

The 3rd Jeju Peace Forum

Jeju Declaration on Northeast Asian Community

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We have concluded the Third Jeju Peace Forum under the theme, “Building a Northeast Asian Community: Towards Peace and Prosperity” held in Jeju, the Republic of Korea from June 9 to 11, 2005. The Third Jeju Peace Forum declares the following as a result of the recommendations of participants:

- Regional community-building, through cooperation and integration, is the surest way to establish sustainable peace and common prosperity in Northeast Asia. Community-building efforts in Northeast Asia will be a stepping stone toward building an East Asian Community.
- Active diplomatic exchange and security dialogue, growing economic interdependence, and expanding social and cultural exchanges have helped open the windows of opportunity for integration and community-building in the region.
- Northeast Asia today, however, confronts daunting security, economic and socio-cultural constraints and challenges. The North Korean nuclear problem, new tensions over unresolved territorial disputes, and growing strategic uncertainties heighten our concerns regarding the security dimension. New patterns of economic competition, together with clashes over national identity, further cloud the future of regional cooperation and integration.
- It is the mandate of countries in Northeast Asia to institutionalize cooperation and integration, through the promotion of the concept of a regional community by maximizing opportunities, managing constraints, and minimizing challenges.
- In order to overcome the current security dilemmas that confront the region, its member countries must make every effort to build mutual confidence through the promotion of multilateral security cooperation. The peaceful resolution of the North Korean nuclear problem through the Six Party Talks will be vital to the successful establishment of a new multilateral security cooperation regime in Northeast Asia.
- In order to accelerate economic integration in the region, every effort should be rendered to expedite the process of cooperation in intra-regional free trade arrangements, banking and financial sectors, energy, transportation and logistics, and other relevant areas.
- Since the need to build a Northeast Asian community is widely shared among people in the region, government authorities in Northeast Asia should take immediate action to materialize this concept. In light of the recent movement towards the formation of an East Asian community, governmental level consultation and cooperation to render the idea of a Northeast Asian community more concrete and operational can no longer be delayed.
- Northeast Asian community-building cannot be left to the initiative of governments alone. Mutual understanding and cooperation among citizens through a shared regional identity,

transcending parochial nationalism, are the most important determinants of community-building in the region. In this regard, the cultivation and expansion of intra-regional human networks should actively be sought.

- The efforts of the people and government of Jeju Province, who play an important role in shaping the peace and prosperity of the region by promoting two important concepts, 'Jeju as an Island of World Peace' and 'Jeju as an International Free City,' are especially significant. In the spirit of such efforts, it is a welcome move that the Republic of Korea Government, in cooperation with the Jeju Provincial Government, will launch the 'Jeju Peace Institute,' an institution that will serve as a world-class think-tank on Northeast Asian peace and community building.