



The 14th General Meeting of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

18 – 20 July 2017
Antigua, Guatemala

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 14th 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 14th anniversary General Meeting is scheduled to be held in **Guatemala City, Guatemala from the 18th through the 20th of July, 2017.**

On March 24, 2017, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva has adopted a resolution on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), widely known as North Korea. The resolution condemns in the strongest terms on North Korea's ongoing crude, systematic, and wide-spread human rights violations, and urges North Korea to take immediate steps to end such violations, including the abductions issue. Taking the finding of the UNHRC resolution into consideration, the General Meeting will have its topic as "The role of international organizations in resolving the issue of North Korean human rights." During the meeting, we would like to open a discussion addressing such issues, and propose ways to make better 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 **5th June, 2017.**

We will be delighted to arrange and provide **two nights** of accommodation during the course of conference between **the 18th and 20th of July** for **up to three to maximum of four** 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) **2017 IPCNR 14th General Meeting Program (tentative)** (1 page)

Yours faithfully,

Hong, Il-Pyo
National Assemblyman, ROK

Masaharu Nakagawa
Representative, JAPAN

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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 (IPCNR) 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 IPCNR.

HISTORY

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

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| April 2003 | IPCNR 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 IPCNR General Meeting (hosted by Japan) :
45 representatives from Mongolia, Japan, ROK and USA |
| Aug. 2006 | 3 rd IPCNR General Meeting (hosted by Mongolia) :
29 representatives from Angola, Burundi, Mongolia, Japan, ROK and UK |
| Aug. 2007 | 4 th IPCNR 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 IPCNR General Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
36 representatives from Burundi, Cambodia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Paraguay, Panama, ROK,
Senegal, and Sri Lanka |
| Nov. 2009 | 6 th IPCNR 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 IPCNR 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 IPCNR General Meeting (hosted by USA and ROK) :
17 representatives from Cameroon, Canada, EU, Japan, Mongolia, Poland, ROK and USA |
| June 2012 | 9 th IPCNR 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 IPCNR 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
- Aug. 2016 13th IPCNKR General Meeting (hosted by ROK) :
29 representatives from Afghanistan, Cameroon, Canada, Georgia, Guatemala, Japan, Turkey, ROK, and UN



[The 13th General Meeting of the IPCNKR Group Photo]



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COALITION FOR NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

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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 History of Efforts and Empirical Approaches by Latin Americas in Resolving Human Rights Issues Chair: Hon. (1) Hon. (2) Hon. (to be announced) (3) Hon. (4) Hon.
	12:00-13:30	▫ Luncheon
	13:30-14:30	▫ Session II Current State of Human Rights Violation in North Korea 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)
16:00-17:00	▫ Closing Session Chair: Hon. - Review of Joint Statement - Adoption of Joint Statement - Decision on the 15 th General Meeting (Venue, Date, Agenda) - Closing Remarks
18:00-20:00	▫ Farewell Dinner