



People for Successful COrean REunification

Dear friends and partners of PSCORE,

Incredible developments have been underway. This month, we saw South-North Korean relations improve drastically, first with the joint concert performances held in Pyongyang and now with the inter-Korean diplomatic summit. While the agenda focused primarily on denuclearization, PSCORE has been continuing to raise awareness for North Korean human rights.

Due to great media frenzy surrounding this summit and the upcoming Trump-Kim meeting, PSCORE has been getting many interview requests to learn more about the situation in North Korea. Not only was PSCORE filmed for 4 interviews, we also welcomed 2 study groups from the Netherlands and launched a social media awareness campaign, all in the goal of bringing attention to North Korean human rights issues. With the summits largely focusing on politics and nuclear programs, PSCORE hopes to remind worldwide communities to be more aware of the plight of North Koreans.

Thank you for your continuous interest in our activities.

Sincerely,

People for Successful COrean REunification (PSCORE)

News

Inter-Korean summit



April 27th 2018 marked a historic day for North and South Korea relations. Kim Jong Un and President Moon Jae In met at the Peace House in Panmunjom, the first time that a North Korean leader entered the South's territory. Both leaders vowed to negotiate a peace treaty and to denuclearize the Korean peninsula. PSCORE hopes that this unprecedented positive development will also bring about the necessary changes to North Korea's human rights situation.

Events

Media interviews!



Thanks to the summits with North Korea, media attention has been increasing tremendously. This month alone, PSCORE was interviewed 4 times! First, our secretary general, Bada Nam, was interviewed by German broadcasting channel ARD. Then, our founder, Young-il Kim, was interviewed by broadcasting channels Channel News Asia, RT, and PTS, which have audiences across Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, and Taiwan respectively. All interviews focused on getting more in-depth insight into the daily lives of North Koreans, as well as the human rights abuses they experience. Interviewers were also highly interested in Young-il's thoughts on reunification and the possible outcomes of the summits. We are delighted that Young-il was able to deliver defectors' stories and bring human rights issues to the forefront!

Awareness campaign



#SaveThemNotSlaveThem

A PSCORE initiative to shed light on child labor abuse in North Korea

As part of the release of PSCORE's child labor report, a social media campaign was launched to raise awareness on the issue. Twice a week, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, we share facts on child labor abuse with an accompanying defector quote that highlights the predicament of North Korean children. Additionally, we have been hard at work preparing the launch of a second awareness campaign for our report "The Faceless Ones". Stay tuned for the release of this exciting new project!

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Visits from the Netherlands



In early April, PSCORE welcomed to its office two groups of students from the Netherlands on two separate occasions! A funny coincidence! We had the chance of meeting students from the Rotterdam School of Management at the Erasmus University as well as from the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Amsterdam. During both visits, students had the chance to learn more about North Korea's political and economic situation, North Koreans' way of living and Young-Il's thoughts on reunification. They were particularly fascinated with Young-Il's escape story and North Korean defectors' hardships in escaping and adapting to a new life. "The presentation was extremely educational and taught us a lot", said Eline from the University of Amsterdam. Many students were so captivated that they purchased our books to learn more about human rights issues. PSCORE is happy to have welcomed them!

PSCORE field trip



On April 19th, PSCORE interns had a team bonding outing to Gyeongbokgung! Following a delicious samgyetang (chicken soup) lunch, interns were able to walk around the surrounding area to the Presidential Blue House, Bukchon Hanok Village as well as Insadong. As many new interns have joined in the past few weeks, it was a great opportunity to get to know one another while enjoying fresh air and scenic views. Be sure to check out our weekly People of PSCORE interviews to meet all of our interns!

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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