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PSCORE Newsletter

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Upcoming Street Campaigns and Summer Events



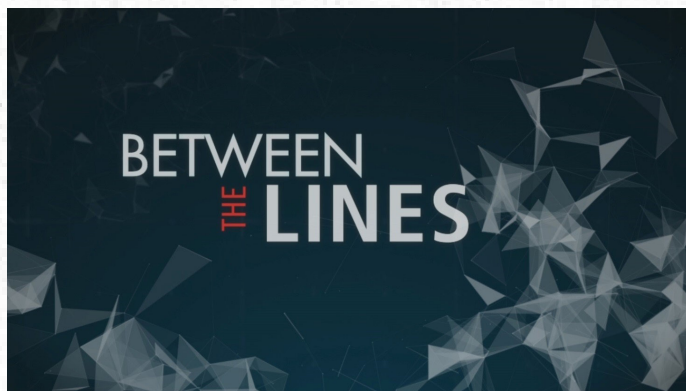
The summer season is shortly approaching, and as usual, we are getting ready for a new street campaign season, which is held every year starting from May. In every of this busy time of the year, our team at PSCORE had held monthly awareness campaigns in strategic locations to get people's support and recognition of North Korea's human rights issues. We have organized campaigns at Yonsei University, Yongsan station, Itaewon and Hongdae amongst many other locations. During the campaigns, we are informing people about the human rights' conditions in North Korea, through boards and documentation, gathering signatures for petitions for more recognition in South Korea of the situation in the North and trying to get financial support for our activities.

This year, with the spectrum of the issues on North Korean human rights being broadened, especially with the UN and our focus on the rights of North Korean laborers abroad, we expect to bring a lot of new perspectives to people as part of our continued efforts to spread awareness about reunification. Please look forward for more updates about our upcoming plans about the street campaigns and events soon!



Founder Young-Il Kim's Appearance on Channel NewsAsia's 'Between The Lines'

Later towards the end of April, PSCORE's founder Young-Il received a special invitation to make an appearance on Channel NewsAsia's program 'Between The Lines'. This is a program hosted by the Singapore-based news channel about issues that matter across Asia. Following the recent headlines regarding North Korea's activities that affect not only the Korean peninsula but also create counterpart effects around the world, it is no doubt that the international area and especially Asia have an indispensable interest in the DPRK.



During the recording for an episode of the show, Young-Il Kim shared his personal story of escaping North Korea and the danger he faced during the journey, as well discussed deeply into the prospects of having a reunification between the North and the South. He also had a chance to tell more about the work that PSCORE is working towards the reunification mission and human rights justice of North Korea.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook fan page, as we will notify you as soon as the episode featuring PSCORE is being broadcasted by the end of May!

German News Outlet's Article about a North Korean Defectors

PSCORE had a chance to meet German journalist Wolfgang Bauer – an award-winning journalist and author of well-acclaimed book "*Crossing the Sea: With Syrians on the Exodus to Europe*" to help him with providing information for an article he's writing for German news outlet Zeit Online.

PSCORE's Secretary General Bada Nam, through his connections with the North Korean defectors, has connected to Bauer a North Korean fisherman who defected to South Korea. With an interest in writing about the dangers regarding sea-crossing refugees and smugglings, he became especially interested in the similar issues among the North Korean defectors.

We are always happy to act as a supporter and connector for any intellectual and individual who are interested in providing the knowledge of North Korean human rights to the public, in which it is a part of our mission to a successful reunification of the two countries.

Education & Propaganda Research Project



As you might have known, this year, we are working towards a major research project on the education and propaganda of North Korea, which will be published as a report focused intensively on the educational system of the DPRK as well as comparative analyses of other communist educational systems.

This month, the project has been advancing into the next stage of the process, with more insights and in-depth research being gathered from the interviews we conducted with the North Korean students about DPRK's educational and propaganda system. While having interviews with North Korean students, we realized much more important information and episodes about their school life in North Korea, as well as the emotion and opinions they had on the country's educational system. We are also in the process of gathering materials about the education curriculum in the North Korean textbooks, as they show a lot of crucial evidences about the idolization and brainwashing ideologies that the students are being taught in school.

Min-Kyeong, a PSCORE intern currently working on the project and researching the information of DPRK's education, commented, "Before, the knowledge I had on North Korea was mostly in the political and economic spheres which made headlines on the news, but after I started to learn more about the country through reading the textbooks and interviewing with the students, I actually had a deep understanding on how the dictatorship actually acts as a tool to implement ideologies on the students through their extremely idolized education system."

Education Program for North Korean Defectors

■ Wednesday English Class

We have been continuously providing our free English classes every Wednesday at *Seodaemun* Police Station to the North Korean students. Each student receives help and lessons in English from an assigned tutor, where they have the opportunity to work intensively in the aspects of their English learning that they believe they need most improvement.

We are glad to receive support from many volunteers to work as tutors in our Wednesday English Class, with many of them are expats currently working/studying in Seoul and wanting to use their free time in helping the North Korean defectors and students in their transition to life in South Korea.



Borja, one of our interns who also participate in teaching in the Wednesday English Class every week, regards the experience as very rewarding as he can help the defectors effectively on their English skills, while having the chance to interact and talk to them in a close intimacy as a friend.

On-Going and Upcoming Events and Projects

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