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Attending the UN Human Rights Council

Every year PSCORE travels to Geneva to attend one of the annual sessions for the UN Human Rights Council. Founder and Executive Director Young-Il Kim and Secretary General Bada Nam led a delegation to attend the session in March, for a very busy and exciting week of activities to advocate for human rights in North Korea.

PSCORE kicked off the week by attending numerous events, as well as meeting with a representative of Christian Solidarity



PSCORE's delegation in Geneva

Worldwide to discuss recent advancements in the research on Human Rights and Education in North Korea and opportunities for collaboration in the upcoming year. PSCORE



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also met with a prominent international NGO on the important issue of labor, as well as with a current representative from the OHCHR.

Later in the week, PSCORE hosted its own side event, "Unprotected and Exploited: North Korean Women and Children". The UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the DPRK, Tomás Ojea Quintana, shared his insights on the current Human Rights situation in the country, and so did Sonja Biserko, representing a group of independent experts.



The panel at PSCORE's side event

Executive Director Young-Il Kim spoke about his own personal experience living in and defecting from North Korea, and shared PSCORE's findings concerning violence and discrimination against women and children in the DPRK. He was joined on the panel by three North Korean



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Defectors, Ju Yeon Choi, So Yeon Lee and Kyung Ho Park, who all provided their chilling testimonies on the violence, fear and misery they had to endure before having successfully defected to the South.

At the conclusion of PSCORE's week in Geneva, Executive Director Young-Il Kim, spoke at the UN special session on the DPRK, where he sought to draw attention to forced labor of children.

**“North Korean Children:
Indoctrinated and
Exploited”**

As part of PSCORE's side

event at the UN Human Rights Council, PSCORE prepared and presented a short video. The video provides insight and details on the plight of children in North Korea and features first-hand accounts from North Korean defectors. The video is available to view on PSCORE's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hjLGyU1_-0





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Report to the UNCRC

With the DPRK currently undergoing its fifth reporting session for the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, PSCORE had the opportunity to submit a report on the state of children's rights in North Korea to the Committee for consideration.



Executive Director Young-il Kim speaking at the UN

Our report drew heavily from PSCORE's recently published report on the North Korean Education system, *Forced to Hate*.

The report addresses the issues of education, indoctrination, and forced labor, and is available to read on PSCORE's website: <http://pscore.org/report/4050>

Speaking Tour in the U.K.

Toward the end of March, Founder and Executive Director Young-il Kim made another trip overseas, this time to the U.K. He was accompanied upon arrival by Geum Ju, a former student of



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the PSCORE English education program who currently attends university in the U.K.

Executive Director Young-Il Kim was the keynote speaker for a panel at King's College London and also participated in a seminar on women's rights at the University of Essex.



Executive Director Young-Il Kim speaking as part of a distinguished panel at King's College London. He was the keynote speaker for the event.

PSCORE was also scheduled to host a seminar on the issues of child labor and education at the U.K. Parliament, but unfortunately the event had to be cancelled due to the tragic event of terrorism that occurred less than an hour before the seminar was scheduled.

Education Program: New Year's Resolutions

PSCORE's 1-on-1 English tutoring sessions have continued strong this year. We have had several new students join our program in the recent months, as well as



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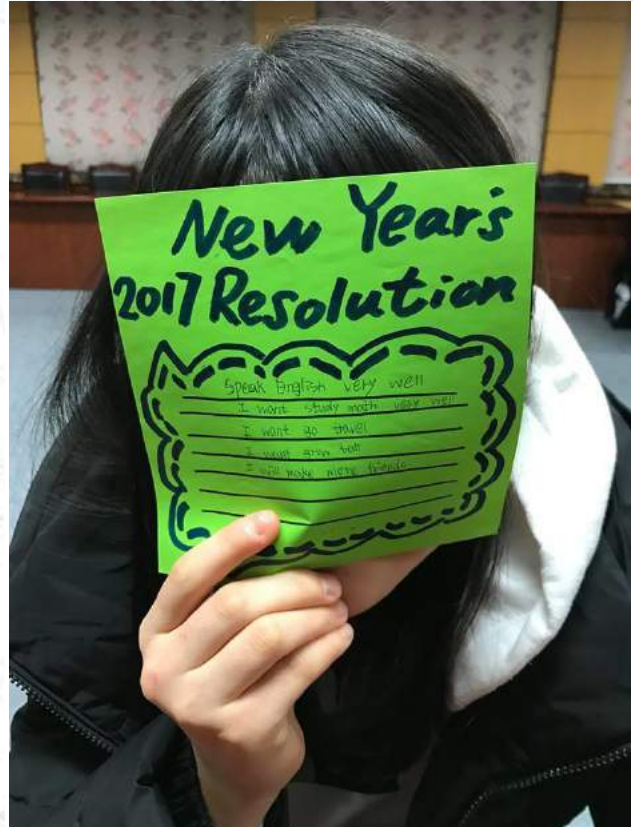
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several new English language tutors.

To celebrate the Lunar New Year, students in PSCORE's English education program drafted some resolutions for the Year of the Rooster.



PSCORE intern and English tutor Cristiana helps a student draft their resolutions.



A student's completed New Year's Resolutions.

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