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10 Year Anniversary

This is a special year for PSCORE: we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary!



Our founder Kim Young-II with PSCORE
General Secretary Nam Bada

PSCORE was founded in 2006 by Kim Young-II who is originally from North Korea and defected to South Korea. PSCORE started as a dream in the mind of Kim Young-II. His dream consisted of creating an organization which advocated North Korean human rights and also an institution

which would help North Korean defectors settle down in their new lives in South Korea, which he found hard to do when he first arrived. This dream quickly became a reality when PSCORE was officially founded in 2006. His dream advanced with small steps towards advocacy of human rights, until PSCORE became the only NGO accredited by the United Nations for North Korean human rights in 2012.



Group picture with former interns



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PSCORE's educational program which has been a great resource for the education of many defectors has been a great feat throughout the years. All these amazing achievements throughout the years are being recorded in a white paper which is currently being edited by one of our volunteers and is going to be posted soon.

This celebration is a great recognition of years of hard work by the people that make PSCORE a great organization in its advocacy for North Korean human rights. Congratulations to PSCORE!

Day trip to Lotte World

In August 2016 several PSCORE interns and two North Korean

defector students went on a fun trip to the Lotte Themepark with our General Secretary Nam Bada. It was a very hot and busy day, but the time spent in Lotte World was well enjoyed and deserved for everyone. The ice tunnel was a cool refreshment after the queues. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to talk to each other in Korean or English to learn something as well.



Our interns and defector students taking a group picture in front of Lotte World



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Our interns and North Korean defector students enjoying Lotte World



Our volunteer tutors with their North Korean defector students at Wednesday class

Tutors and students

At PSCORE we really value the contributions of volunteer teachers towards our education program. English teachers who contributed to our program for an extended period of time have been especially valued and we have seen relationships grow between the defector students and our tutors as a result of this interaction. It is an excellent opportunity to make new friends!

New and old interns

At PSCORE we are lucky to have a steady and constant stream of fresh and qualified interns. On this page you can have a chance to meet some of the interns who are leaving soon, and the interns who have recently joined efforts with our organization.



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Yoon-Jin

Since I first came here, I have been working on the human rights report on North Korean education system and I am nearly done with it! I hope this report can make more people aware of the role of the North Korean education system in sustaining Kim's regime for such a long period of time. By doing so, I hope the international community will pressure Kim's regime to change its education system in adherence to the international guidelines. I think I will definitely miss all my colleagues here at PSCORE. It was such a fun time together. I will also miss all the

defectors I met in the course of my internship. I sincerely hope they would reach all their potential in their lives.



Monica

I've been involved in various activities at PSCORE, from translating interview transcripts, interpreting for two North Korean speaker events, MCing at Rock Out Vol. 12, to launching PSCORE's Instagram account. For the last month, I focused on researching for and editing PSCORE's research report on education in North Korea. My time at PSCORE has been a fun and



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fulfilling journey, and I'm really going to miss my new friends who made doing meaningful work even more worthwhile.

Newest interns at PSCORE

Jason



Victoria



David



Laurita





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A visit and donation by the Wave and Culture club

This month we have had the pleasure to receive a donation from the Wave and Culture club from the International Bilingual School in Taiwan. This is a Korean culture club; they donated a very generous 200,000 Korean Won to the PSCORE educational program! Surely we will be able to use this money to improve our educational program.



PSCORE General Secretary Nam Bada receiving the grant from Taiwan

We asked the club representative why she chose PSCORE and she



Our intern Leila and General Secretary Nam Bada explaining about PSCORE

answered that her club was interested in every aspect of Korean culture, not just KPOP and South Korean traditions, but they wanted to explore current issues facing

South Korea such as North Korean defectors. She went searching online for an institution that advocates North Koreans human rights and came across PSCORE. She liked our



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mission and also our accreditation with the United Nations. After the introduction to PSCORE she asked a question: why do South Koreans not show interest in North Koreans human rights? The answer to the question according to our General Secretary is that the history of Korea is closely related to this situation: people in the past were killed when they were involved with something related to North Korea, and therefore people rather stay away from this topic. Another reason is how the media constantly reinforces the cost for reunification instead of emphasizing the positive sides.

PSCORE is trying to encourage young leaders to open their own human rights club at their schools

and colleges. For more information on how to start a PSCORE club please visit our Facebook page.