

44rd Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea organized by THINK TANK 2022

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The Policy Research Institute hosted the Heavenly Unified Korea Peace Forum, and former Ambassador to the UK and Former South Korean Ambassador to the Holy See, Mr. Choo Kyu Ho, was invited to speak on "Directions for Korea-Japan Diplomacy for Peace and Unification on the Korean Peninsula," with a focus on the unification of the Korean Peninsula and Japan's role.

During his welcoming address, Yoon Young-ho, Chairman of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum Organizing Committee, emphasized the need for a solid "two-track" diplomacy that addresses both security and economic cooperation while also addressing historical issues. He explained the importance of establishing a new relationship with Japan and developing a strategy for eliciting Japan's role in the unification process on the Korean Peninsula. Chairman Yoon Young-ho also stressed the importance of elevating the 20th-century IVOC movement (International Victory Over Communism) to a 21st-century New Value Alliance and sharing a value-security vision and strategy with Japan.



During his speech, former Ambassador Choo Kyu Ho introduced the history of Korea-Japan relations, explained Japan's perspective on the Korean Peninsula, and analyzed the instability factors in Korean politics. He emphasized the need to develop a strategy for eliciting Japan's role in the unification process on the Korean Peninsula, citing the United States' role in German reunification. He also urged that Korea must seriously consider whether it is strategically approaching various issues related to Japan, including post-war compensation for North Korea.

Following the speech, a discussion session moderated by Cho Hyung-guk, Director of THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute, featured Senior Research Fellow Moon Byung-chul of THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute. The participants engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on the geopolitical fate of the Korean Peninsula, Japan's perspective on the Korean Peninsula, the conflict structure between Korea and Japan, proposed alternatives, and Japan's role in peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula. The participants also engaged in a Q and A session with the audience on the issue of the fading sense of debt among Japan's pre- and post-war generations regarding colonial rule and the strategic vision that Korea and Japan can share today.