

Welcome to the United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea!

The United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea (UNA-ROK) was established in 1947, originally as the “Kook-je-yon-hap Dae-han Hyop-hoi”, and renamed to the “United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea” in 1994. UNA-ROK registered non-profit, non-government organization (NGO) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The organization is dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of the UN’s spirit of international cooperation, and the maintenance of world peace.

The United Nations (UN) holds a great significance in Korea. UN held a central role not only in 1945 during the process of Korean government formation, but also in the development of the country. After the UN officially recognized the Republic of Korea in 1948, UN gave unstinted support for the protection, and rebuilding of Korea during and after the Korean War (1950-1953).

Post WWII, Korea maintained an observer status in the UN until 1991, when the General Assembly admitted it under Resolution 46/1. After experiencing so-called “twin success”, spectacular economic growth and the spread of democracy, Korea now has transformed into a country capable of contributing to the international community, thereby actively taking part in the execution of the role of the UN in seeking solutions to many world problems.

Korea has long been a beneficiary of UN support. The brilliant history of the Korean Peninsula breathes alongside that of the UN. UNA-ROK is actively sharing the UN missions of maintaining international peace, human rights, and development at a civilian level. As a representing civilian diplomatic organization, the UNA-ROK, composed of various individual and corporate members combined, has been promoting the UN to the Korean people and inspiring them with the spirit of international cooperation. Furthermore, the UNA-ROK has also been encouraging academic activities surrounding the issues of international community among the young Korean generation, offering them various unique opportunities to experience the international scene.

The UN has expanded its role as an international platform for both governments and NGOs. UNA-ROK has recognized such transition and has been expanding its roles and activities in other variety of fields. UNA-ROK will utilize the on-line cyber space to introduce, and analyze the information trend and government policies on key issues discussed among different organizations within the UN system. By doing so, we hope to ready a space where governments, corporations, civil society, and the academia can cooperate internationally in harmony for a better future of humanity.

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