

ABOUT THE PROJECT

*"The nobleness of lawyering
is peacemaking."*

Abraham Lincoln

In 2003, a small group of lawyers from the United States and Canada was invited by lawyers from the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), known in the U.S. as North Korea, to visit and tour their country. The purpose of the trip was to build relationships, examine life from the perspective of the DPRK and to find ways to build bridges of peace.

Upon returning, this group formed the Korean Peace Project and is committed to use education and traditional peacemaking techniques to improve U.S.- North Korea relations and support self-determination for the divided Korea, free of outside interference. The project goals are to increase understanding, replace demonizing with dialogue, and help create an atmosphere where the divided sides of Korea can work on peaceful co-existence or reunification.

Lawyers have played key roles in exposing myths, engaging in conflict resolution, enforcing international law and in truth and reconciliation processes around the planet. The Korean Peace Project aims to use these skills to educate about the need for a lasting peace treaty and reconciliation between the United States and the divided Koreas, and help discredit war as a method of conflict resolution.

North Korea is a target for
preemptive war.

President Bush directive
September 17, 2002



Women visitng DPRK museum.

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Korean Peace Project



*What you need to
know about
U.S. - North Korea relations
and how it affects you.*

*"I shall forego the diversions
of politics and concentrate on
the job of ending the Korean war."*

Dwight D. Eisenhower 1952

Project Activities

- Arrange for speakers for schools and communities about the historical and current situation in Korea
- Organize delegations of lawyers, legal workers and law students to South and North Korea
- Conduct and participate in educational workshops, community forums and conferences
- Provide an international law perspective to the conflict and past or current grievances
- Build coalitions with other organizations concerned about securing peace and normalizing relations with the DPRK
- Compile and produce educational films, DVDs, written material on the Korean conflict and expand the Project's webpage
- Distribute a Peace Action educational manual for those who want to know how to work for peace in Korea
- Prepare an educational packet for Congress and the media to promote understanding of the historical roots of the conflict and the opportunities for peace.

Facts on the DPRK

- For more than a decade, North Korea has been willing to trade any nuclear weapons for normalized relations with the U.S. ,to sign a peace treaty and receive formerly promised fuel assistance
- Over 155 countries have diplomatic relations with the DPRK, including Canada, Britain, Italy, Australia and others. Many countries are engaging in investments with the North
- South Korea and the DPRK each have reunification ministers and engage in over \$400 million dollars in bi-lateral trade and exchange. Hundreds of South Korean companies are doing business in North Korea and South Koreans tourists increasingly visit the North

YET...

- The U.S. spends \$20 - \$30 billion dollars a year maintaining its military operation in Korea, ostensibly to protect South Korea from North Korea
- The U.S. maintains nuclear capacity and over 32,000 soldiers in South Korea and regularly performs mock attacks along the border
- The U.S. and South Korea never signed a peace treaty with North Korea ending the 1950-53 War, so a state of war still exists
- Unresolved pain still exists about the Korean war where millions of Koreans were killed. Nearly the entire North, including cities, was leveled to the ground by U.S. bombers who dropped more napalm in eighteen months than in a decade in Vietnam.

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