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1. Academic Activities

• 9. 5. A roundtable seminar was held between visiting scholars from Japan and IFES faculty. Members of the Japanese delegation made presentations on topics covering North Korea's external relations, with a focus on socialist, non-aligned, and Asian countries, as well as the Middle East region.

• 9. 20. 1st IFES Samcheong Forum

- The 1st Samcheong Forum was held at IFES. Professor Jun Young Kang (Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) provided a presentation on "Korea, the US, and Japan vs. North Korea, China, and Russia: Will the confrontation intensify further?" followed by active discussion among the attendees of the forum.
 - * The Samcheong Forum was established with the aim of analyzing trends in the rapidly changing international situation SO to find appropriate countermeasures. as Begining in September, this monthly forum involves by experts selected presentations on a topic and discussions by invited faculty and academics from the institute.

2. Publications

- 9. 30. Korea and World Politics Volume 39, Issue 3 (Fall) published
 - A quarterly academic journal founded in 1985 and registered with the Korea Research Foundation (currently the National Research Foundation of Korea) in 2004.

3. Overseas North Korea and Unification Studies Academic Exchange Support Program

- 9. 7.~8. Second-half workshop held, as well as a field trip to security sites such as the border area in Chulwon, Gangwon-do
- 9. 13. Third mid-term research presentations held
 - Andrey KOVSH
 - Bianca Patrice TRIFOI
- 9. 20. Final presentations and graduation ceremony held
 - Lingxian OUAN
 - Tahara RYO
- 9. 12. Upon visiting IFES, a meeting was held with Dr. Steven Denney, head of research at the University of Vienna, Austria, who is participating in the "2023 Overseas Policy and Academic Research Support Project."

4. 2nd IFES North Korea Nuclear Academy

• 9. 21. Lecture 1: "Korea's Security Strategy and Nuclear Balance" (Song Min-Soon, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

5. Upcoming Events

- 10. 12.~13. Kyungnam University field training on unification (for Kyungnam University students)
- 10. 23. Fellow final presentation and graduation ceremony
 - Andrey KOVSH and Bianca Patrice TRIFOI

- 10. 25. 2023 'Peace Forum' (Soka University, Japan)
 - The 7th 'Peace Forum' to be held in Tokyo, Japan. The forum is an annual international conference jointly organized and attended by the faculty members of Kyungnam University, Japan's Soka University, and Taiwan's Chinese Culture University.
- 10. 30. 2nd IFES Samcheong Forum
 - With presentation on "Peace in Northeast Asia and Russia" (Woong-Hyun Lee, Visiting Research Fellow, IFES)
- 10. 4.~12. 26. 2024 North Korean Unification Studies Academic Exchange: Fellowship Recruitment



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