

Children from Korea and Estonia played football for the unification of Korea

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Pärnu, Estonia -- Children from South Korea and children from Estonia played football for the peaceful unification of North and South Korea.

The second One Korea project in Estonia took place on June 29, 2018. It was initiated by Universal Peace Federation of Estonia and Ambassador for Peace Mr. Reigo Tõnsberg, founder of the annual international football tournament Pärnu Summer Cup.

The first game was played at the football stadium in the seaside village of Lindi. At the beginning, all the children put on the One Korea football shirt and took photos together. They played and had fun. Around 80 local children came to support the game.

After the game the Korean team were awarded the Peace Cup, handmade by the local children. Then the participants of both sides exchanged gifts. After lunch they had enough time to communicate with each other. The school director conducted a tour of the new modernized school.

Then the children participated in a Peace Road project, as they were driven in four vehicles the distance of 20 kilometers (nearly 12.5 miles) to the coastal city of Pärnu.

In the evening, the second football game was held on the Pärnu beach football field. This time, the two teams were the Korean children and Summer Cup team coaches from Estonia and Finland.

During their visit to Estonia, the Korean team had the opportunity to visit the Old Town section of the capital, Tallinn, and surrounding areas.

At the end of the project, the organizers held a two-hour discussion concerning future activities. It was decided that for 2019 they will invite North Korea to send a team of children to play football in Estonia. The North Korean team would also attend a special workshop, together with VIPs, Ambassadors for Peace, and local activists, to discuss and digest the purpose and meaning of the One Korea project.

