

Think Tank 2022: Toward Peaceful Reunification

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Distinguished organizers, the International Committee of World Summit 2022, authorities of the different delegations from countries around the world, I would like to thank you. I would also like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, for bringing peace to my country, Peru, through the almost one thousand ambassadors for peace who have been appointed and from whom I bring fraternal greetings.

For me to address all of you is a great honor and privilege, since this summit brings us together today to deal with an issue that presents great challenges for us -- reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula as well as the area of activity of IAED itself, which is business and trade and tourism even on the Korean Peninsula.



Precisely in this time of the pandemic, whose effects generated great economic, social and health crises in my country and many other countries in the Latin American region and many other countries elsewhere in the world and forced us, both from urban and rural communities -- from average citizens, workers and neighbors to even large companies and corporations -- to seek new models of recovery, reorganization and reactivation.

These came through large innovative online businesses or telecommuting. Online connections allowed us to work with others from continent to continent, through large businesses that didn't come to a standstill and today are being reactivated.

Outsiders had roles in Korea's division Today let us analyze the great crises generated by the division of two sets of citizens that share the same history, the same religion, the same ethnic culture and (something of great importance) are united through many family ties. Yet, for more than seventy years, the Koreans have been separated due to ideological and political interference by foreign people, not the Koreans themselves, but aliens to the realities of their once-shared country. Due to their politics, they may have contributed to the outbreak of war and an artificial division without any historical precedent -- nothing related to the shared history of the Korean people.

The nations that emerged victorious from the Second World War, and who had helped free the Korean people from an occupation that had lasted thirty-five years may have influenced Korea's division. It could be argued that these same powers deprived the Korean people of opportunities and were led and motivated by their own interests.

For us pacifists, in our understanding, there is only room for the idea that Korea is one people, and soon it will become a single republic, a single country. How could we not demand reunification of the two Koreas? Reality shows us that North Korea, with its great territorial and maritime potential, can develop great wealth through agriculture, mining, fishing, industry, biochemistry -- that North Korea is not only not a threat to the world but rather the funds would help them address problems such as the pandemic. They have had unemployment among workers in many sectors that could benefit from employment.

If we add to this the opening of doors to the export and import markets as an open commercial economy,

we would stop comparing the 118th position that North Korea occupies among the world's economies as well as malnutrition among 40 percent of its population, to the tenth place that South Korea holds among the world's economies and the high standard of living of its population.

True Parents' sincere effort

Trade and open world markets have helped millions and millions of people to overcome poverty in recent decades.

For both North Korea and South Korea, reunification has been an aspiration for decades. Proof of this is the great titanic work that the great leaders and founders of UPF, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, have been carrying out during their lifetimes, fighting tirelessly for peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula.

The issue of reunification must be dealt with in an alliance of two nations that discusses and lead the reunification of their own country: Korea belongs to Koreans.

The challenges that those on the Korean Peninsula face lead us to reconsider and rethink elements needed to achieve peace. UPF, through its main organizations and activities such as Think Tank 2022 and the Rally of Hope series carried out by the Mother of Peace, as well as this current summit lead us to believe that peace between the two Koreas is more than a possibility -- peace is an extremely urgent necessity, and it's a cry heard all around the world: Peace, Korea wants peace.

Commercial activity, businesses, tourism and global exchange expectations must be openly connected with the whole world and thus allow both Korean peoples to improve their quality of life. The great step taken by divided Germany before the eyes of the world would be the first step in the consolidation of world peace that should be emulated by the two Koreas. Like the men who landed on the moon and took one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind, the reunification of the two Koreas would be a great step for mankind in this century.

In this way, we would be upholding Reverend Moon's great ideal of creating a peaceful global community without borders, without separation, without fences, without selfish nationalism and indifference. We would generate a culture of mutual prosperity, interdependence and universal values such as solidarity, empathy, economic resilience, with social responsibility that encourages environmental protection.

Finally, in the context of great global concern and interest, the reunification of the two Koreas would be fulfilled if countries that have had a presence on the peninsula, participated in the Six-Party Talks, would remain on the sidelines, with the exception of the two Koreas. The two Koreas could resolve the issue of reconciliation.

Likewise, a multinational guarantor commission should be formed with neutral countries that haven't had any participation in this conflict, that generates free trade with treaties such as those we already have in Peru, and in the rest of the world with nations like South Korea.

Events that generate cultural, artistic and sports synergy and actions such as humanitarian aid for our brothers and sisters in North Korea should be expanded throughout the Korean Peninsula. Economic development, trade, tourism, business and humanitarian and social inclusion will allow us to see peace on the Korean Peninsula more effectively and efficiently. May the reunification of the two Koreas be a great step for man and a great opportunity for humankind.