



People for Successful COrEAN REunification

Dear friends and partners of PSCORE,

We hope those who celebrated the Lunar New Year had a wonderful time with family during the holiday break! With the Pyeongchang Olympics taking place this month, we saw some great development from the two Koreas as they joined forces for women's ice hockey and marched together under a united flag. However, despite this show of peaceful unity, issues within North Korea remain stagnant.

PSCORE strives to bring awareness to the North Korean people, and this month, heavy preparations to present our report on child labor for the upcoming United Nations Human Rights Council visit in Geneva in March have been underway. In addition to these preparations, PSCORE has been welcoming many international visitors to share insightful experiences and knowledge about North Korean human rights. Expect some interesting interviews and news from us next month!

Thank you for your continuous interest in our activities.

Sincerely,

People for Successful COrEAN REunification (PSCORE)

Events

Preparing for the UN Human Rights Council



As part of the preparations for our visit to the UN Human Rights Council in March, we had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Signe Poulsen, who is one of the Human Rights Officers at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Seoul. We were able to deliver copies of our finished report on child labour within North Korea, which will be presented to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, thus raising more awareness on the issue as well as getting known through different bodies in the UN and other NGOs concerning human rights.

Likewise, the report will also be presented in the UN Human Rights Council on the 9th of March alongside an oral statement from our director Kim Young-Il. Furthermore, there will be a meeting with a Swiss NGO who promotes the right to education and freedom of education. Lastly, PSCORE will organise a side event during the stay in Geneva.

Sharing knowledge



This month, we had the pleasure of speaking to some interesting people from abroad! In early February, our founder Kim Young-Il was interviewed by a German reporter and Russian broadcasting channel to share his experiences in North Korea. Additionally, on February 20th, we welcomed Canadian business students from The King's University in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to our office to share our advocacy for North Korean human rights as well as discuss the importance of NGOs. Both visits were very insightful and fruitful for everyone involved! We would also like to mention an upcoming event taking place at our office on Saturday March 3rd, 2018. For any Japanese living in Korea interested in learning about North Korean human rights issues, please refer to our Facebook event post below.

Education Program



PSCORE continues to help North Korean defectors learn English through its Education Program. Led by a diverse group of international interns and volunteers, defectors have the opportunity to not only develop and improve their English skills but also to speak to people from all over the world. The classes are a great way for both students and teachers to learn new things about each other's cultures, thus enabling a cultural and language exchange all at once. It is a wonderful learning experience for everyone!

As a Non-Governmental Organisation, PSCORE depends largely on the generosity of its donors. In order to keep programmes such as our Education Program running, to publish reports on the human rights situation in North Korea and to promote our activities, we could use your help. Our team appreciates every donation!

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