

Welcome to the official website of the United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea (UNA-ROK).

The United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea is a non-profit civil society based association registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Guided by the noble values of the United Nations — international peace, respect for human rights, shared prosperity, and sustainable development — UNA-ROK has long strived to promote and put these ideals into practice throughout our society from 1947.

Today, the international community faces a wide range of complex challenges, including war and conflict, climate change, rapid technological transformation, and human rights issues. In times such as these, it is more important than ever that we reaffirm the spirit of peace and cooperation embodied by the United Nations and pass these values on to future generations.

For the Republic of Korea, the United Nations holds particularly profound significance. The sacrifices made by UN member states and veterans who stood together to defend the freedom and peace of Korea remain a vital part of the history that made today's Republic of Korea possible.

United Nations Day is therefore not merely an international commemorative occasion, but also a meaningful opportunity to honor those who devoted themselves to the cause of freedom and peace, while reflecting upon the values of remembrance and national service.

In this regard, UNA-ROK hopes that the re-designation of United Nations Day as a national public holiday will provide an important opportunity for the Korean people to remember both the values of the United Nations and the historical experiences of the Republic of Korea, while renewing our sense of solidarity and responsibility within the international community. Therefore, commemorating United Nations Day is not only about honoring the sacrifices of the past, but also about educating future generations on the importance of peace and international cooperation.

Moving forward, UNA-ROK will continue to devote its utmost efforts to nurturing future leaders who can contribute to peace and cooperation on the global stage through a wide range of youth education, academic, and exchange programs, including the National Model United Nations Conference for University Students, the Trilateral Presidents Meeting and Youth Forum among UNA-Korea, China and Japan, and various United Nations related events.

UNA-ROK will also continue to serve as a platform for public diplomacy, bringing together government, businesses, academia, and civil society, while taking the lead in ensuring that the values of the United Nations take deeper root throughout our society.

Thank you.

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