**The 3rd University Student Peace in Korea Essay Competition**

The Korean Peninsula has been divided since the end of World War II and this division has been a flashpoint of tension and conflict for the past 70 years.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the UK and the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council invite you to share your thoughts on how to build sustainable peace in the Korean Peninsula and how people can best prepare for the future challenges in future united Korea and its impact on the international societies.

The competition can provide a chance to review the current and alternative strategies to bring sustainable peace and roles of international communities in them.

**Prizes**

|  | Undergraduate | Postgraduate |
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| Korean Ambassador Prize | £700 Amazon gift card (1) | £700 Amazon gift card (1) |
| Peace Prize | £500 Amazon gift card (1) | £500 Amazon gift card (1) |
| Reconciliation Prize | £250 Amazon gift card (2) | £250 Amazon gift card (2) |
| Hope Prize | £50 Amazon gift card (8) | |

**Key dates**

Essay Competition Opens: 6 May 2022

Essay Submission Deadline: 5pm (BST) 30 Sep 2022

Announcing winners: 11 Nov 2022

Presentation and Award Ceremony: 18 Nov 2022

**Entry requirement**

Any undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in a UK higher education institution at the time of submission

**Topics**

There are two topics for you to consider. You must pick one.

Topic I. Discuss the sustainable peace building in the Korean Peninsula.

The below are some questions to help you formulate your thoughts:

* What is your definition of “sustainable” peace?
* Discuss the effectiveness of the current approaches towards North Korea in achieving sustainable peace, e.g. UN sanctions, nuclear diplomacy.
* Suggest alternative approaches to achieve sustainable peace in the Korean peninsular using examples.
* Discuss the impact of peace in the Korean Peninsula on the international societies.

Topic II. Suppose the reunification between the South and North has happened. Discuss life in the Korean peninsula after the reunification.

The below are some questions to help you formulate your thoughts:

* How do you think the two Koreas have achieved the reunification? You may draw examples from history and literature like E.U., Germany and the U.K.
* To what degree international communities including the Korean diaspora do you think have contributed to the reunification?
* Discuss the changes (opportunities and challenges) that the unified Korea may face e.g. economy, culture, education, politics, environment, international relations, etc.
* What do we need to prepare to seize the future opportunities and to overcome the challenges?

**Submission Guidelines**

Applicants should ensure they have read these guidelines prior to submission as failure to comply with these specifications may result in disqualification

Word limit: 1500 - 2000 words (excluding a title page and reference)

Your essay should consist of a title, introduction, body, conclusion, and references.

Your essay should be written in Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spaced.

Please use the Harvard referencing system. Please do not use footnotes.

Your submission should consist of a single PDF file.

Your essay should be written in English.

Please do NOT write your name in the essay.

Format your title of the PDF file as indicated in the submission web page when uploading.

One entry per person

The essay should be submitted to: <https://forms.gle/gY3w3aWveEyz9wNp8>

All essays must be received by 5pm UK time on 30 Sep 2022.

All written work must be your original work and must not infringe the right of any other party.

Essay must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material

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