



The 13th General Meeting of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

29 – 31 August 2016
Seoul, Korea

On behalf of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNR), it is a great honor and pleasure to invite you to the 13th General Meeting of IPCNR.

Members of parliaments from all around the world have joined and supported IPCNR for the purpose of promoting and protecting the human rights of North Koreans in compliance with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since its founding in 2003, IPCNR has held its annual General Meeting. This year, the 13th anniversary General Meeting is scheduled to be held in **Seoul, Korea from the 29th through the 31st of August, 2016.**

The violation of human rights in North Korea is an issue which has been quite persistent over the past several decades. We will have to stimulate diplomatic efforts through unwavering interest, to call for a proactive measures and response by international society. On March 2, 2016, National Assembly of Republic of Korea passed "The North Korean Human Rights Act" which will be in full effect on September 4, 2016. There is a lack of international and political attention and supports for North Korean refugees and those who are held hostage by North Korean government. During our general meeting, we would like to open a discussion addressing such issues, and propose ways to make better such situation.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us and recommend honorable members of parliament who are interested in the issues related to human rights of North Koreans. Please confirm your delegates who will be attending the conference by the date of **25 July, 2016.**

We will be delighted to arrange and provide **two nights** of accommodation during the course of conference between the **29th** and **31st** of August for **up to three to maximum of five** delegates representing each parliament. Please note that IPCNR will **not** be able to fund the airfare for any invitees.

Please find the enclosed attachments:

- 1) **Introduction to IPCNR** (2 pages)
- 2) **Registration Form** (1 page)
- 3) **2016 IPCNR 13th General Meeting Program (tentative)** (1 page)

Yours faithfully,

Hong, Il-Pyo
National Assemblyman, ROK

Masaharu Nakagawa
Representative, JAPAN

International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

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Projects
*Enact a North Korean Human
Rights Act
* Hold international
conferences
*Investigate NKHR situations
*Support NKHR NGOs
*Build up an international
network

The International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNKR) was established in 2003 for the purpose of promoting and protecting the human rights of North Korean refugees in alignment with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Members of the parliaments from around the world has joined and supported IPCNKR.

HISTORY

Since its founding General Meeting at Seoul in 2003,
IPCNKR has held its annual general meeting

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| April 2003 | IPCNKR Founding Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
31 representatives from Mongolia, Japan, ROK, USA and UK |
| Dec. 2004 | Regional Conference (hosted by ROK) :
11 representatives from Mongolia, Japan, ROK and Thailand |
| Aug. 2005 | 2 nd IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Japan) :
45 representatives from Mongolia, Japan, ROK and USA |
| Aug. 2006 | 3 rd IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Mongolia) :
29 representatives from Angola, Burundi, Mongolia, Japan, ROK and UK |
| Aug. 2007 | 4 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
56 representatives from Austria, Burundi, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, EU, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Poland, ROK, Sri Lanka, and USA |
| Oct. 2008 | 5 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
36 representatives from Burundi, Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Paraguay, Panama, ROK, Senegal, and Sri Lanka |
| Nov. 2009 | 6 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Thailand and ROK) :
25 representatives from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Korea, Djibouti Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, ROK, Sri Lanka, and Thailand |
| Aug. 2010 | 7 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Canada and ROK) :
25 representatives from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, El Salvador, Japan, Morocco, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, ROK, and USA |
| Nov. 2011 | 8 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by USA and ROK) :
17 representatives from Cameroon, Canada, EU, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, ROK and USA |
| June 2012 | 9 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
24 representatives from Afghanistan, Bahrain, El Salvador, Japan, Micronesia, Poland, Philippines, Peru, ROK and, Sao Tome and Principe |
| Aug. 2013 | 10 th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Poland and ROK) :
32 representatives from Afghanistan, Austria, Burkina Faso, Canada, El Salvador, Georgia, Hungary, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, ROK, Romania, and UK |

- Aug. 2014 11th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Romania and ROK) :
37 representatives from Afghanistan, Austria, Canada, Croatia, El Salvador, Georgia, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, ROK, Romania, and UK
- Aug. 2015 12th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by Austria and ROK) :
36 representatives from Afghanistan, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Djibouti Republic, El Salvador, Georgia, Germany, Japan, Malta, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, ROK, Romania, Thailand, and UK

**THE 12TH GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS'
COALITION FOR NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**29-31 AUGUST 2016
Seoul, Korea**

TENTATIVE

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Day 1	14:00-19:00	▫ Registration
	19:00-21:00	▫ Welcome Dinner
Day 2	07:00-08:30	▫ Breakfast
	09:00-09:45	▫ Plenary Session 1) Opening Remarks 2) Welcoming Remarks 3) Congratulatory Remarks 4) Group Photo
	09:45-10:00	▫ Coffee Break
	10:00-10:30	▫ Keynote Speech Introduction of the General Meeting - Introduction of Members - Adoption of the Agenda
	10:30-11:00	▫ A North Korean Defector's Testimony
	11:00-12:00	▫ Session I The enactment of a North Korean Human rights Act in Various Countries and its Implications Chair: Hon. (1) Hon. (2) Hon. (to be announced) (3) Hon. (4) Hon.
	12:00-13:30	▫ Luncheon
	13:30-14:30	▫ Session II The International Community cooperation plan for Improving Life Quality of North Korean Refugee Chair: Hon. (1) Hon. (2) Hon. (to be announced) (3) Hon. (4) Hon.
	14:30-14:45	▫ Coffee Break
	14:45-15:45	▫ Session III The International Community's Efforts for Trafficking by the North Korean regime

Chair: Hon.

(1) Hon.

(2) Hon.

(3) Hon. (to be announced)

(4) Hon.

15:45-16:00 ◦ Free Discussion (*The closed meeting of the Chairmen)

◦ Closing Session

16:00-17:00

Chair: Hon.

- Review of Joint Statement

- Adoption of Joint Statement

- Decision on the 14th General Meeting (Venue, Date, Agenda)

- Closing Remarks

18:00-20:00 ◦ Farewell Dinner