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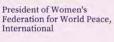
Welcoming Remarks Dr. Julia H. Moon

Introductory Remarks

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Panelist Rosa Park Director of Programs, The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (USA)

Closing Statement

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Region of Korea



Special Testimony Hee Ryang Cheon Sharing her story as a North Korean living in Japan



Moderator Moriko Hori President of Women's Federation for World Peace, Japan



Son Ja Han Head, International Solidarity for North Korean Human Rights, sharing her story of rescuing North Korean defectors

Panelist

Prof. Min Gyu Kim

Graduate of Kim Il Sung University in North Korea, Professor at Woosuk University, Department of Defense



August 17, 2021, 8:30 pm EDT 4

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A Global Women's Peace Network international forum presented by Women's Federation for World Peace Korea, Japan, and America

Dear peacemaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to an exciting virtual Global Women's Peace Network forum, hosted in collaboration with Women's Federation for World Peace in Korea, Japan, and the United States. The program, as part of the *Women's Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking* series, will address the topic, *"A Unified Korea: Finding Seeds of Hope,"* and take place on August 17th from 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM EDT.

A full recording of this program will not be shared following the session, so we highly encourage those who are interested in hearing from this esteemed panel to join the session live. The principal language of the program will be in Korean, with live interpretation available in English and Japanese.

We greatly hope you will take part in this meaningful event as an impetus for positive change. To further spread aspirations for peace, reunited families, and humanitarian advancement, consider sharing this invitation with those in your community.

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Find Out More about the Speakers:

Our first panelist, Professor Min Gyu Kim, is a graduate of Kim II Sung University in North Korea, was a member of the North Korean Foreign Ministry, and was a North Korean diplomat to Russia. In 2009 he escaped to South Korea, where he attended graduate school at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul, and worked as a reporter for the Chosun Ilbo newspaper. Currently, he is a Visiting Professor at Woosuk University (Department of Defense).

Ms. Hee Ryang Cheon will share her story and insights as a third generation North Korean living in Japan. Ms. Cheon was raised within a North Korean community in Japan, even attending North Korean schools until high school. As a traditional Korean dancer, Ms. Cheon has had the opportunity to perform in North Korea, and will share about her experiences.

Mrs. Son Ja Han, Head of the International Solidarity for North Korean Human Rights, will be sharing her experiences helping and rescuing North Korean people. Mrs. Han is a Chinese-Korean woman born in China. Having visited family members in North Korea in the 1990's, she was shocked by the living conditions she witnessed. As a result, she decided to increase her visits to North Korea to deliver relief items such as rice and medicine. From 1998-2002 she carried out activities to protect and rescue North Korean defectors. Presently, Mrs. Han helps North Koreans adapt to South Korean society through lectures on human rights, and counseling.

The final panelist, Ms. Rosa Park, is the Director of Programs and Editor at the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), a U.S. based civil society organization, where she has worked since 2011. Through her work with HRNK, Ms. Park has conducted interviews with Korea experts and North Korean escapees, and directs conference and public outreach programs in Seoul, Washington DC, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, New York City, and Geneva. Ms. Park was a leading member of the team that gained United Nations consultative status for HRNK in April 2018, making HRNK the first civil society organization in the U.S. focused solely on North Korean human rights to achieve this status. Ms. Park has been featured in CNN, BBC, VOA, USA Today, NBC, Democracy Digest, Epoch Times, and KEI's Korean Kontext. She had the honor of being listed as one of the Asian American and Pacific Islander National Security and Foreign Policy Next Generation Leaders in May 2019. Ms. Park received an M.A. in International Politics from American University's School of International Service, an M.A. in Korean Studies from Korea University, and a B.A. in International Relations from American University's School of International Service with a minor in Graphic Design.

During her presentation, Ms. Park will be sharing her family's story, her perspective as a Korean American born in the United States, findings through her work with HRNK, and what we can do now to prepare for the unification of the Korean Peninsula.

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