

UPF South Korea: Overcoming the Armistice Regime: How Can We Do It?

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Invited Speaker: Dr. Kim Beom-su, Director of the Institute for Unification and Peace Studies at Seoul National University



To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice agreement, the Unification Policy Research Institute of UPF-Korea held the 21st Heavenly Unified Korea Forum on October 26th. The event took place in the large conference hall of the Kim Koo Museum in Seoul. The theme of the 21st forum was "How to Move Beyond the Armistice Agreement?" To facilitate the forum, UPF-Korea invited Dr. Kim Beom-su, Director of the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies at the prestigious Seoul National University, as the keynote speaker.



The program included in-depth research presentations on the armistice agreement between South Korea and North Korea. Over 100 activists for peaceful reunification attended the event, which was broadcast live on the UPF-Korea YouTube channel.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Yang Chang-shik, Chairman of UPF-Korea, emphasized that the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula is a very important issue given the current global situation of conflict. He urged all participants to unite their efforts in UPF's peace movement to contribute to the peaceful reunification of South Korea and North Korea.

In his speech, Dr. Kim Beom-su outlined the unification policies related to the armistice agreement promoted by the South Korean government over the past 70 years. He then discussed changes in the perception of reunification over time and its goal as a constitutional value. Dr. Kim also highlighted the need to transition to a peace system based on actively raising public awareness about reunification.



This was followed by a panel discussion session on the conference theme featuring university professors. Dr. Kim listened to comments and responded to various questions from the panelists: Mr. Moon Byung-chul, Director of the Unification Policy Research Institute, and Professors Chung Shi-gu and Wi In-kyu from Sunhak UPA Graduate University.

UPF, an international NGO with general consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, has branches in 17 cities and 232 counties and districts in Korea. Since 2021, UPF-Korea has been holding the Heavenly Unified Korea Forum every two months, inviting eminent figures from South Korean society to discuss various issues related to peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, economic and social development, and building a peaceful Heavenly Unified World.