

# 'Newsletter No. 35 (November–December 2025)'

## 1. Activities

- o **October 23. KDCI-IFES Young Professionals Seminar (Conference Room, Peace Hall, IFES)**
  - Institute for Far Eastern Studies (Director Kwan-Sei Lee) co-hosted a seminar titled “Young Professionals Research Network Series 2: The Discourse on Korean Unification for Future Generations” with the Korea Development Cooperation Institute (KDCI) on Thursday, October 23.
  - Presentation 1: Reshaping the Unification Discourse amid Changing Environment for Future Generations  
Presenter: Eul-Chul Lim, Professor, IFES
  - Presentation 2: Nurturing a Unification Awareness among Future Generations: Educational Strategies for the AI Era  
Presenter: So-hye Park, Research Professor, UNKS
- o **October 5. Visit of the Research Delegation from the Jilin Academy of Social Sciences, China (Conference Room, Peace Hall, IFES)**
  - The meeting was attended by Wang Hui, Director of the Institute of Korean Studies; Wang Yongping, Chief Editor of Social Science Front; Ma Ni, Director of the Research; Li Xue, Director, Foreign affairs Division; and Quan Longjie, Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Sociology(CASS). From the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Director Kwan-Sei Lee, HyungJong Lee (Director of Planning & Promotion), and Hyunjoo Oh (Senior Researcher) took part.
  - Both institutions engaged in in-depth discussions to enhance academic exchange and agreed to: ▲ Hold regular joint academic seminars; ▲ Conduct joint research projects and publish collaborative research volumes; and ▲ Promote reciprocal publication of articles in each other’s academic journals.
- o **November 24. Visit of the Research Delegation from the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences (Conference Room, Peace Hall, IFES)**
  - The meeting was attended by K.V. Babaev, Director of ICCA RAS; V.G. Samsonova, the Head of the Center for Korean Studies; A.Z. Zhebin, Leading Research Fellow of the Center for Korean Studies; Kim En Un, Senior Research Fellow of the Center for Korean Studies; and M.E. Osetrova, Research Fellow of the Center for Korean Studies. Participants from the Institute for Far Eastern Studies included Director Kwan-Sei Lee, Eul-Chul Lim (Director of Research), Young Joon Choi (Director of International Cooperation).
  - Agreed to: ▲ Hold a joint roundtable in 2026; ▲ Promote exchange of research materials

## 2. Publications

- o **Analysis of the Situation on the Korean Peninsula**
  - Promoting the publication project of 「Analysis of the Situation on the Korean Peninsula」 (English and Chinese), a platform for analysis and assessment of the

situation on the Korean Peninsula targeting foreign experts.

- From October to December 2025, a total of 12 reports (English and Chinese) will be published.

**o IFES Brief (4 Issues)**

- October 24. The Inauguration of the Takaichi Cabinet and Korea-Japan Relations (Jin-Goo Cho, IFES Professor) ※ Read the Full Paper 
- October 27. Analysis and Prospects of the 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the 20<sup>th</sup> CPC Central Committee (Sang-Man Lee, IFES Visiting Professor) ※ Read the Full Paper 
- October 23. The Implications of Southeast Asian Countries' Participation in the Workers' Party of Korea's Founding Anniversary Events (Jaehyon Lee, Senior Fellow, Center for Regional Studies, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies) ※ Read the Full Paper 
- October 30. ROK-US Nuclear Cooperation Agreement, Enrichment, and Nuclear-Powered Submarines (Byong-Chul Lee, IFES Professor) ※ Read the Full Paper 

**o IFES Forum (2 Issues)**

- 11. 11. Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Resuming U.S.-DPRK Summits: Assessing the Likelihood of Renewed Dialogue (Tae-Hwan Kwak, Former President, Korea Institute for National Unification) ※ Read the Full Paper 
- 11. 14. Evaluation of the China-South Korea Summit and Outlook for Bilateral Relations (Linjie Niu (Director, Trilateral Cooperation Studies Center of Shandong University) ※ Read the Full Paper 

**3. IFES AI Acedemy**

o To explore the impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) on international relations—particularly on the situation in Northeast Asia and the Korean Peninsula—and to seek strategic responses, the Institute opened the AI Academy in September 2025. The Academy conducted six lectures and one field study between October and November, and the program has now been completed.

< Lecture Schedule >

Session		Topic	Lecturer
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept. 11	The Future of AI and Journalism	Hyun-jung Ryu, Head of Content Strategy, Chosun Biz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept. 18	AI Governance and the International Order	Myoung-Shin Kim, Principle Policy Officer, LG AI Research
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept. 25	The AI Era and Semiconductor Strategies	Changhwan Shin, Professor, Department of Semiconductor

			Engineering, Korea University
4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 16	U.S.-China Relations, China's AI Innovation Strategy, and Korea-China Relations	Hee-Ok Lee, Professor, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy, Sungkyunkwan University
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 23	War and Security in the AI Era	In-Hyo Seol, Professor, Department of Military Strategy, Korea National Defense University
6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 30	North Korea's AI Technology Development and Applications	Hyun-Kyoo Choi, Senior Researcher, Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 6	New Challenges in Research and Analysis of Inter-Korean Relations in the AI Era	Byung-Ro Kim, Professor, Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 13	AI-Based Inter-Korean Cooperation and Visions for Technological Peace	Eul-Chul Lim, Professor at IFES
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 20	Strategies for Building a Northeast Asian Peace Regime in the AI Era	Sangbae Kim, Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 27	Field Training at AI-Related Industrial Complexes	Naver

#### 4. IFES Fellowship Program

- o Scholars from the Jilin Academy of Social Sciences, China (Wang Yuan, Liu Yueqiao, Ge Liwen, Wang Hai Long)
  - Period: October 20 - November 14, 2025
  - Supporting research on the Korean Peninsula situation and arranging visits to relevant institutions

#### 5. IFES Update

- o October 28. The poetry collection 'So Long' by Sun Hyang Kim (Chairperson, University of North Korean Studies) was selected as the "Orpheus Texts Book of the Year"
- o October 29. Poet Gjekë Marinaj Received Honorary Doctor of Literature from Kyungnam University

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