

Asia-Pacific Peace and Development Service Alliance (APPDSA)

The Role of Republic of Korea in Sustainable Development

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Seoul Call for Action

Preamble

We, the young people representing the Republic of Korea and the World, gathered here today, 8 October 2015, to attend the Asia-Pacific Peace and Development Service Alliance Seoul Forum 2015, to discuss the “The Role of Republic of Korea in Sustainable Development”, propose how, as young people, we can contribute to development and support nations in the Asia-Pacific Region and beyond.

1) Global Partnership

North-East Asia youth can promote global peace through service for others in their nations and beyond. Tensions in North-East Asia, especially the Korean Peninsula, mean that young people must step up in solving challenges that lie in the Sub-region.

Acknowledging the regional and global role of the Republic of Korea as a testimony of how rapid development is possible, engaging with other developing nations, building strategic partnership, to support them to be successful in development, contributing to the realization of the Sustainable Developmental Goals.

Building a Global Alliance will create cooperation with private and public sectors, to collectively solve global and national issues, and to support the unification of the Korean Peninsula, creating stability and security in the Asia Pacific region, and the rest of the world.

2) Education

As a nation with a developed system in education, Republic of Korea, through IT and commitment to learning, can increase the accessibility and quality of education and programs to all people and to contribute to reducing global poverty.

The accomplishment of the Sustainable Development Goals is possible not through one-time support but through continuous and consistent education to the youth, including a change in the mentality of being a recipient of aid and programs to being drivers of innovative development.

3) Environment

We need to improve the quality of the air, preserve water resources, and implement the use of power lights. Create simple infrastructures that can be developed. Adapt water management techniques, reinforce practical equipment's, have a production plan, starting

from the youth to the community. Expand and share experiences of the best practices for ongoing partnerships.

4) Overseas Volunteering

As a step for global partnership and sustainable development, the involvement of young people in the global level is essential. Overseas volunteering is a way to empower the youth in living for the sake of others, developing skills and combining the various works made by the young people for a better world. Projects on character education for children to develop sense of independency, hands-on work to improve the education environment of rural villagers, and cultural exchange to create global teamwork can support in creating the foundation for consistent development. By practicing values of Living for the Sake of Others, Ownership, Teamwork, and Dream Big in overseas volunteering a future model of development can be created.

5) Appropriate Technology

In solving the global fundamental problems such as inequality, poverty, and environmental degradation, youth need to take a lead role in supporting sustainable development. As different nations face different circumstances, appropriate technology that applies to each nation's needs should be considered. Efforts in creating innovative business models are a way to provide business models to different parts of the world.

As Republic of Korea has become one of the leaders in technology, connecting the nations that are in need of appropriate technology is possible, such as through young people sharing experiences through SNS and other means. By connecting the providers of the technology such as individuals, colleges, or mid-sized corporations to different organizations that can utilize the technology such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and state governments, a global platform of sustainable development can be created. Therefore, as young people contribution in providing appropriate technology is possible either by creating or suppling what is most needed for each nation.