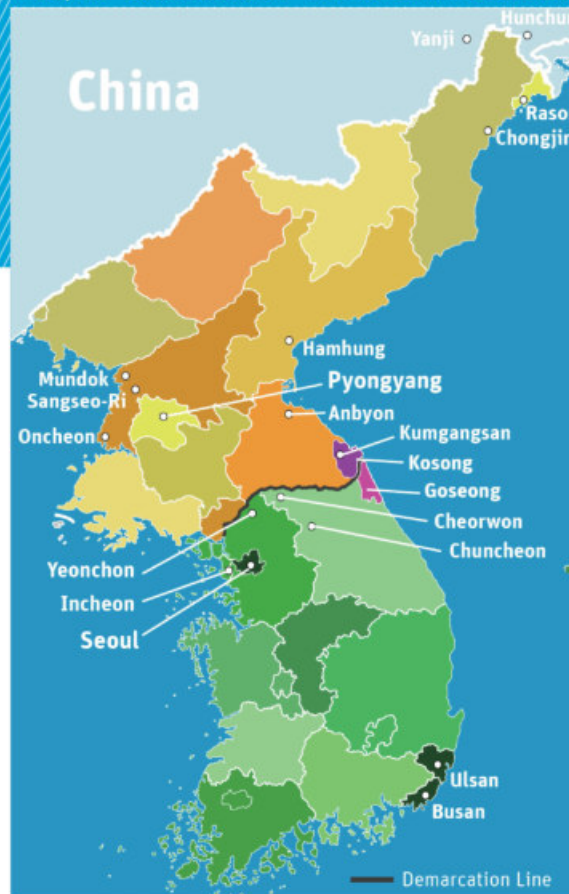


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PROJECT LOCATIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA



HSF IN NORTHEAST ASIA

The educational and political dialogue between **China** and the HSF has been maintained since 1980, and has focused on occupational training with the objective of supporting the educational reforms of the Chinese government. Since the late 1990s, our social and educational political counseling works have begun to expand on the economically underdeveloped West Chinese provinces.

Since 1995, the HSF has supported the future development of the rule of law and democratic structures in **Mongolia**. Our counseling partners in Mongolia in the crucial fields of public law and criminal law include the justice and interior ministries, the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education "in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development" in Germany and abroad. It has been working for 40 years in the field of development cooperation and is currently taking an active part in approximately 100 projects in around 65 countries worldwide.

Our international activities based on Christian-social ideals seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy and social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners we realize projects in the areas of political consulting and education. Our partners' independency and ownership are of particular importance to us.

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OUR PROJECT WORK

“In the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development”

This is the motto that describes the work and mission of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) in more than 65 countries worldwide.

For more than 30 years, HSF Korea has supported the process of reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. In South Korea, this includes regional development, in which the border region (DMZ) is especially focused upon. In North Korea, HSF attempts to contribute to the peaceful development of the region through activities that aim for international integration and cooperation in matters concerning the environment.

OUR PROJECT GOALS

The major emphasis of our work on the Korean Peninsula is the consultation on topics related to the inner-Korean process of reconciliation. By offering a diverse range of activities, HSF Korea has become a trusted partner in both South and North Korea. The project goals of HSF Korea are:

- ▶ **Promotion of a Peaceful Unification** on the Korean Peninsula
- ▶ **Sharing the German Experience of Division and Reunification** and discussing its implications
- ▶ **Reintegration of North Korea** with a focus on international environmental networks
- ▶ **International Cooperation and Exchange** on the Korean Peninsula and beyond
- ▶ **Sustainable Development** with a focus on transboundary areas

TARGET GROUPS

- ▶ Regional and district administrations in the Korean border area, as well as the involved area planning institutions
- ▶ Researcher of academic and practical research institutes and universities
- ▶ Politicians in governments and parliamentarians of different levels
- ▶ Civil movements concerned with inner-Korean reconciliation and environment
- ▶ Governmental and semi-private institutions in North Korea

ACTIVITIES OF HSF KOREA

German Experience of Division and Reunification

Implications for the Korean Peninsula

Tensions remain on the Korean peninsula, causing Northeast Asia to be one of the most critical hot spots in the world. Thus, HSF Korea supports the need to prepare and raise awareness for peaceful unification in South Korea. In this regard, the knowledge transfer of the political, economic, and social German experience of division and unification, as well as cooperation with various partners, play a central role.

Sustainable Development on the Korean Peninsula

International Cooperation for the Benefit of People and Nature

Bare and eroded mountain slopes and hills are characteristics of the landscape in North Korea. They reflect the hardships of the rural population and humanitarian disasters of the 1990s. Almost 40 percent of the country's forest area has disappeared. In South Korea, economic development has damaged biodiversity and ecosystems. HSF Korea supports sustainable development with a focus on capacity-building. We aim to support the integration of North Korea into international environmental networks in order to promote a sustainable North Korean forestry sector.

Transboundary Nature Cooperation

Wetland Conservation and their Wise Use

Nature knows no man-made borders. This is evident when migratory birds cross the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. While globalization has created many bridges, even amongst formerly hostile states, North Korea remains isolated. HSF Korea promotes exchange amongst representatives of international organizations and national governments. At the same time, HSF Korea supports training in North Korea and abroad, conferences, and practical environment surveys to improve the expertise of decision-makers.



The Head of the Institute for International Cooperation of HSF, Dr. Susanne Luther, during her visit to South Korea in 2016.