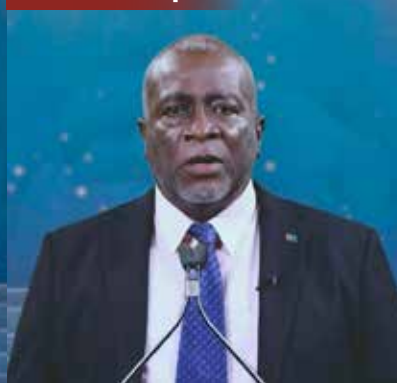
Dr. Moon addressing online audience



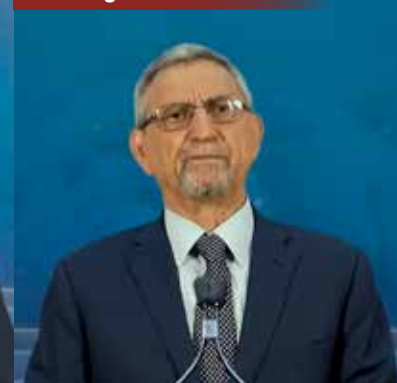
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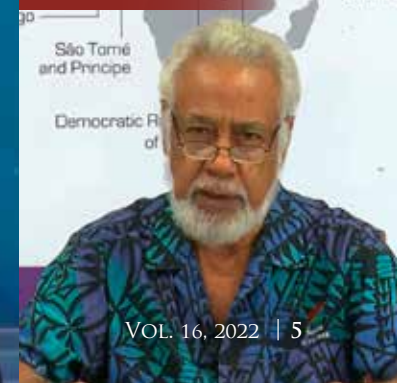
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H.E. Xanana Gusmao



6TH RALLY OF HOPE INAUGURATES THINK TANK 2022

Seoul, Korea | May 9, 2021

World leaders and experts joined more than a million global participants for the launch of “Think Tank 2022” on May 9 KST during the virtual 6th Rally of Hope for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

The rally, sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), was streamed live from South Korea to 194 nations and translated into 14 languages. Think Tank 2022 is a global multi-sector network of more than 2,000 experts from a wide range of fields—government, business, academia, faith, media, arts and culture—dedicated to the collaborative search for solutions to the world’s most critical challenges.

World-class leaders including the rally’s 12 keynote speakers affirmed and enhanced the concept of Think Tank 2022. “This network will make a difference for peace on the Korean Peninsula through international unity,” said **Ban Ki-moon**, former United Nations Secretary-General and chairman of the new initiative. “I applaud Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, UPF, and the leaders of Think Tank 2022.”

“As leaders from around the world who cherish the values of faith, family, democracy and justice under law,” said former U.S. Vice President **Mike Pence**, “I commend you for coming together at this event to continue to sow the seeds of peace, believing that in time we will reap a harvest of peace that will benefit the people of Korea, the United States and all mankind.”

Born in present-day North Korea, UPF co-founders Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, fled to the south during the Korean War and have devoted their lives to advancing a more peaceful



The launch of Think Tank 2022

world and reuniting Korea. Think Tank 2022, which will develop “Expert Working Groups” linked to UPF’s seven international associations, will spearhead peacebuilding initiatives such as a UN Peace Park on the DMZ; building a Korea-Japan undersea tunnel; boosting Geumgang Mountain tourism development; and helping separated Korean families find their relatives. Think Tank 2022 will also carry out fact-finding consultations, international leadership conferences, a



Pastor Jonathan Falwell



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Hon. Newt Gingrich



H.E. Chung Sye-kyun



Hon. Mike Pence



H.E. José Manuel Barroso



H.E. Vjosa Osmani



H.E. Hussein Mwinyi



Hon. Félix Ulloa



H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo



Hon. Mike Pompeo



Mr. Jim Rogers

major World Summit 2022 in South Korea, and implement a “One Million People’s Relief Association.”

“A reunified, denuclearized Korean Peninsula will bring massive peace and prosperity to the peninsula and to the region,” said **Hon. Mike Pompeo**, former U.S. Secretary of State and CIA Director. “Religious freedom is indeed the foundation of all freedoms... with prayer, faith, and commitment to the Lord, peace will follow.”

Ten governors of South Korean provinces, where Think Tank 2022 will be presented in five regions, congratulated Dr. Moon, who hosted the rally. Many speakers, including former Republic of Korea Prime Minister **Chung Sye-kyun** and Cambodian Prime Minister **Hun Sen**, praised the timeliness of Think Tank 2022. “International cooperation and solidarity is needed now more than ever,” said Prime Minister Chung.

From Africa, Zanzibar President **Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi** recalled that Africans took part in the Korean War and long for peace and democracy in that region. The peaceful reunification of Korea will lead to “explosive growth,” said renowned American businessman and investor **Mr. Jim Rogers**. “If trains run through the DMZ and cars run on highways, there will be endless economic development opportunities... benefiting not only the two Koreas, but also China, Russia, Japan and Asia and the whole world.”

Mr. David Beasley, executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme, the world’s largest humanitarian organization and 2020 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, said, “This rally is reaching across continents, uniting people all over the world in a spirit of peace, mutual prosperity and public service.” Governments have failed because they couldn’t go beyond “their bureaucracies, their biases, and their fears,” said **Newt Gingrich**, former U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives. Think Tank 2022 offers a new way for people from multiple nations to work together “outside the traditional, formal structures,” he said.

“Times of crisis often tend to be the moments of greatest opportunity,” said **Mark Esper**, former U.S. Secretary of Defense. “As in the past, so too in the future; a strong and ready military, one embedded in a network of alliance and partnerships, will be critical in this new era of great power competition that is now upon us. This was the Reagan doctrine of peace through strength.”

Peace wishes were given by **Rev. Jonathan Falwell**, senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Virginia; Kosovo President **Vjosa Osmani**; El Salvador Vice President **Felix Ulloa**; **Prof. Sarah Gilbert**, a



H.E. Ban Ki-moon

virologist who co-developed the Oxford Vaccine in response to COVID-19; former European Commission President **José Manuel Barroso**; and former Nigeria President **Olusegun Obasanjo**.

Dr. Moon and world leaders from all continents signed a resolution formally establishing Think Tank 2022. The 6th Rally of Hope, part of a digital series started by Dr. Moon in August 2020, has brought together tens of millions of people worldwide who embrace freedom, peace, and unity based on the shared ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. ❖

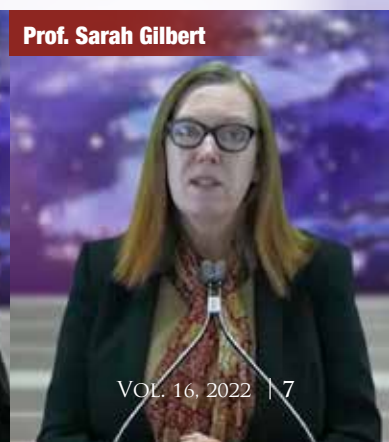
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Hon. Mark Esper



Hon. David Beasley



Prof. Sarah Gilbert



7TH RALLY OF HOPE: WORLD LEADERS RENEW CALL FOR PEACE

Seoul, Korea | September 12, 2021

World leaders and experts renewed their calls for peaceful reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula during the virtual Rally of Hope held September 12 KST. The event, broadcasted live from South Korea and attended by millions of online participants from around the world, featured the Universal Peace Federation's new initiative, Think Tank 2022, which seeks to build a global strategy for a major breakthrough for peace by the end of 2022.

"I truly believe that an extraordinary future awaits the people of North Korea—and I have faith that if they pursue the path of denuclearization, they will make that future a magnificent reality," former U.S. President **Donald Trump** said in remarks prepared for the event. "Until that blessed day comes, the indispensable force for peace on the Korean Peninsula remains a strong America. As we have seen recently in other parts of the world, weakness only invites more violence and chaos."

The rally, the seventh such event since August 2020, is among the growing efforts of UPF co-founder **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon** to address worldwide challenges, including poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation, as well as the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. "Now the time has come for Korea to fulfill its responsibility," Dr. Moon said at the event. "The prospects for peace on the Korean Peninsula are excellent. This will happen."

Dr. Moon and her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, both natives of what is now North Korea, dedicated their lives toward reunifying their homeland and building a more peaceful world. The online rally, which was live-streamed in the U.S. on September 11, included a solemn prayer engaging the global audience in honor of the thousands of lives lost in the 2001 terror attacks.

Mr. Trump credited close partnerships with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for getting unanimous resolutions through the UN Security Council and bringing American captives home from North Korea. He expressed respect for North Korea's

Chairman Kim Jong-un for meeting with him in Singapore and later at the Demilitarized Zone, where Mr. Trump became the first U.S. president to step foot in North Korea.

Other rally speakers included **H.E. Samdech Hun Sen**, prime minister of Cambodia; **H.E. José Manuel Barroso**, former president of the European Commission; **H.E. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo**, former president of The Philippines; **H.E. H.D. Deve Gowda**, former prime minister of India; **H.E. Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona**, former president of Trinidad and Tobago; and **H.E. Nataša Mičić**, former president of Serbia.

"As a country placing priceless value upon peace, Cambodia highly appreciates the organization of this rally to strengthen the culture of peace and mutual trust under the framework of international cooperation in the Asia-Pacific area," said Prime Minister **Samdech Tech Hun Sen**, whose Asian Vision Institute will serve as the Asia-Pacific Secretariat of Think Tank 2022. He recalled when Phnom Penh was captured by the Khmer Rouge in 1975 during the Cambodian Civil War, saying, "We remember the tragedy and are determined to prevent a similar event from happening





H.E. Donald Trump



H.E. Shinzo Abe



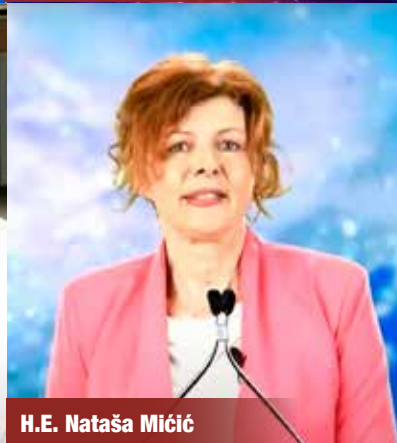
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H.E. Nataša Mičić



H.E. Anthony Carmona



H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen

again.... We vividly understand that peace and nation-building can only be achieved by the local stakeholders in the conflicting country.”

Four governors of South Korean provinces, as well as newly elected Seoul Mayor Hon. Oh See-hoon, Gwangju Mayor Hon. Lee Yong-sup, and Busan Mayor Hon. Park Heong-joon, congratulated Dr. Moon and UPF for their work to advance reconciliation and cooperation on the peninsula.

H.E. Barroso, speaking from his longtime experience leading the European Commission, said he strongly supports Korean reunification. “What the global community can do, and I believe it should do even more, is to show strong support to facilitate [and] create the best external conditions for the Koreans themselves to find a way for true reconciliation and peace,” he said.

In her remarks, **H.E. Arroyo** said, “With leaders Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in exchanging letters since April and announcing the restoration of several communication channels in July—including a military link demolished by the North last year—let Korea’s example teach the world that peace can thrive if humanity can dream together.”

H.E. Carmona said, “Collaborative goodwill is the engine of any successful peace process. Reunification and reconciliation require genuine maturity rather than filibustering, a meeting of the minds and hearts, celebrating the common good—not revisiting the painful past, but rather connecting to the intergenerational and intragenerational hope, ambition, and vision of a united Korean people.”

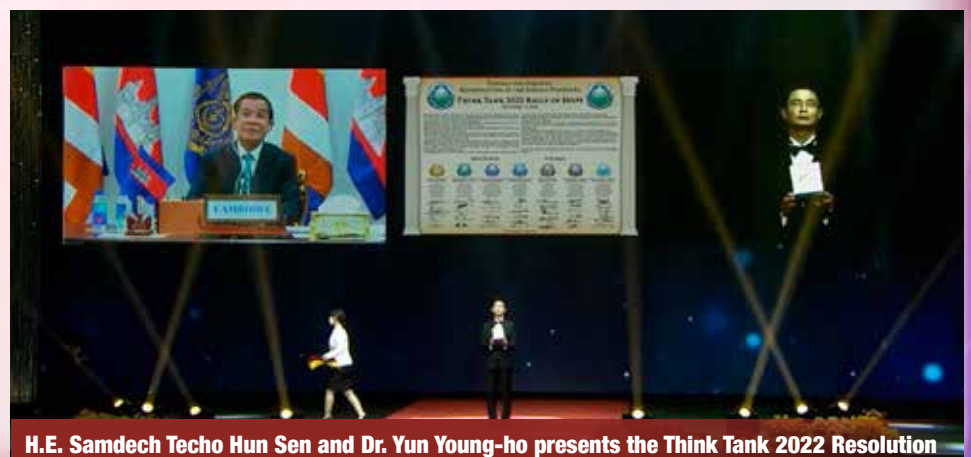
Think Tank 2022, which is developing Expert Working Groups (EWGs) linked to UPF’s seven international associations, will spearhead peacebuilding projects such as a UN Peace Park in the DMZ, building a Korea-Japan undersea tunnel, boosting Geumgang Mountain tourism development, helping separated Korean

families find their relatives, and a call for the UN to establish an office in Korea. Think Tank 2022 has already hosted numerous webinars and will also carry out fact-finding consultations, international leadership conferences, and a major World Summit in South Korea implementing a “One Million People’s Relief Association.”

The work of UPF globally aims at promoting constructive dialogue among leaders from all sectors and with diversity of political, philosophical and ideological points of view. In a world characterized too often by polarization and an unwillingness to respectfully engage with those who represent “the other side,” UPF seeks to foster a wider dialogue—a political ecumenism that breaks down barriers and charts a path to mutual respect and understanding. Nowhere is such an approach more desperately needed than in the Korean Peninsula. For this reason, UPF is engaging with leaders of nations and political parties that are allied with both North and South Korea and are guided by principles of respect, civility, and a commitment to reconciliation. ❖

– Written by UPF International

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H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Dr. Yun Young-ho presents the Think Tank 2022 Resolution



Hon. Mike Pompeo, Keynote Speaker

1ST THINK TANK 2022 FORUM SERIES: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA

Seoul, Korea | October 16, 2021

Former U.S. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** was the keynote speaker for the first Think Tank 2022 Forum Series on October 16 in Korea. The event included panels of U.S., Korean and Japanese experts who responded to Hon. Pompeo as part of a lively discussion.

The Think Tank 2022 Forums are sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The project was inspired by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who co-founded UPF and *The Washington Times* with her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun

Myung Moon. Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon were both born in what is now North Korea, and have worked for the peaceful reconciliation of their homeland for more than 60 years.

Following the first Forum’s theme, “Religious Freedom and the Reunification of Korea,” Hon. Pompeo stressed the importance of religious liberty as undergirding peace, in saying, “My key message today is this: One of the most important ways to help create ‘one family under God,’ is to make sure people are free to actually worship God.” He added Reconciliation in Korea “might seem impossible, but as Jesus reminds us in the Book of Matthew, ‘With God, all things are possible.’”

According to Hon. Pompeo, the U.S. State Department’s Commission on Unalienable Rights, rightly called religious freedom “the seedbed of civic virtue” because freedom of conscious is essential for a “stable, prosperous society.” Thus, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and religious tolerance must be part of the future for the Korean Peninsula.

However, in contrast to these freedoms, North Korean leaders now oversee the persecution of believers and are believed to have imprisoned at least 50,000 people just for being Christian. To the north, the Chinese Communist Party is also accused of brutally mistreating Falun Gong practitioners, Tibetan Buddhists, Chinese Christians and especially Uyghur Muslims.

Hon. Pompeo pointed out China is “destabilizing” countries in Northeast Asia. He called for warmer relations between South Korea and Japan and an end to “dithering” in the region by the U.S.

He concluded that “diplomacy and dialogue” will continue to be primary avenues to peace. He said the newly reinstated “hotline” between leaders of North and South Korea is “a good thing,” as was the 2019 historic meeting between North Korea’s Chairman Kim Jong-un and then-President



Hon. Newt Gingrich

Hon. Dan Burton

Amb. Christopher Hill

Amb. Joseph DeTrani



Hon. Yoshinori Ohno

Hon. Nobuyasu Abe

Amb. Hideaki Ueda

Prof. Yamaguchi Noboru



Donald Trump. He reminded us that “peace also comes from strength,” and “the Chinese Communist Party does not represent the people.”

Hon. Kim Yeon-chul, former South Korean minister of Unification and now chairman of the Korea Peace Forum, responded to Hon. Pompeo by underscoring the need to focus on human rights. It is also important, he said, to “learn lessons” from previous summits and engage China in the quest for peace. “In the process of denuclearizing North Korea,” China-U.S. cooperation will “be crucial to transform the ceasefire-based regime on the Korean Peninsula into a regime of permanent peace,” Hon. Kim said.

Members of the American panel included former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives **Newt Gingrich**; former U.S. Congressman **Dan Burton**; U.S. Ambassador **Christopher Hill**, who has worked on Korean issues for 30 years; and U.S. Ambassador **Joseph DeTrani**, who served as U.S. Envoy to the Six Party Talks in the early 2000s.

The panel from Japan included former Minister of Defense **Yoshinori Ohno**; **Hon. Nobuyasu Abe**, former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations in charge of disarmament; former Ambassador to Australia **Hideaki Ueda**; and Professor **Yamaguchi Noboru** who teaches International Relations at the International University of Japan.

The panel from Korea included former National Assembly Member **Hon. Shim Jae-kwon**; **Hon. Lee Ho-jin**, vice president of the United Nations Association - Republic of Korea; former Marine Corps Education and Training Commander **Park Seung-hoon**; and **Hon. Moon Byung-chul**, policy researcher and Chief Research Fellow of Think Tank 2022.

Topics raised by the panels included:

- Renewing talks with North Korea, especially on denuclearization
- The role of international sanctions on North Korea during efforts to make peace
- Chairman Kim Jong-un’s possible roles in peacebuilding
- The U.S.-Korea Alliance and U.S.-Korea-Japan relationships
- Ensuring respect for religious freedom in nations that currently fear religious belief
- The idea of opening a UN Headquarters and international Peace Park in the DMZ
- Reunification of families, including Japanese men and women held in North Korea ❖

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Hon. Shim Jae-kwon

Hon. Lee Ho-jin

Lt. Col. Park Seung-hoon

Hon. Moon Byung-chul





Korean Panel: Prof. Shin Yul, Prof. Hyeong-seok Kim, Hon. Won-shik Shin, and Prof. Geun-shik Kim

2ND THINK TANK 2022 FORUM SERIES: GREAT NATIONS EMBRACE FREEDOMS

Seoul, Korea | November 20, 2021

Former U.S. Vice President **Mike Pence** gave the keynote address at the second Think Tank 2022 Forum. This online forum was held on November 20, 2021 in Korea, on the theme “Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.”

The event included panels of U.S., Korean and Japanese experts who responded to Hon. Pence, the 48th vice president of the United States, as part of a lively discussion.

The Think Tank 2022 Forums are sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The project was inspired by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who co-founded UPF and The Washington Times with her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Rev. Dr. and Dr. Moon both were born in what is now North Korea and have worked for the peaceful reconciliation of their homeland for more than 60 years.

The second forum dealt mainly with politics. After an introduction by Dr. Young-ho Yun, chair of the Think Tank 2022 Forum, Hon. Pence gave his keynote address. This was followed by questions and comments by leaders from the United States, Japan, and Korea as well as interviews with young people living in South Korea and questions from young Koreans in the audience, including a North Korean defector.

In his introduction, **Dr. Young-ho Yun** asked whether it is possible to realize a world of permanent peace based on interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. He suggested that the first step on the path to the unity of North and South, to the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, is for North and South to agree on a system they can relate to and accept. In such circumstances, proposing a vision for a political system is an essential prerequisite and core undertaking.

According to Dr. Yun, that political system will need to be a paradigm-shifting system of thought that is based on new imagination and a new philosophy of peace. Taking a political perspective of an ideal society and nation, Rev. and Mrs. Moon proposed an alternative vision for a new political system based on the principle of common prosperity.

In his keynote address, Hon. Pence emphasized that truly



Hon. Mike Pence, Keynote Speaker

great nations embrace the principles of religious liberty, freedom of speech, democracy and free enterprise, as well as strong families, education, equality under the law, and a recognition of the dignity and worth of every human life.

“These are the values that have united the people of [South] Korea and the United States for nearly 70 years, and are the same values that my late father, US Army Lieutenant Ed Pence — and freedom-loving Americans and Koreans just like him — fought to defend in the Korean War,” he said.

He described how a combination of strength and engagement enabled the administration of Donald Trump to achieve normalized relations between several Arab nations and Israel through the historic Abraham Accords.

As vice president, Hon. Pence said he was honored to convey the message of unwavering U.S. support for the Republic of Korea, first during his visit in 2017, when at



Japanese Panel: Mr. Masayoshi Kajikuri, Admiral Yoji Koda, Hon. Yoichi Anami, and Prof. Yoshimitsu Nishikawa

President Trump’s direction it was made clear that the era of strategic patience was over.

“Few people imagined that they would see the leaders of the United States and North Korea sitting down to discuss peace,” Hon. Pence said. “At the historic summit in Singapore, we showed it was possible. And nuclear testing in North Korea stopped.”

He emphasized that weakness arouses evil. Therefore, with North Korea once again firing missiles and working to expand its nuclear capabilities, he fervently hoped that the U.S. would display the same strength today.

In conclusion, Hon. Pence affirmed that, despite the many challenges being faced across Northeast Asia, he remained confident that a brighter future is on the horizon – for the United States, for the Korean people, for U.S. allies in the region, and for all who stand strong for freedom and security.

The US panel was moderated by former Speaker of the House of Representatives **Newt Gingrich** and included **Dr. Michael Jenkins**, president of UPF International; former U.S. Congressman **Dan Burton**; and U.S. Ambassador **Christopher Hill**, who has worked on Korean issues for 30 years.

The Korean panel consisted of Professor **Shin Yul**, a professor of political science at Myeongji University; Professor **Hyeong-seok Kim**, a professor at Daejin University and a former vice minister of unification; **Hon. Won-shik Shin**, a parliamentarian from the People Power Party; and Professor **Geun-shik Kim** from the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Kyungnam University.

The Japanese panel was moderated by **Masayoshi Kajikuri**, chair of UPF-Japan, and comprised Admiral **Yoji Koda**, who has served as commander of the Self Defense Fleet of the Maritime Self Defense Force; **Hon. Yoichi Anami**, former member of the House of Representatives of the Liberal Democratic Party and an international political scientist; and Professor **Yoshimitsu Nishikawa**, professor emeritus, Toyo University.

Topics raised by the panels included:

- The World Peace Summit called for by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of UPF, on the 30th anniversary of the meeting that she and her husband had with Kim Il Sung.
- The difficulty for the United States to remain in sync with its partners and allies, especially South Korea and Japan, when younger generations may not look at these issues the way older generations look at them.
- The possible lessons from the success of the Abraham Accords that could be applied to the question of how to move forward in East Asia.
- The effort needed to establish the desired political system for the integration and reunification of Korea.
- The question as to whether denuclearization really can be accomplished through negotiation.
- The need to “think outside the box,” as Hon. Pence said that President Trump did when he made it clear early on, after some strong rhetorical differences between himself and Chairman Kim Jong-un, that he was more than willing to meet.
- That it is not necessary to choose between strong resolve and dialogue: It is possible to do both.
- The idea of building an undersea tunnel between Japan and Korea in order to overcome the unfortunate history of the two countries and to achieve friendship and economic development in the future, as proposed by Reverend Moon about 40 years ago.

After some interviews with young people living in South Korea, young Koreans in the audience posed questions:

Joon-hyun Kim, a student at Busan National University, asked about the possible effects of the Korea-Japan relationship and the US-China conflict on peace or reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

Na-ra Kang, a North Korean defector working as a broadcaster and YouTuber in South Korea, asked how young North Korean defectors like herself can contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula in anticipation of the unification of the two Koreas. ❖

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American Panel: Hon. Newt Gingrich, Ambassador Christopher Hill, Hon. Dan Burton and Dr. Michael Jenkins

3RD THINK TANK 2022 FORUM SERIES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND KOREAN REUNIFICATION

Seoul, Korea | December 4, 2021

The third event of the Think Tank 2022 Forum Series, which brings together leaders around the world to discuss peace on the Korean Peninsula, was held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, South Korea on December 4, 2021. The forum featured panelists who are engaged with UPF's International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED), and opened with a beautiful performance by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet. TV host and former Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) announcer Mr. Young-il Shin served as the emcee. About 1,000 participants attended in-person, including many local dignitaries and representatives of associations working for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula and peace leaders and advocates worldwide.

The welcome address was given by Think Tank 2022 Forum Organizing Committee Chairman **Dr. Young-ho Yun**. He pointed out that according to recent UN data, the coronavirus has cost the global economy \$4.5 trillion dollars. Dr. Yun explained the background leading up to the ideological confrontation on the peninsula and concluded hopefully: "In these times of crisis, we must rise up from frustration and despair and make new plans for the planet and our future based on new imagination."

The keynote speaker was **Mr. Jim Rogers**, chairman of Rogers Holdings and an American investor and financial commentator based in Singapore who serves as an adviser to UPF and the IAED. Mr. Rogers predicts that when the Korean Peninsula reunifies, Korea will emerge as the most successful nation in the world.

Mr. Rogers spoke about the economic potential of the Korean Peninsula once the 38th parallel opens up and North and South Korea are peacefully reunified. "I'm going to say it a hundred times. This peninsula has the potential to be an extremely, extremely exciting place going forward." He recognized joint economic projects as symbols of inter-Korean reconciliation and cooperation, and gave a few examples, including the Pyeonghwa Motors auto factory, the Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel project, and tourism ventures



Mr. Jim Rogers, Keynote Speaker

to Diamond Mountain in North Korea. While the North has natural resources and "educated, disciplined, cheap labor," the South has huge amounts of capital, manufacturing ability and capability and knowledge, he cited. "Put them together ... what could be more successful and exciting?"

After Mr. Rogers' stimulating presentation, a commentary was given by **Dr. Young Chul Kim**, former minister of unification of South Korea, former president of the Korea Institute for National Unification, and current chairman of the Korean Peninsula Policy Forum.

Dr. Kim spoke about the promising beginning that everyone expected the Kaesong Industrial Park, located about six miles north of the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), would bring when the first factory was completed on December 15, 2004. There was great hope that the park would be a collaborative economic effort that would draw North and South Korea together, but rising tensions between the two countries resulted in the closure of the park in February 2016.

Korean panelists speak with Mr. Jim Rogers in front of audience



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Due to economic sanctions that have been placed on North Korea since 2017, most projects for inter-Korean economic cooperation have not been able to be pursued. “This is very frustrating for establishing a peace economy on the Korean Peninsula,” Dr. Kim said.

He added that “we should also prepare bridges of cooperation in various fields such as industrial cooperation and transportation logistics.” He spoke about the rail lines connecting North and South Korea, the train that runs between Beijing and Pyongyang and the train that runs between Russia and Pyongyang, which connects the peninsula to the rest of the Asian continent. Denuclearizing North Korea is an important issue that must be dealt with, as is the promotion of inter-Korean summits.

The Forum’s first session focused on “How to Realize a Peace Economy on the Korean Peninsula.”

The first speaker was **Mr. Sang-Kwon Park**, honorary chairman of Pyeonghwa Motors. Mr. Park, who headed the North Korea project for many years, visited the country 241 times since 1994, and had many occasions to meet the late Kim Jong-il, the supreme leader of North Korea from 1994 to 2011.

Mr. Park said we are living at a very important time for peace and the future of the Korean Peninsula. “We are at a crossroads. Will the North and South continue their history of conflict or will they create a new history of harmony and peace?”

The nuclear issue and the pandemic, which is preventing travel, are key obstacles blocking progress. The nuclear issue, in particular, is not only a problem for North and South Korea; it is a shared problem for the U.S. and neighboring nations. Mr. Park compared the issues on the peninsula to that of the pandemic, saying “these are global problems, which require global solutions.”

The era of the peace economy must move forward, he said. Echoing Jim Rogers, he continued: “It is time to formulate an innovative peace economy that goes beyond the denuclearization issue.” He highlighted the proposal to turn the DMZ into a peace park as a way to promote inter-Korean cooperation and demonstrate to the world that the challenges are not insurmountable. “If the two Koreas combine their resolve, and if the U.S. is more patient and takes the lead, I believe our countries can work together and that peaceful reunification can be achieved.”

Afterwards, commentators from the U.S. and Korea interacted with the speakers.

The U.S. panel consisted of **Hon. Newt Gingrich**, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; **Amb. Joseph DeTrani**, former U.S. special envoy to the Six-Party Talks; **Mr. Thomas McDevitt**, chairman of *The Washington Times*; and **Dr. Alexandre Mansourov**, adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University.

The Korea panel was comprised of **Mr. Gerard Willis**, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Korea Foundation; **Mr. Dal-soon Shin**, president of Yongpyong Resort, Korea; **Mr. Sang-kyun Kim**, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Global Medical



U.S. panelists discusses topics with the speakers through live stream

Foundation; **Dr. Hyung-tae Min**, professor of the Korea Institute for National Unification; **Mr. Young-jae Jeon**, head of Chuncheon MBC TV-Press Production Team; and **Mr. Guk Hwangbo**, chairman of Think Tank 2022 in Gangwon-Gyeonggi provinces, Korea.

The Forum’s second session was “Road to a Heavenly Unified Korea: The Korea Japan Undersea Tunnel.”

Speakers included **Mr. Byung-min Ahn**, president of the Korea Peninsula Economic Cooperation Agency; **Dr. Jaewan Huh**, professor of social sciences, Chung University, Korea; **Dr. Heon-yung Jung**, professor of urban engineering, Pusan National University, Korea; and **Mr. Young-bae Park**, chairman of Think Tank 2022 Yeongnam province, Korea.

Japan panelists consisted of **Dr. Masayoshi Kajikuri**, chairman of UPF-Japan and president of the International Highway Foundation, which oversees the Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel project; **Hon. Yoshiaki Harada**, former minister of the environment of Japan; and **Dr. Toshiyasu Noda**, professor of law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan.

Congratulatory video messages were given by **Hon. Dan Burton**, former U.S. Congressman and co-chairman of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP); **Hon. John Doolittle**, former U.S. Congressman and chairman of the IAPP in North America; **Dr. Thomas G. Walsh**, chairman of UPF International; and **Mr. Thomas McDevitt**, chair of the International Association for Peace and Economic Development.

Dr. Young-ho Yun read a letter from UPF co-founder **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**, who expressed her gratitude to all the attendees for their participation in the forum and made a generous financial contribution to show her commitment and dedication to Korean reunification. ❖

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1ST PRAYER RALLY FOR PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Seoul, Korea | December 4, 2021



An end of the year global “Prayer Rally for Peace on the Korean Peninsula” was held December 5 in Korea. The gathering was a prayer call for God to bring healing and restoration to the peninsula, which has been divided since the end of World War II. The hybrid event combined both remote and in-person attendance at the Cheongshim Peace World Center located about 20 miles outside Seoul, Korea. UPF sponsored the program which was attended by more than one million peace advocates in 194 countries.

Dr. Young-ho Yun, Secretary-General of the FFWPU International HQ, served as the emcee. Dr. Yun said, “The two Koreas remain divided but the separation is based on man-centered thought, so the solution is to apply a God-centered approach.” He reminded the audience that it was on December 6, 1991, 30 years ago, that UPF’s founders met North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung and opened the door towards the peaceful reunification of the peninsula.

Next on the program was a **Unity Water Ceremony** and prayers by interfaith leaders. Forty-two religious leaders participated on the stage in the reverent ceremony.

The welcome address was given by **Pastor Paula White**, spiritual advisor to former U.S. President Donald Trump. She stated: “I am honored to participate in this historic prayer rally for the unification of the Korean peninsula.” Pastor White explained the Greek word, *apokatastasis*, meaning, “restoration,” to describe God’s work. “I believe God is restoring and reconstituting His people to His original intention.” She also compared these times to when Joshua led the people to march around the walls of Jericho. “If faith leaders are



Pastor Paula White, Keynote

united, then our prayers will go to heaven as a great shout,” and the man-made walls that divide us will come down.

Brief congratulatory video messages came from around the world, including: **Hon. Newt Gingrich**, Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, who expressed his hope for the unification of Korea; and **H.E. Goodluck Jonathan**, Former President of the Republic of Nigeria, who said, “This prayer assembly is highly commendable. It is what the world needs now. Let us work for lasting peace.”

During the deeply moving prayer rally, three performances, including the famous Little Angels Children’s Folk Ballet and the Art Bul-I Troupe, provided entertainment for the heart and soul.

Other prominent world leaders representing more than 80 denominations in the 157 countries which have diplomatic relations with the two Koreas, expressed messages of peace and hope for a unified Korea, via video:

(Christianity) **Bishop Munib Younan**, Former President





Forty-two religious leaders participated in the Unity Water Ceremony.

of the Lutheran World Federation, and Sunhak Peace Prize Laureate (2020), pointed out that Korea is unique in being a majority Christian nation within Asia. He called on civil society and faith-based organizations to take action.

(Islam) Prof. Dr. K.H. Nassarudin Umar, Grand Imam, Istiqlal, National Mosque, Indonesia, said the problem of the peninsula affects the entire region, therefore, “we all must work together to resolve the resentment and bring about a peaceful nation, region and world. I pray for heavenly guidance and wisdom to open the door of unification and peace on the Korean peninsula.”

(Catholicism) His Eminence Cardinal Kelvin Felix, Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Castries, Dominica, prayed that the two Koreas would “live and work together as two lungs of the same body... may peace and harmony breathe among us as this is His mission for us.”

(Shintoism) Rev. Tokushu Murei, representing Japanese Shintoism, offered a prayer for the divided nations of the peninsula to become one.

(Hinduism) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Gurudev, Founder of the Art of Living Foundation, a humanitarian and educational NGO in Bangalore, India, said, “Whenever there is harmony among diversity, there is peace.” He expressed his gratitude to “those who are bringing peace and smiles to the faces of the Korean family. Let us celebrate the one world family.”

(Revelation Church) Prophet Samuel Radebe, Founder and Head of Revelation Church of God, South Africa, said 10 million people in Africa have joined this movement to pray for the reunification of the Korean peninsula. The way to overcome the challenges that we face begins when we invite Heavenly Parent into our hearts.

(Buddhism) Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Khy Sovanratana, Acting Rector, Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University, Kingdom of Cambodia, testified to the

importance of unity among religious leaders and hope that the reunification of the Korean peninsula may be achieved soon.

Dr. Yun thanked the religious leaders for “going beyond their religions.” A second set of prayers were from four religious leaders based in Korea.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Co-founder, UPF and Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, shared her message and hope for peace. “In all areas of society, we can see division.

Today’s world is characterized by selfishness. In particular, due to the COVID pandemic, in many aspects freedom of communication and understanding are being lost. The superpowers are seeking their own agenda and underdeveloped nations are facing greater challenges each day.” Dr. Moon said it is time for all religions to converge together. “It feels like many streams and waterways are coming together into a tremendous river that flows into the vast ocean. Likewise, fallen humanity today is being guided by religions to unite as one to understand the true essence of the Creator.”

Pastor White and Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, chair of UPF-Korea, offered flowers and gifts on behalf of the gathering and in honor of the 30th anniversary of the historic visit to North Korea.

The three-hour program concluded with everyone singing a Korean song of unity. ❖



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

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The program concluded with a performance and the audience singing a Korean song of unity.



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2021 (ILC2021) SERIES

Worldwide | April - August 2021

UPF and its global network of Ambassadors for Peace considers the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative and the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula as a major strategic goal and an essential stepping stone for lasting world peace. The ILC2021 webinar series emphasizes that lasting peace cannot be achieved through political compromise alone, but requires addressing the root causes of conflict.

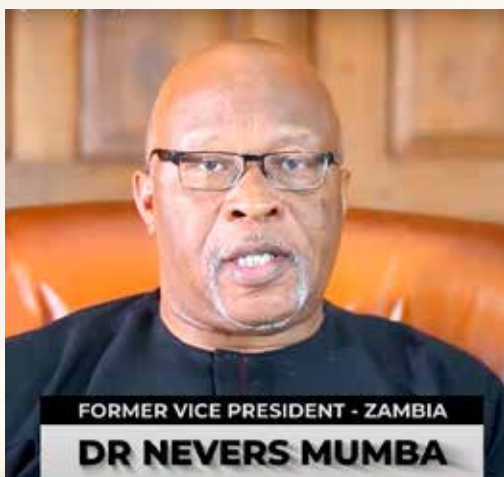
ILC Series I

UPF-Africa

Under the theme, “Steps toward a Unified Korea,” the online sessions were held April 29 – May 1, 2021 and were broadcast across Africa with millions of viewers. In the Opening Plenary on April 29, speakers included: H.E. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, Chairman, ISCP Africa and former president of Nigeria; H.E. Paul Biyoghé, former prime minister of Gabon; H.E. Dr. Nevers Mumba, former vice president of Zambia; H.E. Batoura Kane Niang, ambassador of the Senegalese Embassy in Brazzaville, the Republic of the Congo.

The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) and Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) held a plenary April 30 with 381 online participants. Among the speakers were: Mme. Maureen Mwanawasa, former First Lady of Malawi, Hon. Mmakgoshi Clarah Dikgale, Member of Parliament, South Africa.

There were eight other plenary sessions held April 29 – May 1, 2021: International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP); International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP); Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD); International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED); International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP); International Media Association for Peace (IMAP); International Traditional Rulers Association for Peace and Prosperity (ITRAPP); and International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP).



UPF-Asia-Pacific

From April 29 to May 1, 2021, the virtual event convened on the theme, “Toward the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Creating the Foundation for a Unified World,” and featured sessions hosted by UPF’s associations. It was viewed more than 375,000 times in 41 countries.

Former President of the Marshall Islands H.E. Kessai Note and former Vice President of Nepal H.E. Parmanand Jha spoke on the first day at the International Summit Council for Peace session (April 29). Parliamentarians and government ministers, both current and former, from Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Uzbekistan contributed to a session hosted by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (April 29).

At the International Association of First Ladies for Peace session (April 30), held with partner organization Women’s Federation for World Peace, speeches were given by four former first ladies. Other sessions were hosted by the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (April 29), International Media Association for Peace (April 30), International Association of Academicians for Peace (May 1), International Association for Peace and Economic Development (May 1), and International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (May 1).



UPF-Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East (UPF-EUME)

An online ILC from June 10 to 30, 2021 on “Toward the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Peace and Security,” was the first of a series of three held between June and August, following the launch of Think Tank 2022 on May 9. The preliminary session on June 10 explored how the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission maintains peace on the border between North and South Korea.

Session I, June 24, was held jointly by UPF of EUME and North America and focused on relations between the United States, China and Russia. Session II was held June 25, the 71st anniversary of the start of the Korean War, and discussed the war.

Session III, held on June 29, focused on relations between Europe, Russia and North Korea. Session IV, held jointly by UPF of EUME and North America, analyzed the effects of Biden Administration policies on Korean reunification, and Session V, the following day, examined the role of the United Nations in the Korean peace process. The Closing Session on June 30 referred to the newly established Think Tank 2022, a worldwide alliance of experts from a wide range of professions who will work together for Korean reunification.



UPF-Japan

From June 22 to 24, 2021, the ILC focused on the theme, “Toward Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula.” The online and in-person sessions were attended by approximately 220 people. The focus of the Opening Session was Think Tank 2022 and ways in which Japan can contribute to peace on the peninsula, with speeches given by the national coordinators of the International Summit Council for Peace, International Association of First Ladies for Peace, International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace and International Association of Academicians for Peace. In the first session, a former member of Japan’s National Diet and scholars considered the Korean Peninsula policy Japan should adopt.

On the final day of the conference, the Inaugural Ceremony of the “Peace Road” (June 24) was held in Tokyo and as a webinar. Among the speakers were a member of the House of Representatives and a former ambassador of Japan. For Japan’s “Peace Road 2021,” young people cycled across the country in support of promoting friendship between Japan and Korea, and the peaceful reunification of the peninsula and world peace.



UPF-North America

“Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula” was the theme of the online sessions held on June 24 to 26, 2021. In the Opening Session, Hon. Dan Burton, former U.S. Congressman and Co-Chairman of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP), was a featured speaker. The second session focused on the state of relations between the U.S., China and Russia, with a speech by Mr. Doug Bandow, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute. In the third session, on trilateral relations among Korea, Japan and the U.S., Mr. Bruce Klingner, Senior Research Fellow for Northeast Asia, The Heritage Foundation was a featured speaker.

Subsequent sessions focused on different aspects of the Northeast Asia situation: environmental issues, economic and political realities, and military perspectives, with a Closing Session. An additional session, held in partnership with EUME, on Biden administration policies regarding reunification of the Korean Peninsula, included speakers from Korea, France and Russia.



ILC Series II

UPF-Africa

“The Significance of Africa in Fostering Peace on the Korean Peninsula,” was the theme of the online sessions held July 2 to 3, with approximately 2,500 participants in 63 nations in Africa and around the world. In the Opening Session, panelist Dr. Emmanuel Adu, a professor at Sun Moon University in Korea, gave a comparison of the Korean reunification process to the East and West Germany reunification. H.E. Dr. Beyon Luc-Adolphe Tiao, former prime minister of Burkina Faso, noted that the relationships between the superpowers, the U.S., China and Russia, are directly affecting the relationship and the possibility of reunification between the two Koreas.

In Session Two, which focused on multilateral relations in East Asia, panelist Col. Tieoule Satigui Sidibe, a retired military officer from Mali, commented that when the two Koreas unite, their common social-cultural heritage will make them powerful and able to assist other countries. Subsequent sessions highlighted the relationship between DPRK, South Korea, and Africa; the United Nations and the Korean Peninsula; and the Africa Union’s relation to peace in the Korean Peninsula.

UPF-Asia-Pacific

Convened from July 28 to 29, 2021 on the theme, “Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Best Practices in Track II Diplomacy,” the online program considered the role of non-state actors in contributing to peace and reconciliation on the peninsula and was viewed by around 266,000 people in 38 countries. Among the speakers were a former president of Nepal, a current first lady and two former first ladies, current and former parliamentarians and government ministers, and a member of South Korea’s Ministry of Unification.

The Opening Session discussed best practices in Track II diplomacy, and the second session, the contribution of first ladies and women leaders to peacebuilding. Best practices of civil society that can support Korean reunification were examined in the following two sessions, with the third session focused on NGOs and the fourth session on faith-based organizations. On day two, the fifth, sixth and seventh sessions focused respectively on how humanitarian and private sector initiatives; culture, arts and sports initiatives as well as Peace Road projects; and youth and student initiatives can contribute to peace on the peninsula.



UPF-EUME

From July 27 to 29, 2021, the webinar focused on “Best Practices in Track II Diplomacy,” that is, unofficial contacts between private citizens or groups of individuals. Session I discussed Track 1.5 Diplomacy. Hon. Glyn Ford from the UK discussed visiting Pyongyang as a member of the European Parliament. Hosted by UPF and its Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, Session II focused on faith-based organizations’ role in Korean reunification. Russian Orthodox Archpriest Vladimir Fedorov was one of the speakers.

Session III focused on humanitarian initiatives. Women’s diplomacy was the theme of Session IV, held by UPF and its International Association of First Ladies for Peace along with partner organization Women’s Federation for World Peace. Former Finnish Prime Minister Anneli Jäätteenmäki was the moderator, and Lebanon’s former first lady Nayla Moawad was among the speakers.

Session V, held by UPF and its International Association for Peace and Economic Development, discussed private-sector initiatives. Culture as peacemaker was discussed in Session VI, hosted by UPF and its International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace. Session VII, co-hosted by UPF and partner organization International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, discussed youth’s contributions to peace. Session VIII focused on the UPF “Peace Road” Initiative.



UPF-Japan

“Toward Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula,” was the program’s theme which featured eight online and in-person sessions held between July 8 and 31. In a session with UPF-Asia Pacific (July 8), outcomes of the 47th G7 Summit, hosted by the U.K. in June, and emerging Indo-Pacific strategies were discussed. South Korea’s former deputy minister of unification spoke at a session (July 20) on the leadership of Japan-Korea to open a new era of peace. The following day, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace hosted a session (July 21) bringing together current and former U.S. congressmen with members of Japan’s National Diet.

The conference also commemorated the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the Federation for Peace and Unification in a special session (July 24). Other sessions focused on China and the regional security of East Asia (July 11), the International Highway Project and Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel (July 17), the Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel as catalyst for Japan-Korea cooperation (July 30), and youth perspectives on improving relations between Japan and Korea (July 31).



UPF-Latin America

“The Influence of the Peaceful Reunification of the Koreas on Peace and Security, Diplomacy and Economic Development in the World,” was the theme for the online sessions held July 27 and July 28 with 850 participants and 645 participants, respectively.

The role of NGOs was the topic of the first session on July 27. Mme. Hilda Patricia Marroquin de Morales, former First Lady of the Republic of Guatemala, spoke about the importance of NGOs in the development of activities that bring resources to the most deficient populations in the society, especially the children. Lic. Alvis Gonzalez Garita, lawyer and member of several social-activist NGOs, highlighted the efforts of people



who dedicate their free time or vacation time to making society a better place, as a large human family. On July 28 the topic was building bridges and roads for world peace. Panelists included Hon. Magister Mercedes Susana Giuffre, member of the Argentine Council of International Relations, and Prof. Sonja Maria Lacerda, president of Brazil Crusade for Dignity Association.

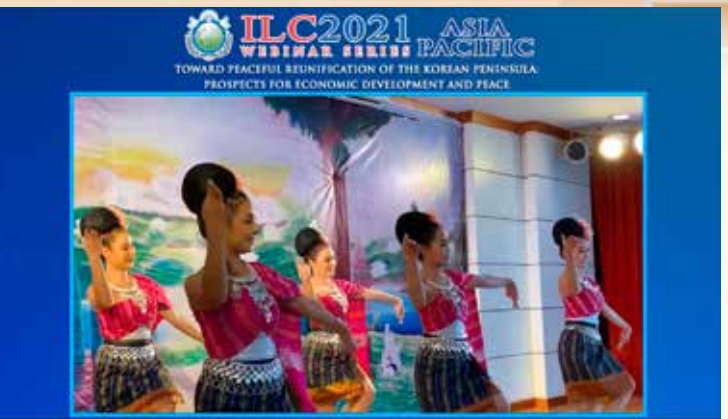
UPF-North America

“Best Practices in Track II Diplomacy,” was the theme for the online sessions held on July 13 and 27-29, 2021. The International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED) session (July 13) featured Dr. Douglas Jackson, the president of Project C.U.R.E, whose charity delivers medical supplies to countries around the world that have a need, including North Korea.

The International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) session (July 27) featured Mr. Jacco Zwetsloot, a journalist for the Dong-A Ilbo and NK News in Seoul. In the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) session (July 27), Christians reported how they are taking care of refugees coming out of North Korea.

The International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace (IAACP) session (July 28) emphasized the incredible power of performing arts and culture to establish common ground between North and South Korea. In another session, “Peace Road” (July 28), a very unique presentation relayed from UPF Russia outlined their trip to North Korea and the half marathon they sponsored in Pyongyang. In the Youth Initiatives toward Peace (IAYSP) session (July 29), reports were given on youth activities addressing Korean reunification.





ILC Series III

UPF-Africa

“Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula,” was the theme for the online sessions held September 9 - 10, with an audience numbering about 15,000 throughout the continent. In the Opening Session, hosted by the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), Hon. Hassan Mohamed Amardanbe, parliamentarian and minister of defense of Somalia, stated that to bring peace, we must focus on the fight against poverty. In Session two, hosted by International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) (September 9), panelist Hon. Dr. Abdullah Makame, East Africa Legislative Assembly, Tanzania, said: “Sports are a powerful way to bring the Korean parliamentarians on both sides together. Every time we use sports—football, basketball, athletics, any kind of sport—both sides will come together.”

Session three, hosted by NGOs (September 9), featured Mr. Robert Oyando, Ramsis Engineering Solutions for Liquid Food, Kenya. Panelists in the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED) session, and the joint International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) session (both on September 10), shared their outlook on Korean unification.

In the Closing Session, Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF International Chairman, explained that Dr. Moon recognizes UPF-Africa can have an important impact on the peace process.

UPF-Asia-Pacific

“Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Prospects for Economic Development and Peace” was the theme of the August 19 to 20 virtual event, which featured 38 speakers and was viewed around 132,000 times in 39 countries.

On day one, the Opening Session explored opportunities for peace through economic development on the peninsula. A Pakistani senator and senior political leader in India discussed projects that promote connectivity and peace towards the Asian Century in session two. The prospects of establishing a Northeast Asian Economic Union that includes North Korea was the focus of session three, with speeches given by a former ambassador of India and a New Zealand parliamentarian. This was followed by a session on expanding intra-Korean trade.

On day two, sessions addressed culture as a bridge for peace on the peninsula, the political economy for the post-COVID-19 world, and the role of the media in contributing to Korean reunification, which were hosted respectively by the International Association of Academicians for Peace, International Association for Peace and Economic Development, and International Media Association for Peace.

UPF-EUME

The ILC held by UPF EUME from August 19 to 21, consisted of two separate segments. “Prospects for Economic Development and Peace,” with four sessions, was the first part. Two proposed components of the International Peace Highway were the focus of the first two sessions (August 19): a Japan-Korea tunnel and a Bering Strait tunnel, respectively.

A Northeast Asian Economic Union was discussed in Session III (August 20), held jointly by UPF and its International Association of Academicians for Peace and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development. The potential of trade and business with North Korea was examined in Session IV (August 20), held by UPF with its International Association for Peace and Economic Development.

“Ideologies, Worldviews, and International Relations,” with three sessions, was the ILC’s second segment. Session V (August 20), held by UPF and its International Association of Academicians for Peace, examined the effect of competing worldviews. Koreans’ common history and culture were discussed in Session VI (August 21), held by UPF and its International Association of Academicians for Peace and International Association of Arts and Culture for Peace. Journalists and media executives discussed the role of the media during Session VII (August 21), held by UPF and its International Media Association for Peace.



UPF-Japan

On the theme, “Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Prospects for Economic Development and Peace; Ideologies, Worldviews and International Relations,” the online and in-person sessions were held on August 2, 6, 14, 18, 19 to 21 and 30, and September 1.

In the first session (August 2), hosted by the International Media Association for Peace and co-sponsored by Sekai Nippo newspaper, the 2022 Korean presidential election was discussed.

A Korean parliamentarian and two Taiwanese legislators spoke at the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace session organized with UPF-Taiwan (August 14). Former senior officers of Japan’s army and navy presented military perspectives in the final session (Sept. 1).

Other sessions included a prayer for Japan-Korea friendship and the peaceful unification of the peninsula and focused on Ethiopia’s support during the Korean War (August 6), the life of North Koreans (August 18), the Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel (August 18, 19, 30), projects that promote connectivity and peace (August 19), the significance of ideology for the Korean situation (August 20), Japan-Korea economic relations (August 20), and how the Korean people’s common history can contribute to peace on the peninsula (August 21).

UPF-Korea

From September 14 to 15, 2021, on the theme, “Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Prospects for Economic Development and Peace; Ideologies, Worldviews and International Relations,” the event, which took place at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul and was live streamed online, featured sessions discussing the role of UPF associations in supporting Korean reunification, and was attended by approximately 5,700 people.

In the Opening Session (Sept. 14), hosted by the International Summit Council for Peace, speeches were given by three current parliamentarians and the minister of culture, sports and tourism of Korea. A former ambassador of Korea and former parliamentarian spoke at the International Association of First Ladies for Peace session (Sept. 14) held with partner organization Women’s Federation for World Peace.

Other sessions were hosted by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace and the Unification Korea Federation, International Media Association for Peace and the Segye Times newspaper, International Association for Peace and Economic Development and Tongil Group, Interreligious Association for Peace and Development and the Korea Religious Association (Sept. 15), and International Association of Academicians for Peace and the Professors World Peace Academy (Sept. 15).

The first day’s theme was “Economic Development and Peace.” Among the speakers was Ambassador Óscar José Maurtua de Romaña, former Minister of International Relations of Peru, who presented the possibilities to achieve the desire of the Korean people to re-establish a peaceful union of the Koreans. Hon. Dr. José Antonio Alvarado, former Minister of Education, Culture and Sports of Nicaragua, presented the advances that South Korea has shown over the years.

On day two, panelist Hon. Esmerita Sánchez da Silva, Congresswoman of the Paraguay Congress, presented how important it is to have means of communication through the media that protect faith, freedom and family values. Journalist Héctor Eduardo Cáceres Durán, a sports journalist with a broad national audience, presented fundamental components to achieve the peaceful union of Korea.



UPF- North America

“Toward Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula: Connecting the World’s Economics, Perspectives and Geography,” was the theme of the online sessions held from August 5 - 21, 2021. UPF North America and EUME in partnership held sessions on the International Peace Highway & the Bering Strait Tunnel (August 5, 13 and 19). Among the speakers was Mr. Rick Minnich, creator of the film “The Strait Guys,” on a proposed tunnel under the Bering Strait.

The Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) session (August 17) featured the work of Faith Based Organizations in North Korea, reported by Associate Professor Joseph Yi of Hanyang University. In the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAPD) combined session (August 18), Ms. Purnima Voria, CEO of the National US India Chamber of Commerce was among the panelists.

The International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) session held August 18, the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) session held August 20 and the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP), a combined session of UPF North America and EUME held August 21, addressed Korean reunification. ❖



UPF-Latin America and the Caribbean

Centered on the theme, “The Influence of the Peaceful Reunification of the Koreas in World Peace and Security, Diplomacy and Economic Development,” online sessions were held August 16 and 17 with 1,078 participants from all over Latin America and the Caribbean (468 the first day and 610 the second day).

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Participants from Austria, Czech Republic, and Germany commemorate UN Day of Refugees through “Peace Road” event.

“PEACE ROAD” PARTICIPANTS CONVERGE AT CROSSROADS OF THREE NATIONS

Central Europe | June 20, 2021

“Peace Road” participants from **Austria, Germany, and Czech Republic** hiked to the top of a hill where their nations’ borders converge.

To commemorate the **United Nations’ Day of Refugees**, the UPF chapters of the three nations organized the Peace Road event on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Germans, Austrians and Czechs joined in a common meeting at the place in the Bohemian Forest—called *Dreieckmark* in German and *Trojmezí* in Czech—where the nations have a common border.

The meeting point, on top of the 1,321-meter hill, was marked by a two-meter-high three-sided border stone. Due to the cooperation of the three UPF chapters, this “Peace Road” became a deep experience for almost 100 participants. The oldest participant was 80 years old, and the youngest was 2 years old.

The participants passed through a beautiful landscape that was described by the great Austrian poet Adalbert Stifter, a native of this region, as dreamlike and idyllic.

Participants met hikers who asked what initiative we were representing, when they saw their T-shirts with the “Peace Road” logo. When explained, they were very taken with it, as they still knew the time when the Iron Curtain separated our countries and a meeting at this interesting piece of nature was not possible.

Although the ascent was difficult in different ways—the friends from Germany reached the top after one hour, while those from the Czech Republic needed more than three hours—we still met almost on time at 1 pm for the joint celebration.

At the top of the hill, the participants brought their national flags to the monument marking the meeting point of the three borders. To start the program, they sang the “Anthem of Europe” (based on Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”).

Dr. Juraj Lajda, president of the Czech chapter of UPF, in his welcoming speech emphasized that the Germans and Czechs have lived next to each other for almost 1,000 years. In their history there were sometimes times of suffering and pain. World War II was unprecedented in history. After the war the people of German origin were forced to leave what was then Czechoslovakia. The way they were treated was not smooth and created resentment on both sides. Now we need reconciliation, Dr. Lajda said.

Following the war, the ideologies of communism and democracy separated our nations for 40 years. In 1989 communism collapsed and a new era in Europe started. Enmities were more or less overcome, and all these countries started anew.

There is one nation in the world that is still divided by ideology. It is Korea. The 38th parallel still divides the country and is a borderline between communism and democracy, Dr. Lajda said.

He concluded by expressing the hope that one day the Korean people can meet and unite as the peoples of three nations were meeting at the border triangle.

Maria Pammer, who represents UPF in the Austrian state of Upper Austria, explained the background of this “Peace Road”.

Over the last four years, UPF of Upper Austria has focused its “Peace Road” activities on retracing the 1945 death march of Hungarian Jews to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Upper Austria. From this arose the wish



to meet this year at the border triangle with friends from Germany and the Czech Republic.

Europe has a long history of conflicts, she said, including those between our three countries.

The founders of UPF and the “Peace Road” initiative, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, had to flee North Korea and have invested their whole lives for world peace and the unification of their homeland, Korea. Because June 20 is World Refugee Day, the organizers of this “Peace Road” event wanted to show an example of a world in freedom and peace, where there is no need for a World Refugee Day in the future, Mrs. Pammer said.

Mayors of adjacent municipalities in the Czech Republic and Austria sent greetings and requested that they be sent a picture report afterward.

Dr. Dieter Schmidt, the UPF president for Central Europe, spoke of a hopeful future. He pointed to the many dead trees at the top of the hill, which had been destroyed by bark beetles, and said he sees them as symbolic of the conflict-ridden past. Indicating the many young trees that were growing in between the dead ones, Dr. Schmidt said they symbolize a hopeful future in which we all will become aware again of our common origin, the Heavenly Parent.

After Austrian participant Johann Ledermüller performed Edvard Grieg’s well-known “Morning Mood” on the horn, Je-Heon Yoo, the president of the Association of All Koreans Living in Europe, expressed his joy to meet at this special place together with friends from three different countries for the sake of Korean reunification. As the group of Korean residents of Germany who had accompanied Mr. Yoo sang the Korean song “Arirang,” the longing for reunification became tangible.

Bishop Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger from Austria gave a blessing based on the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, prepared in three languages that the participants read simultaneously.

With the singing of the well-known Korean song “Tongil” (“Unity”), the celebration came to a conclusion, and the participants spent some time in beautiful personal encounters, which have become rare in recent times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We felt the need to intensify this “Peace Road” initiative in each of our countries, to be on the way to peace and understanding.



Stefan Schmid, one of the German organizers, said: “I was most impressed by the Czech delegation. Altogether we were almost 100 participants, and from the Czech Republic there were already more than 50 people, most of them young people. In addition, the Czechs had the longest way to go, three hours. The Austrians had two hours to walk and the Germans one good hour.”

Finally, we received a message from the founder and president of the Korean School and Cultural Association of Augsburg in Germany, **Chong Sum Paulus**:

“The time and the day today passed so quickly because I was with really nice people. I am deeply impressed to have met people who are working for the reunification of my homeland with so much love and dedication. That so many foreigners, from three nations, are praying together and making conditions for the reunification of Korea, I am deeply touched and very grateful. In addition, I am totally surprised that with such a long journey (350 km), hot weather and four hours of arduous mountain hiking, no one scolded, complained or grumbled. In my whole life, I have never experienced anything as special as the UPF movement – I am grateful to God for that.

“Then the wonderful speakers like Mr. Yoo, who talked about how the three countries belong together like love, faith, hope. And during Dr. Schmidt’s speech, I thought to myself: How can a non-Korean speak so lovingly about Korea? I have never experienced anything like that. To all the participants and preparation people, I would like to thank you with the deepest heart.”

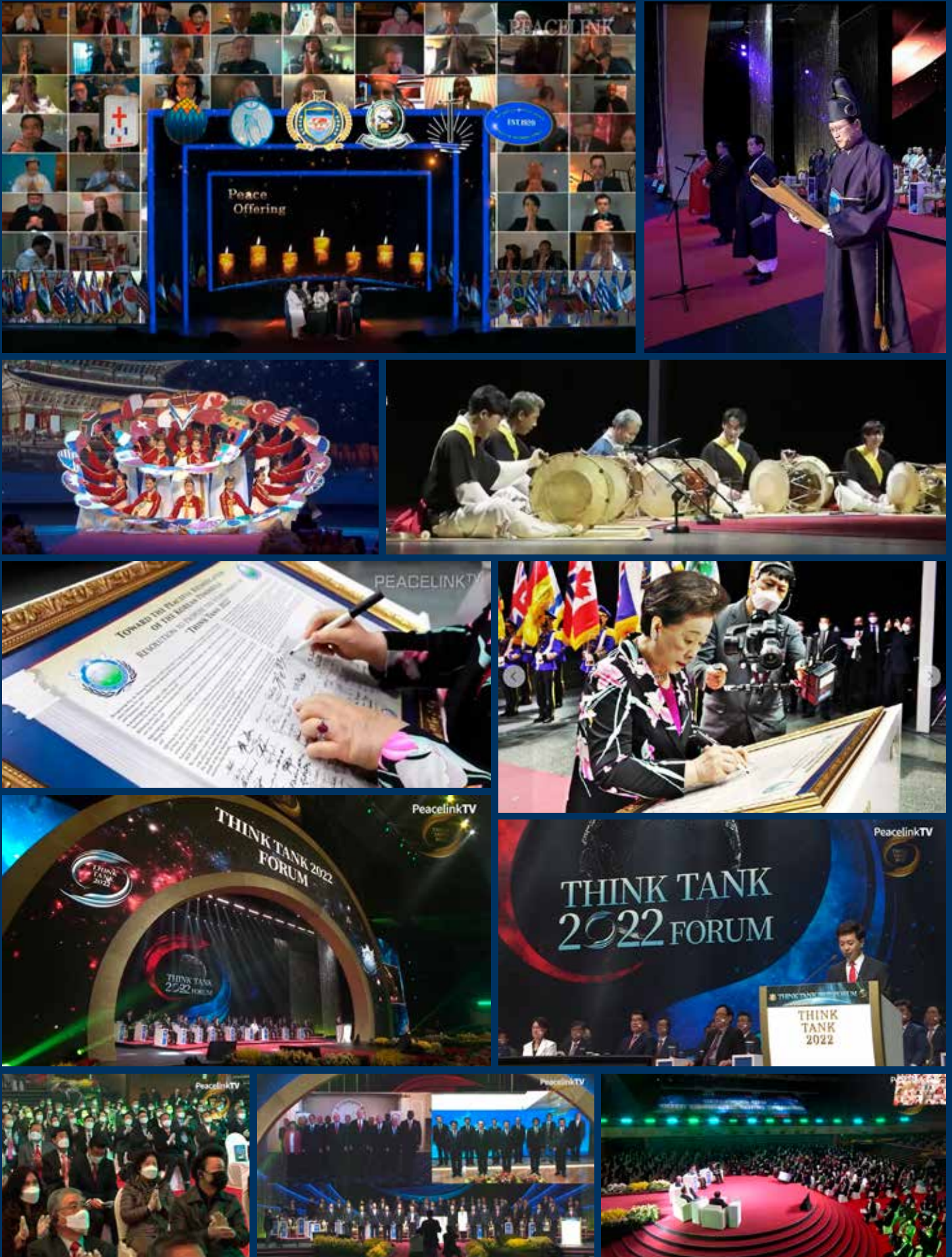
Since 2012 the Universal Peace Federation has initiated “Peace Road” projects all over the world to connect nations and people based on good will and the desire to create unity. We hope that our gathering of three nations will contribute to these noble goals. We want to send out a signal for reconciliation and unity on the Korean Peninsula. ❖

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