

Lecture about North Korea at the Philosophical faculty of Prague's Charles' University

Prague, Czech Republic, 26. November 2013

Public lecture and discussion on a very actual topic:
North Korea: a different perspective

What information we get through media and how much should we be concerned about situation in North Korea



» Media image versus reality
» Do we as westerners understand 3000 years old Confucian culture?
» Is there some solution of Korean conflict?



LECTURE WILL BE IN ENGLISH WITH CZECH INTERPRETATION, APP. 45 MIN.
FREE ENTRY

DATE: Tuesday 26th November 2013
TIME: 18:00
LOCATION: Filozofická fakulta UK, room 34 (P034 - main building), Jana Palacha 2, Praha 1

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We held a presentation about North Korea at the Philosophical Faculty of Prague's Charles' University. CARP members have a small conference room in their disposition once a week. They organize regular lectures and presentations on different attractive topics. After the presentation they usually introduce their service projects and DP 1 Day WS.

To our North Korea presentation around 30 people came, of which 25 were new. CARP members put up posters on the campus, and also advertised on Facebook and other social networks. Through this presentation we could recognize that many people are interested in the topic of North Korea. Even a former dean attended, who came because he was curious about NK. When he saw, how the room was packed, he mentioned that CARP should be getting a bigger room from now on.

The presentation started with a short slideshow and introduction of the situation of NK. Then we showed a video about the testimony of Mr. Shin, who escaped from Camp 14. As the lecture went on, we

could see tears in the eyes of the people. The we introduced different books about the topic, like "Nothing to Envy", "Escape from Camp 14", "The Aquariums of Pyongyang" and True Father's Autobiography. We introduced True Father as a peace-loving global citizen and North Korean, who was in a concentration camp himself. Then we read two pages from the Autobiography (272-274) from the chapter "Not by Guns or Swords, but by True Love". True Father's words fit very naturally into the setting and offered solutions. We could also connect it to the Czech situation, where Vaclav Havel offered peaceful reconciliation with the communists after the Velvet Revolution in 1989 with the slogan "Truth and Love shall prevail". Our presentation finished with a slideshow on "Faces without Words" – photos that were taken by a German tourist in NK in 2012; with a symphonical rendition of Arirang as background music. This gave a strong impact, to think about the people of North Korea.

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