

Hyun Jin Moon's Global Peace Foundation: Highlights shaping the Korean Dream

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Inside the 2026 International Forum on One Korea From Vision to Strategy



In Seoul, the **International Forum on One Korea** convened policymakers, experts, civil society leaders, and international partners to examine the political, civic, and strategic conditions needed for Korean unification.

Then on Korea's National Foundation Day, the **Korean Dream Hangang Festa** brought that vision into public life through culture, identity, and civic participation at the Han River.

Across both events, the focus shifted from *why unification matters* to the essential questions of what comes next: *Who must be involved? What conditions must be built now? How can public support deepen? What turns vision into sustained momentum?*

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Toward a Free and Unified Korea: Building Consensus on a Comprehensive Strategy

The International Forum on One Korea 2026 brings together experts, policymakers, and civil society leaders to advance the vision of a Free and Unified Korea. Grounded in the Korean Dream and the ideal of Hongik Ingan, the Forum explores practical pathways toward Korean unification and a future of peace, freedom, and shared prosperity across Northeast Asia.

Location

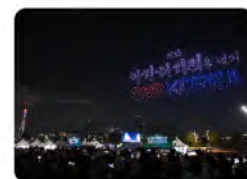
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About this event

Each October, Koreans commemorate *Gaecheonjeol*, National Foundation Day, recalling the founding of the Korean nation and the ancient ideal of *Hongik Ingan* – to broadly benefit humanity. This ideal remains central to the Korean Dream vision of a free and unified Korea: a nation that overcomes division and contributes to peace and prosperity throughout Northeast Asia and the world.

Today, the Korean Peninsula stands amid significant political and strategic change. North Korea has abandoned its previous commitment to Korean reunification, advanced the concept of two separate and hostile states, and continues to expand its nuclear capabilities. At the same time, the Republic of Korea has placed greater emphasis on peaceful coexistence and a “two-state” relationship oriented toward eventual unification, an approach focused on managing division that risks prolonging it rather than overcoming it.

These developments are taking place amid growing regional and global instability and an increasingly complex security environment across Northeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific. Shifting security relationships, expanding military cooperation, and continuing conflicts in other parts of the world are reshaping the conditions for peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. The future of Korea therefore has implications far beyond the peninsula itself, affecting regional security, human rights, economic development, and the broader future of Northeast Asia.

The International Forum on One Korea 2026 brings together experts, policymakers, and civil society leaders from the Republic of Korea, the United States, Japan, and the international community to strengthen support for a *Free and Unified Korea* and examine practical pathways toward its realization. Grounded in the Korean Dream vision and the ideal of *Hongik Ingan*, the Forum will explore concrete policies, partnerships, and action strategies that can advance Korean unification and contribute to a new framework for peace, freedom, and shared prosperity in Northeast Asia.

Event highlights



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Held on Korea's National Foundation Day, the Festa brought the Korean Dream into public life through music, culture, and the voices of people who still believe division does not have to be the final story.

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The International Forum on One Korea 2026 brought together leaders, policymakers, experts, civil society representatives, and international partners in Seoul to build consensus for a free and unified Korea.

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Agenda

📍 Venue: Fairmont Ambassador Seoul, Grand Ballroom

👤 In-Person

SESSION 1 - Opening Ceremony & Plenary

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Opening Declaration & Introduction of Guests

- Mr. Jong-chun Park, Master of Ceremonies

Video Presentation

Opening Remarks

- Mr. James P. Flynn, International President, Global Peace Foundation
- Hon. Seung-Joo Baek, Former Member, 20th National Assembly of the Republic of Korea; Senior Advisor, Action for Korea United

Congratulatory Remarks

- Hon. Jin-pyo Kim, Former Speaker, 21st National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
- Hon. Seok-jun Song, Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, 22nd National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

Special Address

- Amb. Robert Joseph, Senior Scholar, National Institute for Public Policy; Former US Undersecretary of State
- Hon. Yong-ho Thae, Former Secretary, Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, 21st National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

Video Presentation

Keynote Speech

- Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon, Chairman, Global Peace Foundation

A Message on the Publication of Korean Dream: A Bold Journey

- Ji-wan Cha, Director of the Publishing Bureau, The Dong-A Ilbo

Celebratory Song

- Cheong-ha Lim / Soprano

Commemorative Photograph

SESSION 2 – Strategy, Policy & Action Plenary

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Session Opening & Overview

- Moderator: Mr. Baek-san Kim, President, Global Peace Institute

Presentation 1 – Transforming ROK-U.S. Security & Diplomacy: Establishing a Free and Unified Korean Peninsula as the Official Goal

- Col. (Ret.) David Maxwell, Vice President, Center for Asia Pacific Strategy (U.S.)

Presentation 2 – A Critique of the Two-State Theory and Policy Proposals for Realizing a Free and Unified Korea

- Dr. Chun-sig Kim, Former President, Korea Institute for National Unification (Korea)

Presentation 3 – The Korea Link Strategy for Information Inflow into North Korea

- Rev. Kenneth Bae, President, New Korea Foundation (Korea)

Panel Discussion & Q&A

Closing Remarks by Moderator

📍 Venue: Red Ume Room

📌 By invitation only

SESSION 3 – Roundtable: ROK-US-Japan Trilateral Cooperation for a Free and Unified Korea

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Speakers

Session 1

Opening Ceremony & Plenary



Hon. Seung-joo Baek

Senior Advisor
Action for
Korea United



Hon. Seok-jin Song

Chairman,
Foreign Affairs
and
Unification
Committee
National
Assembly of
the Republic of
Korea



Hon. Yong-ho Thae

Former
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General
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Ambassador Robert Joseph

Senior Scholar,
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Former Under
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Moderator



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Strategy, Policy & Action Plenary



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Session 3

Roundtable: ROK-US-Japan Trilateral Cooperation for a Free and Unified Korea





Dr. Jong-soo Park

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Northern
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Invest in the Leaders Who Will Shape Korea's Future

*The moment for leadership may come unexpectedly.
The preparation for it must begin now.*

No one knows when change may come to the Korean Peninsula. Young North Koreans are already building careers and asking how their experiences can help others and contribute to a free and unified Korea.

The **North Korean Young Leaders Assembly (NKYLA)** connects them with mentors, experts, and peers as they grow into that responsibility.

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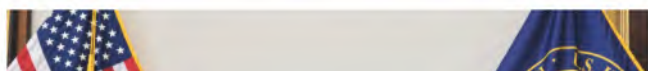
More Than the Story of What They Escaped

North Korean escapees are often introduced through what they endured or left behind. But that is only the beginning of their story.

Today, NKYLA participants are becoming healthcare professionals, researchers, educators, advocates, and community leaders. They are building careers, supporting families and communities, and thinking seriously about how the opportunities they have received can become opportunities for others.

Their paths are different. But each is showing what can happen when lived experience is joined with education, opportunity, and a desire to serve.

Meet three of the young leaders already doing just that.



Geom Hyok Kim



Preparing before change comes

Geom Hyok grew up in Pyongyang on a path toward diplomacy. While studying in Beijing, he encountered information about North Korea that changed his understanding of his country. He and other North Korean students began reading, debating, and asking what responsibility came with what they had learned.

After resettling in South Korea, he studied political science and worked in public policy. At NKYLA, he spoke about why young leaders must keep preparing:

"Even when the world is ready to help us, if we are not ready, change will be delayed."

Your gift helps create space for emerging leaders like Geom Hyok to learn from one another and prepare for the work ahead.



(Mi-gyeong's identity will not be revealed based on her personal request.)

Mi-gyeong Park

Turning opportunity into service

Mi-gyeong Park was 15 when she crossed the frozen Tumen River with her mother after being forced out of school in North Korea. After rebuilding her life in South Korea, she went on to graduate from Seoul National University and become a dentist. Today, she provides dental care to young North Korean escapees and hopes to help shape policies that give others the kinds of opportunities that changed her own life.

"What changed my life was opportunity."

For Mi-gyeong, leadership is not simply about what she has achieved. It is about what she can now make possible for someone else.



Jihyang Kim

Discovering what education can make possible

Jihyang Kim received only an elementary-level education while growing up in North Korea.

After resettling in South Korea, she returned to school, excelled academically, and eventually became a Fulbright Scholar studying education in the United States. Today, she is exploring how access to information and education can help people question what they have been taught and imagine new possibilities for their lives.

"Information crosses borders. Learning changes people. People change societies."

Her long-term hope is to expand educational opportunities for future generations on the Korean Peninsula.

What NKYLA Gives

NKYLA brings young North Koreans together with people and opportunities that can be difficult to access on their own.

Emerging Leaders

opportunities that can be difficult to access on their own.

Participants learn from experienced leaders and subject-matter experts, meet mentors who can help guide their professional growth, and form relationships with peers who understand both where they have come from and the responsibilities they hope to carry forward.

They also have the opportunity to think beyond their individual careers and ask how their knowledge, profession, and lived experience might contribute to Korea in the years ahead.

An Assembly may last only a week, but the growing network continues to build every year. A professional connection can open an unexpected door. A friendship formed among participants can grow into years of collaboration.

Your gift helps make those opportunities possible.

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See What Your Gift Can Make Possible

Every contribution, at any level, helps give emerging North Korean leaders access to experiences and relationships that can continue shaping their lives long after the Assembly ends.

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Their Stories Are Still Being Written

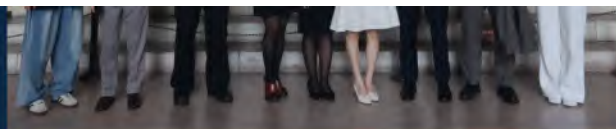
The group photo at the Lincoln Memorial brings Migyeong, Geom Hyok, and Jihyang's stories together around a shared idea: freedom and opportunity matter in what people choose to do with them. Each is putting their experience to work through healthcare, advocacy, or education.

NKYLA gives emerging leaders opportunities to learn from one another and build relationships that can support their work for years to come. We cannot know when Korea's next historic moment will come, but we



can invest in people who are already finding ways to contribute.

Your year-end gift helps them keep learning, connecting, and growing as leaders.



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