

## The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel meeting in Geoje, Gyeongnam

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### **Planning Seminar for the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel Held in Geoje, Gyeongnam** [Financial News]

A planning seminar for the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel, which had gone back to the drawing board, due to a lack of economic feasibility, was held in Geoje, Gyeongnam.

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### **The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel and the Future of Peace in Northeast Asia** [Gyeongnam Residents Daily News]

The discussion of the construction of the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel has been covered on a private, nongovernmental level. This seminar offers the opinion that the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel could become the foundation for peace in Northeast Asia.

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In his talk, the former Korean Ambassador to Russia Tae-Ik Jeong said that “With China’s recent rapid economic growth and the strengthening of its military force, and the butting of heads with America over global strategies, Eastern Asia can be seen to be in a state of insecurity and instability. Just as France and Germany played major roles in constructing a European community by putting the past of war behind them through their efforts for reconciliation, so in the 21st century Korea and Japan can bring about a new

age of symbiosis and selflessness through the construction of the undersea tunnel, which will lead to an intimate cooperative system for the two nations.”....

### **Citizens' Seminar Held in Geoje City to Discuss Construction of Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel [Sports World]**



*The Korea-Japan Tunnel Will Bring About Economic Cooperation for Northeast Asia*

The “Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel and the Future of Peace in Northeast Asia” Seminar was held for the citizens of Geoje at the assembly hall of Geoje City Hall in Gyeongnam on the 9th at 2:00 PM. The seminar was cohosted by the Universal Peace Federation (President Byung-Ho Son) and the Ambassadors for Peace Geoje Federation (President Haeng-Gyu Lee). The discussion was attended by about 200 local leaders and citizens, including Geoje City Deputy Mayor Hae-Woon Kang and Geoje City Assembly Member Dae-Shik Ban. Talks were given by Korean Ambassador to Russia, Tae-Ik Jeong, Daito Bunka University Economics Research Department Head Shinichi Nagano and Kyungsung University History Professor Dae-Min Kang. Through their speeches, they opened up a discussion on the construction of the Korea-Japan Tunnel.

In his opening address, President Byung-Ho Son said that “In 1981, before scholars from 109 nations gathered at the 10th International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences in Seoul, Rev. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012) first revealed his proposal for an ‘International Highway/Korea-Japan Tunnel’ as a method of bringing about world peace. Let Korea and Japan be the starting points to opening up the way of peace which will allow the entire world to communicate and share.”

In his congratulatory message, Deputy Mayor Hae-Woon Kang said that “The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel will contribute greatly to the stabilization of Northeast Asia and will bring about great economic growth. As citizens of Geoje City, let us go beyond Japan and Korea. Let us become the architects who will create world prosperity in this place, where we will make history.”

In his speech, former Ambassador to Russia and Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs Tae-Ik Jeong said, “Let us construct the Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel as a solution to the disputes between the nations of East Asia, and as a way to bring about economic cooperation.” Continuing this line of thought, Japanese Professor Shinichi Nagano said, “Let us push for the construction of a tunnel, which will not only bring about economic benefits, but will also bring about a public minded business, through which both nations can participate, leading to the establishment of peace and security in Northeast Asia.” Finally, Kyungsung University Professor Dae-Min Kang said that “The tunnel will lead to economic cooperation in Northeast Asia, the opening of North Korea and the unification of the Korean Peninsula, political cooperation between Northeast Asian nations and cultural exchange.”

The Universal Peace Federation and the Ambassadors for Peace Federation have been carrying out academic seminars and public relations activities in order to bring the Tunnel and the International Highway Project to fruition. They are also leading the way in getting the cooperation of the Trans China Railway (TCR) and the Trans Siberia Railway (TSR), both of which are needed to gain the cooperation of North Korea, in hopes that it will lead to the improvement of North-South Korean relations.

The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel, which is to connect Korea to Saga, Japan, will run over a course of about 230 kilometers and connect Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Pyeongyang and Beijing. Many hold the belief that it will become the cornerstone of peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia....