



HWPL's 9th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)

Building Bridges for Korean Reunification: Establishing Legal and Practical Frameworks for Peace

1. Overview

The “HWPL’s 9th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)” will be held on 14 March 2025 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and various cities worldwide. This event will serve as a platform to envision a future of reunification for peace on the Korean Peninsula. The ceremony will feature the announcement of HWPL’s proposed draft unification constitution and the blueprint for a nationwide unification campaign centered on “Together: Connecting Korea.” Through this, specific tasks for achieving unification will be established, and methods for international cooperation will be explored.

2. Content

In 2024, North Korea’s deployment of troops to Ukraine and launch of intermediate-range ballistic missiles have seriously threatened international peace and security, actions that were condemned as violations of the UN Charter and international law. The Korean Peninsula continues to pay an enormous price in military tensions and economic losses due to its prolonged division and confrontational state. In particular, the restrictions on free movement and exchanges across the Peninsula have resulted in collective trauma across the population, including the loss of community bonds and fostering of hostility, which continues to impact the suffering and sacrifice of the younger generation. The decades-long division of the Korean Peninsula in terms of territory, people, and ideology has created international conflicts and tensions, threatening the safety of not

only Koreans but also people worldwide. Therefore, developing and implementing peace initiatives for the Korean Peninsula to promote international stability and mutual prosperity is a challenge that the global community must solve together.

In 2016, HWPL presented the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), establishing legal and institutional foundations for peace and leading international cooperation. This declaration embodies a vision where all humanity, as messengers of peace, leaves peace as a legacy for future generations. In September 2024, HWPL launched “Together: Connecting Korea,” a nationwide campaign in the Republic of Korea, promoting citizen-led peace activities centered on four key themes: generations, future, culture, and people. The “Connecting People” initiative, aimed at peaceful reunification of the Peninsula, seeks to foster anticipation for a unified future, spread positive sentiment toward reunification, and strengthen national determination for reunification.

At this event, a draft unification constitution will be announced to crystallize the vision of a unified future. This draft has been prepared based on the expertise of legal scholars and HWPL’s vision for peaceful unification, in preparation for future peace and unification on the Peninsula. Furthermore, the event will declare the establishment of the “Preparatory Committee for Peaceful Unification on the Korean Peninsula,” which aims to promote understanding and raise awareness through socio-cultural exchanges, including free movement across the Peninsula. We seek to explore practical approaches to peaceful unification based on civil society participation and international cooperation, while continuing efforts to establish a sustainable peace framework.

The commemoration ceremony will center discussions on the following tasks:

- 1) Deriving practical initiatives for peaceful unification of the Peninsula
- 2) Announcing the draft unification constitution as a legal foundation for unification
- 3) Establishing the promotion committee for peaceful unification to facilitate exchanges and realize unification across the Peninsula

Furthermore, the ceremony will discuss the positive impact of Korean unification on advancing global peace and its implementation strategies, while exploring ways to strengthen global solidarity.