

## Think Tank 2022 Forum Explores Path of Coexistence Amid Power Struggles

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The 6th THINK TANK 2022 Forum, held on May 4th, brought together over 800 global leaders and experts to discuss the theme of "The Era of Power Struggles: Seeking the Path of Coexistence." The forum provided a significant platform for addressing global challenges and finding solutions that go beyond the reunification of Korea, aiming to foster a unified global community based on coexistence rather than confrontation.

The event focused on addressing security risks in Northeast Asia and developing strategies for establishing a peaceful global order. Esteemed participants included Prime Minister Albin Kurti of Kosovo, former President Thomas Boni Yayi of Benin, former Minister of Defense Werner Fasslabend of Austria, Representative Lee Jeong-mun of the Democratic Party, and Chairman Kim Geun-sik of the Korea National Unification Advisory Council.



Dr. Yoon Young-Ho, Chairman of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum Organizing Committee, highlighted the global situation in his welcome address, referring to the War in Ukraine and the rise of China as factors contributing to an imbalance in global politics and an increased potential for conflict. The Korean Peninsula, situated at the intersection of major powers, faces such imbalances, making peaceful

reunification unlikely under the current circumstances. However, achieving reunification is crucial in resolving the struggle for hegemony between China and the US, which extends beyond a mere politico-economic dispute to a battle between Communism and Democracy.

During his keynote speech, Michael Pillsbury, Senior Fellow, China Strategy, Heritage Foundation, USA, cautioned against accepting China's outwardly friendly image without careful examination. He emphasized the need to be vigilant about China's ambitions and highlighted China's historical reliance on force and deception behind a façade of mysticism. Understanding China accurately, including its economic growth through various means, is of utmost importance. Pillsbury stressed the significance of providing solutions rather than solely identifying problems.

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivered a speech emphasizing the pursuit of peace aligned with Mother Moon's objectives. He discussed the three summits with Chairman Kim Jong Un, acknowledging the totalitarian nature of North Korea and its threat to global peace, alongside the Chinese Communist Party. Pompeo advocated for upholding property rights, decency, and human rights, firmly asserting Taiwan's separate country status. He emphasized the importance of embracing truth and factual understanding to prevent conflict and achieve peace. Pompeo expressed goodwill towards the Chinese people while criticizing the heartless regime's pursuit of a model that leads to poverty and war. He encouraged conference participants to foster peace and hope through prayer.



Kim Geun Sik, Chair of the Unification Committee of the People Power Party, shared his personal observations on the evolving relationship with China, noting a shift towards closer ties with Japan. Reflecting on past progress made through the Six-Party Talks and the separation of economic and security concerns, he called for a paradigm shift in diplomatic and security matters in the current new Cold War era. Geun Sik advocated for a strong alliance with Japan and the US, emphasizing that the collapse of the North Korean regime is necessary for a resolution. He highlighted the importance of democracy and human rights in countering China's hegemony and upholding international agreements. Geun Sik stressed the preservation of democratic values and the implementation of cooperative and peaceful solutions.

Participants at the event also recognized the interconnectedness between the Korean Peninsula issue and China, engaging in robust discussions on the contentious cross-strait conflict, which has become the central battleground of the US-China rivalry in the Asian region.