

NORTH KOREA FREEDOM WEEK 2012 SEOUL, KOREA

Sunday, April 22 – Tuesday, May 1

Theme: For the Freedom of North Koreans

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Photo Exhibit on North Korea Human Rights Free the NK Gulag

Open Mic for North Korean Defectors Independent Media to North Korea Association, Free Chosun Radio, Free North Korea Radio, Open North Korea Radio, North Korea Reform Radio

NKFW2012 Church Service : Christian Coalition of North Korea (CCNK), Pastor Kang Chul Ho (Saetu Church) and Pastor Lim Chang Ho (Busan Jangdaehyun Church)

Joint ROK, Japan Broadcast Seminar The Honorable Jin Matsubara (Minister for the Abduction Issue, Japanese Government), Free North Korea Radio

NKFW2012 Rally Professor Yong Hee Lee, Missionary Michael Jo and the Esther Prayer Movement Group, Bishop Kim Hong Do (KeumRan Church) and Bishop Kim Jung Min

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Korean War Memorial Kim Seong Min, Free North Korea Radio,

Opening Ceremony for NKFW at National Assembly The Honorable Kim Seong Tae (Saenuri Party), Gyeorae Reunification Coalition

International Seminar on the Policy Response regarding Abductees and Political Prisoners (Closed Session)

March to Save North Korean Refugees from Chinese Embassy to Seoul Station The Honorable Park Sun Young (Liberty Forward Party)

Prayer Service for NK Salvation Esther Prayer Group

Inauguration of Independent Media to North Korea Association Lee Kwang Baek (Free Chosun Radio), Kim Seong Min (Free North Korea Radio), Ha Tae Kyung (Open North Korea Radio), Kim Seung Chul (North Korea Reform Radio)

Witness Testimony Free North Korea Radio, Kim Seong Min,

Choco-pie Balloon Launch for Kangwha Island Free the NK Gulag and Kim Tae Jin

Name Reading Event for Abductees Korean War Abductees' Family Union, Ms. Lee Mi Il, Coalition for Human Rights of Abductees and North Korean Refugees (CHNK), Mr. Do Hee Yun, Family Union of Korean POWs Detained in North Korea, Mr. Cho Myung Moon

Seminar on the Prison Camp and Human Rights Abuse on Children Free the NK Gulag and Kim Tae Jin

European-Korean Human Rights Dialogue: The experience of promoting human rights in Western Europe, Eastern Europe and beyond PSCORE and Kim Young Il

Meeting with Korean Armed Forces on the Reality of Political Prison etc. Kim Tae Jin, Kim Young Soon, General Sohn Ki Hwa and 65th Division

Seminar on the Human Rights of North Korea and the International Response Prof. Jhe Sung Ho

North Korean Defectors Rally for Freedom of North Korea Gyeorae Reunification Coalition and Jang Se Yul, NKIS and Kim Heung Kwang

Cultural Concert for Human Rights of North Korea Gyeorae Reunification Coalition and Jang Se Yul, Pyongyang Unification Art Company, North Korea Intellectuals Society and Kim Heung Kwang

Award Ceremony for NK Defectors' Testimony Contest Seoul Gangseo Metropolitan Police Agency and Jang Kyung Seok (Chief Officer), FNKR

Prayer Rally for NKHR Esther Prayer Group and Prof. Lee Yong Hee

Balloon Launch into NK from DMZ Fighters for Free North Korea and Park Sang Hak,

Rally for NKHR Esther Prayer Group, Prof. Lee Yong Hee

Prayer Rally for stopping forced repatriation Zion Presbyterian Church at Busan and Pastor Lee Sung Koo, Pastor Lim Chang Ho (Busan Jangdaehyun Church)

Protest in front of Chinese Embassy The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Korea Laborers' United Coalition and Jung Hyun Soo,

Award Ceremony for North Korea Freedom UCC Contest FNKR and Kim Seong Min, PSCORE and Kim Young Il, New Focus, Kim Tae Jin
International Seminar on Changing Awareness of North Koreans and Human Rights Development Institute of Peace Affairs
NKFW 2012 Closing Ceremony Mr. Cho Myung Chul (SP), Park Sang Hak
Movie '48m' Production Announcement Mr. Ahn Hyuk, Mr. Sohn Sung Min, Mr. Keum Soo Chul, Casts and production staffs of the movie

Meeting at the Blue House: Mr. Chun Young-Woo, Senior Presidential Secretary for Foreign Affairs and National Security

NKFW2012 US Delegation Jae Hyun Bae, Pastor Heemoon Lee, Nancy Purcell, Joy and Paul Kim, Suzanne Scholte and Jack Rendler (Amnesty International)

NKFW2012 Japanese Delegation Members Mr. Tsutomu Nishioka, The Honorable Matsubara Jin (Minister for the Abduction Issue, Japanese Government)

Translators Kim Da Sun, Jung Soo Hwa, Seo Kang

NKFW2012 Event Participants and Links to News Coverage (English & Korean)

Week-long Event

Photo Exhibit on North Korea Human Rights

Host: Free North Korea Gulag



Open Mic for North Korean Defectors

Host: Independent Media to North Korea Association, Free Chosun Radio, Free North Korea Radio, Open North Korea Radio, North Korea Reform Radio, and North Korean Defectors

Articles and Pictures



<http://www.newdaily.co.kr/news/article.html?no=112270>

Sunday April 22nd

NKFW2012 Memorial Service

Host: Saetu Church, Pastor Kang Chul Ho (Saetu Church), Pastor Lim Chang Ho (Busan Jangdaehyun Church), Pastor Kim Jung Chul (US Division Director of CCNK), Pastor Jung Hyung Shin (New Korea Church), Pastor Park Sang Sik (New Pyongyang Full Gospel Church), Missionary Kim Ok Keum (Busan Jangdaehyun Church), Pastor Kim Hye Eun (Saetu Church), Congregation members of CCNK, the US Delegation members, Congregation members of Saetu Church and Jangdaehyun Church

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news1.kr/articles/641525>

<http://news.kukinews.com/article/view.asp?page=1&qCode=kmi&arcid=0006015848&cp=nv>

Joint ROK, Japan Broadcast Seminar

Host: Kim Seong Min (Free North Korea Radio), FNKR, The Honorable Matsubara Jin

Articles and Pictures:



http://news.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/04/23/2012042301574.html

<http://www.newfocus.co.kr/news/article.html?no=1641>

NKFW2012 Freedom Rally

Host: Esther Prayer Group, Congregation members of KeumRan Church, Bishop Jung Min Kim, the US Delegation members,

Speaker: Suzanne Scholte, Translated by Missionary Michael Jo

Articles and Pictures



Monday April 23rd

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Korean War Memorial

Host: Kim Seong Min, Free North Korea Radio, the US Delegation members, Mr. Nishioka Tsutomu, Mr. Hong Soon Kyung, Mr. Kang Chang Su (Liberty Defense Coalition)

Remarks by Mr. Kang Chang Su, Suzanne Scholte

Articles and Pictures:



Opening Ceremony for NKFw 2012 at the National Assembly

Host: The Honorable Kim Seong Tae (Saenuri Party), Jang Se Yul and Gyeorae Reunification Coalition

Congratulatory Remarks: The Honorable Kim Seong Tae (Saenuri Party), The Honorable Park Sun Young (Liberty Forward Party), The Honorable Ha Tae Kyung (SP), The Honorable Matsubara Jin (Minister for the Abduction Issue, Japanese Government), Mr. Kim Hyun-uk (National Unification Advisory Council) Mr. Kang In-duk (Former Minister of Unification), Professor Jhe Sung-ho, Suzanne Scholte

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28412>

<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/view.htm?id=255264>

<http://news.mk.co.kr/newsRead.php?year=2012&no=247619>

March to Save North Korean Refugees from Chinese Embassy to Seoul Station Prayer Rally The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP) and Save My Friend; Governor Kim Moon Su (Gyeong Gi Province), Suzanne Scholte

Rally for North Korea at Seoul Station

Host: Esther Prayer Group and Prof. Lee Yong Hee, Speaker: Hong Soon Kyung, The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Jack Rendler, Dr. Lee Ae Ran, Governor Kim Moon Su (Gyeong Gi Province), Suzanne Scholte

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news.kukinews.com/article/view.asp?page=1&qCode=kmi&arcid=0006018396&cp=nv>

<http://news.kukinews.com/article/view.asp?page=1&qCode=kmi&arcid=0006017992&cp=nv>

Tuesday April 24th

Inauguration of Independent Media to North Korea Association

Host: Lee Kwang Baek (Free Chosun Radio), Kim Seong Min (Free North Korea Radio), Ha Tae Kyung (Open North Korea Radio), Kim Seung Chul (North Korea Reform Radio)

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news.naver.com/main/read.nhn?mode=LSD&mid=sec&sid1=102&oid=003&aid=0004461613>

<http://www.dailynk.com/korean/read.php?catald=nk06100&num=95098>

http://mbn.mk.co.kr/pages/news/newsView.php?category=mbn00006&news_seq_no=1183958

Witness Testimony

Host: Cho Soo Bin (KBS Announcer)

Witnessed by : Kim Seong Min, Jang Se Yul, Cha Kyung Sook, Hwang Joo Yeon

Choco-pie Balloon Launch from Kangwha Island

Host: Free the NK Gulag, Kim Tae Jin

Participants: FNKR, Kim Seong Min; the US Delegation, members of North Korean defectors organizations

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news.donga.com/3/all/20120424/45761326/1>

http://www.voanews.com/korean/news/NK_Freedom_Week_042412-148656045.html

http://www.ajnews.co.kr/view_v2.jsp?newsId=20120424000577

http://mbn.mk.co.kr/pages/news/newsView.php?category=mbn00009&news_seq_no=1182313

<http://www.nocutnews.co.kr/Show.asp?IDX=2124888>

http://news.sbs.co.kr/section_news/news_read.jsp?news_id=N1001165528

Wednesday April 25th

Name Reading Event for Abductees

Host: Korean War Abductees' Family Union, Ms. Lee Mi Il, Coalition for Human Rights of Abductees and North Korean Refugees (CHNK), Mr. Do Hee Yun, Family Union of Korean POWs Detained in North Korea, Mr. Cho Myung Moon

Speaker: The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Suzanne Scholte, and other volunteer name readers

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28426>

http://www.ytn.co.kr/ln/0101_201204251353548372

http://www.ytn.co.kr/pn/0109_201204251603026312

Seminar on the Prison Camp and Human Rights Abuse on Children

Host: Free the North Korea Gulag, Mr. Kim Tae Jin

Remarks by The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Suzanne Scholte

Speakers: Ms. Kim Hye Sook, Kang Chul Hwan, Ms. Kim Young Soon

Articles and Pictures:



http://news.sbs.co.kr/section_news/news_read.jsp?news_id=N1001167501

http://www.dailian.co.kr/news/news_view.htm?id=285209&sc=naver&kind=menu_code&keys=3

<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28430>

European-Korean Human Rights Dialogue: The experience of promoting human rights in Western Europe, Eastern Europe and beyond

Host: People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE), Kim Young Il, Hans-Siedel Foundation

Remarks by The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Suzanne Scholte, Mr. Kim Tae Hoon (National Human Rights Council)

Participants: Sinisa Sikman (CANVAS), Moderated by Prof. Jhe Seong Ho, Alisdair Walker (Political Counselor at British Embassy Seoul), Jack Rendler (Amnesty International), Discussion led by Kim Young Il, Nam Bada, Shin Soo Kyeong

Articles and Pictures:



http://news.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/04/26/2012042600059.html

Keynote Speech by Mr. Sinisa Sikman

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmoAzQ3nB34>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVWX9MHQf9Q>

Thursday April 26th

Seminar on the Human Rights of North Korea and the International Response

Host: Prof. Jhe Sung Ho

Participants: Mr. Seo Yoon Hwan (Database Center for North Korean Human Rights), Mr. Cho Jung Hyun (Korea Institute for National Unification), Mr. Sohn Hyun Jin (Korea Legislation Research Institute)

Congratulatory Remarks by Assemblywoman Park Sun Young, Mr. Lee Dong Bok(North Korea Democratization Forum), Suzanne Scholte

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28440>

<http://www.dailynk.com/korean/read.php?catald=nk00400&num=95084>

North Korean Defectors Rally for Freedom of North Korea

Host: Gyeonggi Reunification Coalition, Jang Se Yul, NKIS, Kim Heung Kwang

Remarks by Kim Seok Woo (former Vice-Minister of Unification), Suzanne Scholte

Participants: Gyeonggi Reunification Coalition; members of Right Korea, Korea Disabled Veterans Organization, and Korean Disabled Veterans' Association for Agent-orange

Articles and Pictures:





<http://www.newdaily.co.kr/news/article.html?no=112312>

<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/view.htm?id=255328>

<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28438>

Cultural Concert for Human Rights of North Korea

Host: Gyorae Reunification Coalition, Jang Se Yul; North Korea Intellectuals Society, Kim Heung Kwang

Participant: Mr. Do Myung Hak (Independent North Korean International PEN), NKIS, Kim Heung Kwang,

Special Performance by Pyongyang Unification Art Company, Ms. Bang Bun Ok

Articles and Pictures



Friday April 27th

Award Ceremony for NK Defectors' Testimony Contest

Host: Seoul Gangseo Metropolitan Police Agency, Supt. Jang Kyung Seok (Chief Officer); FNKR

Remarks by Supt. Jang Kyung Seok , Jack Rendler, Suzanne Scholte

Participants: FNKR, the US Delegation members, North Korean Defectors

Articles and Pictures:



http://news.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/04/28/2012042800065.html

Prayer Rally for Salvation of North Korea

Host: Stream Green Tree Church, Pastor Shin Yong Baek; Missionary Ha Shin Joo (Onnuri Church), Missionary Shin Sang Un, Esther Prayer Group, Pastor Lee Yong Hee, Translated by Michael Jo

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/view.htm?id=255365>

Saturday April 28th

Balloon Launch into NK from the DMZ

Host: Fighters for Free North Korea, Park Sang Hak; North Korea People's Liberation Front, NKPLF, Jang Se Yul; Kim Tae Jin, Kim Young II, Kim Heung Kwang, the US Delegation members

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news.donga.com/3/all/20120428/45862050/1>

<http://www.kyeongin.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=649661>

<http://news.naver.com/main/read.nhn?mode=LSD&mid=sec&sid1=102&oid=001&aid=0005597081>

<http://news.naver.com/main/read.nhn?mode=LSD&mid=sec&sid1=102&oid=001&aid=0005597093>

Rally for NKHR

Host: Esther Prayer Group, Prof. Lee Yong Hee; the US Delegation members

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/view.htm?id=255434>

<http://news.kukinews.com/article/view.asp?page=1&qCode=kmi&arcid=0006034098&cp=nv>

Monday April 30th

Protest in front of Chinese Embassy

Host: The Honorable Park Sun Young (LFP), Hong Soon Kyung, Park Sang Hak, Jung Hyun Soo (Korea Laborers' United Coalition), Pastor Lee Hee Moon, Dr. Lee Ae Ran

Articles and Pictures:



http://news.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/05/01/2012050100315.html
<http://www.koreaherald.com/national/Detail.jsp?newsMLId=20120502001122>
<http://english.donga.com/srv/service.php3?bicode=040000&biid=2012050173918>
http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/05/01/2012050101027.html
<http://www.newdaily.co.kr/news/article.html?no=112447>
<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28464>

Award Ceremony for North Korea Freedom UCC Contest

Host: FNKR, Kim Seong Min; PSCORE, Kim Young Il; New Focus, Kim Tae Jin
 Awardees: Oh Jin Ha(1st Pl.), Lee Hak Chul, Park Min Chul (2nd Pl.), Huh Keum Soon (3rd Pl.)

Articles and Pictures



Tuesday May 1st

International Seminar on Changing Awareness of North Koreans and Human Rights Development

Host: Institute of Peace Affairs, Hyun Kyung Dae (Chairman of the Board)
 Remarks by Bernhard Seliger (Hanns-Seidel Foundation)
 Keynote Speech by Hyun In Taek (Special Supervisor of Unification to the President)
 Testimony by Ms. Kim Hye Sook
 Moderated by Prof. Han Seok Hee (Yonsei Univ.), Prof. Kim Wang Sik (Ewha Women's Univ.); Presented by Suzanne Scholte, Mr. Han Myung Seob, Esq., Prof. Jang Hyung Soo (Hanyang Univ.); Discussed by Klaus Hoffmann (Political Counselor at German Embassy Seoul), Mr. Kwon Hyo Jin, Prof. Andrei Lankov (Kookmin Univ.),

Prof. Lee Won Woong, Prof. Sohn Hyuk Sang (Kyunghee Univ.), Mr. Moon Soon Bo (Sejong Institute), Mr. Cho Bong Hyun (IBK Institute), Peter Beck (Asia Foundation)

Articles and Pictures:



<http://news.naver.com/main/read.nhn?mode=LSD&mid=sec&sid1=102&oid=003&aid=0004470601>

<http://news.donga.com/3/all/20120501/45931624/1>

http://www.voanews.com/korean/news/NK_Freedom_Week_050112-149636215.html

http://news.heraldm.com/view.php?ud=20120501000234&md=20120501094700_5

http://www.ajnews.co.kr/view_v2.jsp?newsId=20120430000633

NKFW 2012 Closing Ceremony

Host: Directors of North Korean defectors organizations

Remarks by Mr. Cho Myung Chul (SP), Park Sang Hak, Suzanne Scholte

Movie '48m' Production Announcement

Host: Mr. Ahn Hyuk, Chans Entertainment, Mr. Sohn Sung Min, Mr. Keum Soo Chul;

Casts and production staffs of the movie

Remarks by Suzanne Scholte

Articles and Pictures:



<http://www.mt.co.kr/view/mtview.php?type=1&no=2012050211153630347&outlink=1>
<http://www.christiantoday.co.kr/view.htm?id=255513>
<http://www.newdaily.co.kr/news/article.html?no=112549>
<http://asiancorrespondent.com/82428/documentary-48m-chronicles-journey-of-north-korean-refugees/>

OTHER ARTICLE LINKS:

Interview with Weekly Chosun

<http://weekly.chosun.com/client/news/viw.asp?nNewsNumb=002204100015&ctcd=C04>

<http://weekly.chosun.com/client/news/viw.asp?nNewsNumb=002205100000&ctcd=C02> (Editor's note)

<http://www.konas.net/article/article.asp?idx=28507>

Interview with TV Chosun

http://news.tv.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/05/01/2012050101809.html

http://news.tv.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/05/02/2012050200412.html

Interview with Korea Herald

<http://view.koreaherald.com/kh/view.php?ud=20120502001070&cpv=0>