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## "Peace Talks" Webinar

### Prospects and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments

Greetings from UPF International.

We are happy to announce our next "Peace Talks" Webinar will take place on **Friday, May 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM** (Eastern Standard Time New York).

**Theme:** *Prospects and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments*

**Background:** 2020, the "Year of the Rat", has been quite eventful, if not disruptive on the Korean peninsula. Most notably the coronavirus has created a global economic recession that has impacted the Korean peninsula, despite the high marks that South Korea gets for its adept handling of the COVID-19. In addition, rumors that circulated about the health of Kim Jong Un brought up a host of questions about succession, the balance of power in the region, and various "what if" scenarios. Suffice to say, the Korean peninsula has been a focus of global attention.

**Key Questions:** With this webinar, we pause to reflect on the current situation and ask some serious questions: How does the health of Kim Jong Un impact the balance of power in the region, as well as prospects for rapprochement between ROK and DPRK? What do the recent parliamentary election results indicate about the political stability of the administration of Moon Jae In? Is it a moment for a re-boot of North-South dialogue? These and other questions will be discussed.

#### Panelists:

**Amb. Joseph DeTrani**, Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks with North Korea (2003- 2006) USA

Amb. DeTrani served as Senior Advisor to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI); Director of the National Counter Proliferation Center (NCPC) and the National Intelligence Manager for Counter Proliferation (CP). He also served as the North Korea Mission Manager for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and President of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA).

**Amb. Tae Ik Chung**, Honorary President of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations (2014-2016). *(Invited)*

Amb. Chung also served as the President of the Korea National Diplomatic Academy and the Senior Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security. After his public service, he served as the co-chair of Peace Asia, and the chair-professor of Dankook University. Previously, he served as Ambassador to Egypt, Italy and Russia.

**Dr. Alexandre Mansourov**, Professor of Security Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Services, USA

Dr. Mansourov is a specialist in Northeast Asian security, politics and economics, focusing

primarily on the Korean peninsula. He is also currently Professor of Asian Studies at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. At CENTRA Global Access, he is director of research and analysis.

After the presentations, there will be time for Q&A. Questions may be sent to [peacetalks@upf.org](mailto:peacetalks@upf.org).

Please find below the link to register for the “Peace Talks” Webinar on May 8th:

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0cloj2FLT5anwwh1eFAMKg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0cloj2FLT5anwwh1eFAMKg)

We hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion.

Sincerely yours,  
*Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.*  
Chairman, Universal Peace Federation

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MAY 7: [Vesak Day](#)

MAY 15: [UN International Day of Families](#)

JUN 1: [UN Global Day of Parents](#)





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