

The 1st Jeju Peace Forum

Jeju Peace Declaration

June 17, 2001

We have Concluded the First Jeju Peace Forum in order to build the road to common peace and common prosperity in Northeast Asia and also to celebrate the first anniversary of the historic June 15, 2000 South-North Summit Meeting.

Through this Forum we were able to reaffirm that peace is a prerequisite for common prosperity, but also that sustained and stable peace can only be achieved on the basis of common prosperity.

We believe firmly that peaceful co-existence and peaceful reunification can only be achieved here in the Cold War's last frontier through south-North reconciliation, exchange, and cooperation based on mutual understanding and mutual tolerance.

At the same time, we are certain that the island of Jeju can make an enduring contribution to peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia, as well as the broader global community through the ideas generated in this meeting. Mindful of these historical tasks, we hereby announce this Declaration.

We will institutionalize the convocation of the Jeju Peace Forum in order to promote common peace and common prosperity in Northeast Asia by inheriting the spirit of national reconciliation as enshrined in the June 2000 South-North Summit Meeting.

We reaffirm our commitment to enable Jeju to serve as a catalyst for peace on the Korean Peninsula, in Northeast Asia, and in the international community as expressed in the concept of "Jeju: An Island of Peace" that is embodied in the Special Law on Jeju Development passed by the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

We will work toward the building of a region-wide inclusive community premised on facilitating peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia. To this end, we will earnestly explore the means by which to enhance conflict prevention and resolution, to implement confidence and peace building measures, to encourage and strengthen a universal culture of peace, to expand the unfettered exchange of tourism between nations, and to assemble an international network of common prosperity and peace.

Based on the deliberations made in this Forum and through the combined efforts of the public and private sectors, we pledge to build a "South-North Peace Center" in Jeju. this Center will be entrusted with the mission of conducting comprehensive research on preserving common peace and common prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia. We affirm our commitment to providing the requisite resources and infrastructure in order to undertake such tasks.