

WFWP USA: Unified Korea webinar - Rising Above Challenges - Preview of topics

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"A Unified Korea: Rising Above Challenges"

			
Panelist Ryu Youn Kwon President of KuenSaem After-School Class	Panelist Teson Chon Third generation North Korean in Japan. Choson school graduate.	Panelist Koji Iida Representative Director, Uri Hana. Boxing coach, Choson University.	Panelist Dr. Beatrice Bischof Foreign Affairs Association, Munich, Germany
			
Welcoming Remarks Dr. Julia H. Moon President of Women's Federation for World Peace, International	Introductory Remarks Angelika Selle President of Women's Federation for World Peace, USA	Closing Statement Margie Moon President of WFWP, West Central & Mid-eastern Region of Korea	Moderator Moriko Hori President of Women's Federation for World Peace, Japan

November 8, 2021, 7:30 PM ESTtinyurl.com/RisingAboveChallenges



A Global Women's Peace Network international forum presented by Women's Federation for World Peace Korea, Japan, and United States

Dear Peacemakers,

On behalf of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the **second international Global Women's Peace Network forum**, which we are hosting alongside our WFWP counterparts in Korea and Japan.

This virtual program will address the topic of "**A Unified Korea: Rising Above Challenges**," which is part of the **Women's Leadership in Reconciliation and Peacemaking** series. During the initial collaborative GWP Network forum, we heard from panelists of North Korean descent, in an effort to better understand their unique needs and what might help bridge the gap on the Korean Peninsula. With this in mind, we will

now be **exploring what it takes to overcome the challenges leading up to a Korean reunification in substance, and possible obstacles to prepare for afterward.**

This program will be a platform to further unification efforts, through spreading awareness, listening to personal stories and experiences, and to discuss practical pointers to make reunification possible. **If you have yet to register for this significant program, now is the time to do so!**

We look forward to joining together as an international community on Monday, November 8th, 2021, from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST. The principal language will be in Korean, with interpretation available in English and Japanese.

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Preview the Speaker's Topics:

Our first panelist, **Ryu Youn Kwon**, is the President of the KuenSaem After-School Class.

During her presentation, Ms. Kwon will recount her heart-wrenching family story, experiencing economic hardship and political punishments living in North Korea. Having fled to China in 1997, and eventually arriving in South Korea in 2001, she was pained by the bullying her children experienced as defectors in South Korea. Ms. Kwon will be sharing her story overcoming these challenges, and how it fueled her desire to serve North Korean refugees, and to be a force for unification.

Koji Iida is the Representative Director of the NPO Uri Hana, and a boxing coach of Choson University.

After learning about the Japanese colonial rule during a trip to Korea, Mr. Iida was deeply pained by his Japanese history of domination. Since that time, he has devoted his life to the issues of reconciliation through his professional boxing, adoption into a Korean family, and NPO work to build bridges between Japanese and Korean people. He will share about his trials and life experiences, and encourage those involved in the Korean War to do their part to resolve the separations that remain to this day.

Teson Chon is a graduate of a Choson school and is a third generation North Korean living in Japan.

He will present about the origin of Choson schools, established by those who fled from Korea during the Japanese occupation before the division, and the unique identity of their descendants who seek their ancestors' unified homeland.

The final panelist, **Dr. rer. pol. Beatrice Bischof**, is a member of the managing board of the Foreign Affairs Association in Munich. She attended to the Ludwig-Maximilians-University at Munich. Then she completed her studies focused on political sciences, constitutional law and literature sciences and graduated as Dr. rer. pol. with the additional focus on economic and social history. Until 1996 she was member of the managing board of the company of her family. Then she finished an education as TV journalist at the Kirch Media Group. Since that time she has been working as a TV journalist, political scientist, consultant and author.

Dr. Bischof will share about the challenges and supporting factors involved in the reunification of East and West Germany, as an example of what to expect and prepare for on the Korean Peninsula. She will describe the importance of nation-building to bring two diverse systems into one, the supportive events and individuals that helped grow a unified national identity, the economic and political challenges after unification, and the anchoring involvement of the wider European region. In addition, Dr. Bischof will share possible activities to develop personal bonds across the Korean Peninsula.

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The image shows two versions of a flyer for a Global Women's Peace Network event. The left flyer is in Korean and the right is in Japanese. Both flyers feature a grid of panelists with their names and titles. The Korean flyer title is '여성리더십 화해 및 평화 만들기' and the Japanese flyer title is '和解と平和構築への女性の役割'. Both flyers include a QR code and a registration link: tinyurl.com/RisingAboveChallenges. The Korean flyer also includes the date '2021년 11월 9일 오전 9시 30분' and the Japanese flyer includes '2021年11月9日(火曜日)午前 9:30 開始'.

Flyer in Korean

Flyer in Japanese

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