



# People for Successful COrEAN REunification

*Dear friends and partners of PSCORE,*

*Happy spring! We hope you have been enjoying the warmer weather now that spring has officially arrived. Earlier this month, we welcomed the surprising news of Trump's acceptance to Kim Jong Un's invitation to a cordial meeting. Following a summit between North and South in April, the meeting between Kim and Trump is scheduled for May, with the possibility of a third summit between all three countries afterwards. We look forward to the development of these positive relations.*

*This month was particularly special as our PSCORE delegates assisted the United Nations Human Rights Council's 37th session in Geneva, from March 9th to 15th. Over the course of the week, PSCORE took part in several important meetings to discuss education rights and human rights abuses in North Korea, bringing to international attention many important issues. It was a great success and we look forward to future developments. Lastly, PSCORE would like to highlight an upcoming online awareness campaign that will be starting on April 1st. Please be on the lookout on our social media channels!*

*Thank you for your continuous interest in our activities.*

*Sincerely,*

*People for Successful COrEAN REunification (PSCORE)*

# Events

## PSCORE at the UN Human Rights Council



PSCORE was once again able to attend the United Nations Human Rights Council thanks to its UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) special consultative status! This year, our delegates, executive director, Young-Il Kim, and secretary general, Bada Nam, accompanied by one volunteer translator and a defector, went to address important issues of human rights abuse in the DPRK.

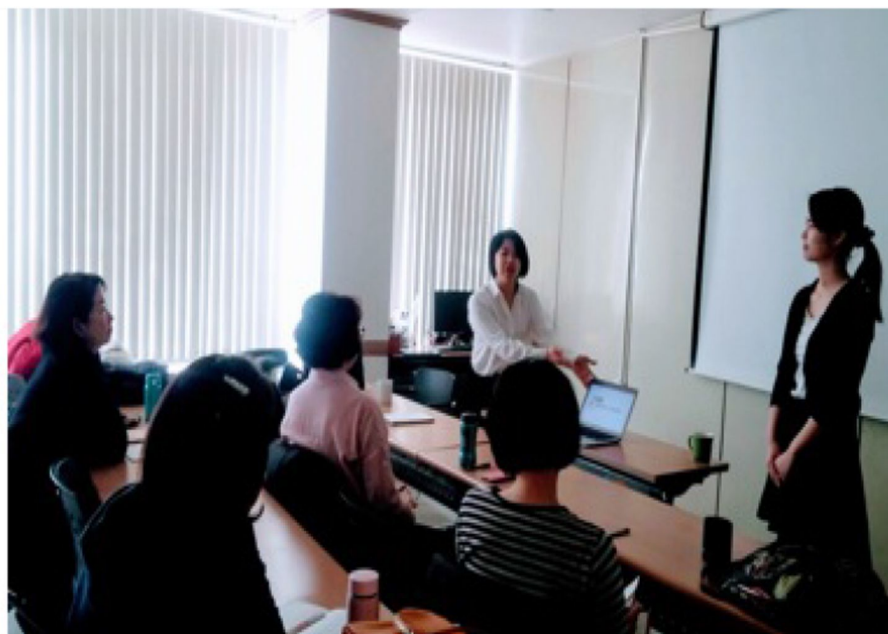
While in Geneva, Young-Il Kim presented an oral statement to the Special UN Rapporteur about the many human rights violations in the country, and secretary general Bada Nam gave a statement on child labor at the general debate. They also had meetings with the OIDEI, an NGO focused on education rights, and a desk officer for the DPRK, ROK and Mongolia. Both meetings were productive and will help further drive awareness on education and child labor in the DPRK.



Lastly, PSCORE co-hosted a side event alongside Human Rights Watch and Christian Solidarity Worldwide to discuss issues of corruption, accountability and abuse within North Korea.

PSCORE was able to bring more attention to issues of education and children rights to international communities, effectively shedding light on the abusive regime. We are happy that our report was positively received and hope our efforts will contribute in bringing about the necessary changes in North Korea.

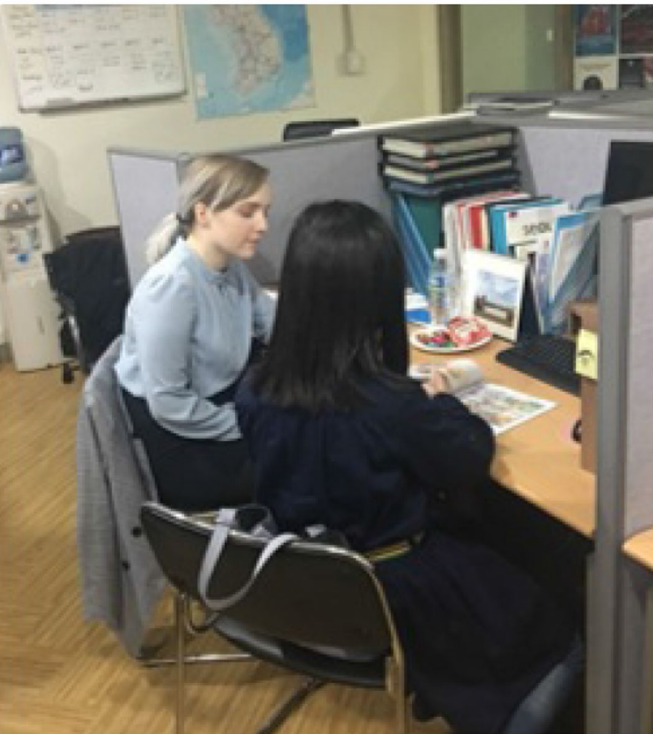
# Japanese event: Forced To Hate



On March 3rd, our Japanese interns Ayuka and Chihiro organized a special event on the North Korean human right issues from the perspective of the education system. Held to better inform Japanese speakers living in Seoul of the issues in North Korea, the event focused on issues related to education. After a brief presentation on the North Korean education system, its problems, and the prevalence of institutionalized child labor in the country, participants were presented with the film "Forced to Hate", which was a summary of PSCORE's report on the issue. They then had the chance to discuss, ask questions and openly share their thoughts.

The same lecture event was also held in Guri on March 26th. Our interns were invited by the Guri History club at the Guri Global Center, which aims to learn the history of international relationship between Korea, Japan, and both related countries. It was a very insightful learning opportunity for the participants.

# 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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