

## **CINAP Holds 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference**

“Role of Religions for Peace  
on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia  
– *History of Korean and Japanese Relations,  
and Healing of the Memories*”

- Role of civil society of South Korea and Japan is critical in this time of strained relationship between Korean and Japan
- Aims to reconcile the histories and further attempts to heal the memories
- **Keynote speech by Bishop Bernard Taiji Katsuya who is the Chair of the Japan Catholic Council for Justice and who was reported with great importance in the Korean media regarding the improvement of Korea-Japan relations.**
- To seek the role of religions for peace on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia, the list of speakers and discussants include:
  - Bishop Bernard Taiji Katsuya who is the Chair of the Japan Catholic Council for Justice
  - Bishop Peter Lee Ki-heon who is the Chair of the CBCK Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People and the Bishop of Uijeongbu
  - Professor Fr. Mitsunobu Ichiro SJ who is from the Sophia University in Japan
  - Professor Sergei O. Kurbanov who is the Chair of the Department of Korean Studies at the St.-Petersburg University,
  - Professor Yang Kiho who specializes in Japanese Studies at the SungKongHoe University
  - Dr. Nagasawa Yuko who is from the Center for Korean Studies at the The University of Tokyo,

- Dr. Brian Grim who is the President of Religious Freedom & Business Foundation(RFBF),
- Korean and Japanese Catholic Churches,
- National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK), and
- Other religious people

Catholic Institute of Northeast Asia Peace (CINAP) of Uijeonbu Diocese of Korea will hold its Third International Conference on the theme of “Role of Religions for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia – History of Korean and Japanese Relations, and Healing of the Memories.” Religious people from the Korean and Japanese Catholic Churches, National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK), other religions as well as a historian from Russia, Japanese expert, a representative of US-based International NGO and more people will gather together to seek the role of religions for peace on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia. The Conference will be held from Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and the venue is the Catholic Church of Repentance and Atonement and the Peace and Unity Center in Paju, Gyeonggi-do Province.

In this time of strained relationship between Korean and Japan, the role of civil society of South Korea and Japan is critical. This International Conference is meaningful that religion is trying to reconcile the histories and further to heal the memories. Speakers are as follows: Bishop Bernard Taiji Katsuya who is the Chair of the Japan Catholic Council for Justice, Bishop Peter Lee Ki-heon who is the Chair of the CBCK Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People and the Bishop of Uijeongbu, Professor Sergei O. Kurbanov who is the Chair of the Department of Korean Studies at the St.-Petersburg University, Professor Yang Kiho who specializes in Japanese Studies at the SungKongHoe University, and Professor Fr. Mitsunobu Ichiro SJ who is from the Sophia University in Japan.

The International Conference, which is open to public, will be held on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 18:00. Lunch and program book will be provided to the participants. Detailed schedule for the Conference is shown as below:

**Schedule for CINAP Third International Conference**

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

09:00 – 10:00	Participant registration
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speech
11:00 – 12:30	Session 1: Controversial Issues of Conflicts in Northeast Asia and the efforts to Resolve and to Reconcile

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Session 2: Improvement of Korea-Japan Relations and Peace in Northeast Asia and Christianity
15:00 – 15:30	Tea break
15:30 – 17:30	Session 3 Round Table Discussion: Religious People’s Ways of Cooperation for Peace in Northeast Asia (Discussants from Korea, Japan, the United States, and Russia)

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