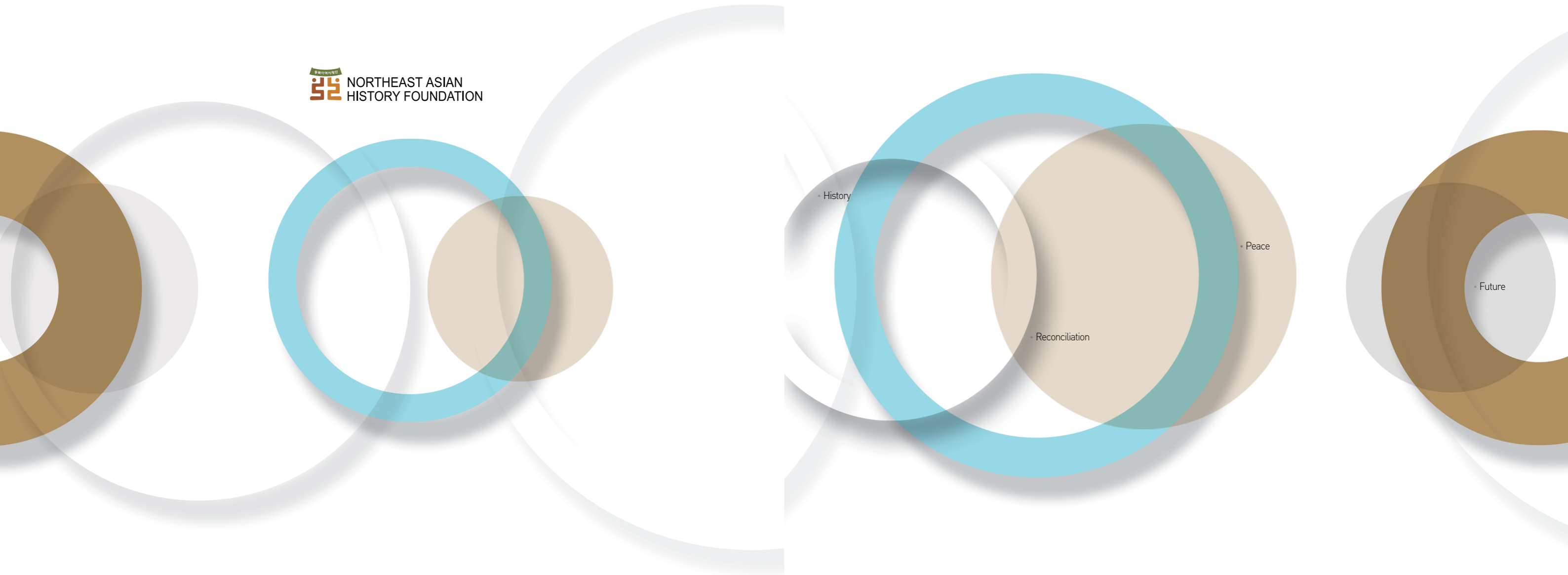


Northeast Asian History Foundation

Moving Toward Historical Reconciliation in Northeast Asia



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We are laying foundations for historical reconciliation, peace and co-prosperity.

The Northeast Asian History Foundation is a public corporation founded in September 2006 to overcome historical conflicts and seek historical reconciliation in the Northeast Asian region.

The Northeast Asian History Foundation is a think tank that fulfills various functions related to Northeast Asian history, including investigation and research, policy development, and exchange and cooperation.

The Northeast Asian History Foundation believes that the Northeast Asian countries can achieve mutual understanding, respect, and peace and prosperity through historical dialogue.

The Northeast Asian History Foundation is working to ensure that the Northeast Asian region is on the path of harmonious co-existence and co-prosperity based on trust and friendship.

PROLOGUE



GREETINGS



We are paving
 the way for mutual
 understanding
 and cooperation

President's Message

History is the record and memory of the life of people in the past and the present. We often say, "History makes people wise." I believe this means, "From history we derive lessons for tomorrow." Recording and remembering history may vary depending on the nation and people. But deriving wisdom and lessons from history is universal. The Northeast Asian region encompassing Korea, China, and Japan has seen a rapid increase in economic exchange and cooperation. On the other hand, the region sometimes finds itself in conflict over historical perception and territorial issues. I believe that the Northeast Asian History Foundation's mission is to overcome conflict and confrontation and pave the way for reconciliation, peace and coexistence in Northeast Asia. We at the Foundation respect the history of other nations, such as China and Japan, as much as we value the history of our own nation. And we are sparing no effort to create a global village of peaceful coexistence with other countries by deriving wisdom and lessons from history.

Over the course of their long history, the Northeast Asian nations have had times of exchange and cooperation as well as of conflict and confrontation. Accordingly, they have perceived one another in history with understanding and acknowledgment at times and with misunderstanding and contempt at other times. Such misunderstanding must be overcome at the earliest possible date. To this end, we at the Northeast Asian History Foundation are committed to wide-ranging and in-depth research and sincere dialogue on the history and society of Korea and East Asia so as to contribute to overcoming conflicts over historical perception and building an East Asian Community of reconciliation and trust into the future. I ask for your active participation in, and strong support for, the Foundation's efforts for historical dialogue, including academic events and projects, and international exchanges.

Thank you.

Kim Hakjoon

President

Northeast Asian History Foundation

Vision



We envision a future of peace and co-prosperity in Northeast Asia

Center of historical research and policy development

Center of historical research and policy development
Wide-ranging and in-depth research is needed to prevent misunderstanding and distortion of Northeast Asian history. The Northeast Asian History Foundation will be the center of research on Northeast Asian history from ancient times to the present. Based on research findings, the Foundation will also develop and propose policy alternatives to overcome historical conflicts and achieve historical reconciliation.

Hub of historical dialogue, exchange, and cooperation

Hub of historical dialogue, exchange, and cooperation
For mutual understanding and peace and co-prosperity in Northeast Asia, respecting the histories of other nations while valuing one's own history is needed. The Northeast Asian History Foundation will be the hub of historical dialogue, promoting exchange and cooperation among historians, history educators, and history-related NGOs in Korea and abroad.

Laying a foundation for an East Asian community

Laying a foundation for an East Asian community and providing East Asian history education
Northeast Asian history has many episodes of exchange and cooperation in peace. The Northeast Asian History Foundation finds and studies them as resources for its education service offerings. In the long run, these episodes will contribute to creating an East Asian community founded on friendship and trust.

Moving Toward Historical Reconciliation in Northeast Asia

Mission



Research for Historical Perceptions Conducive to Peace and Co-Prosperity



Research on the ancient history of Northeast Asia

The Northeast Asian History Foundation studies not only the history of Gojoseon, Buyeo, Koguryo, and Balhae, but also the ancient history of Central Asia and Mongolia in search of origins of Korean history and culture. The Foundation conducts systematic and in-depth research on the ancient history of Northeast Asia so to reinforce the fundamental framework of Korean history and enrich Korean cultural traditions.

Research on perception of Korea in neighboring nations

For peace and co-prosperity in the region, the Northeast Asian countries need mutual respect in their historical perceptions. Self-centered historical perceptions may lead to conflict over history. The Northeast Asian History Foundation studies the perceptions of Korean history in neighboring nations and seeks various means of improving those perceptions in order to spread perceptions of Korean history for peace and co-prosperity.

Research on Koguryo and Balhae

- Conducts in-depth research on the history of Koguryo
- Conducts archaeological investigation into Koguryo artifacts and sites
- Restores (digitizes) Koguryo tomb murals
- Conducts in-depth research on the history of Balhae
- Conducts archeological investigation and excavation of Balhae sites in the Maritime Province in Russia

Research on the ancient history of Northeast Asia and the history of the northern region

- Conducts research on the origin and formation of the Korean people
- Conducts research on territorial and national issues
- Conducts research on the history of interrelations in ancient Northeast Asia

Research on Chinese perceptions of Korean history

- Analyzes academic trends of historical controversies between Korea and China
- Conducts research on Chinese perception of ancient Korean history
- Conducts research on the history of Sino-Korean relations

Research on Japanese perceptions of Korean history

- Conducts research on Japanese colonial rule
- Conducts research on the history of Korea-Japan relations
- Conducts research on modern Japan's perceptions of history
- Conducts research on how "the past issues" have been discussed



Studying and Informing the World about Dokdo and the East Sea



Interdisciplinary research on Dokdo

Dokdo is the inherent territory of the Republic of Korea in terms of history, geography, and international law. However, Japan still lays claims to Dokdo. The Northeast Asian History Foundation conducts research and public relations activities to solidify the Republic of Korea's sovereignty over Dokdo and to rectify Japan's unfounded claims.

International acceptance of the name "East Sea"

"East Sea" is a name that embodies the history and sentiment of the Korean people. The name "East Sea" has been used by Koreans for the past two millennia, and it is still used today by up to 80 million Koreans. The Northeast Asian History Foundation carries out research and public relations activities to ensure that the name "East Sea" is recognized for its historical legitimacy and is widely used in the international community.

Research on Dokdo

- Conducts research on Dokdo-related history and historical sources
- Collects and analyzes historical sources overseas
- Conducts investigations and research on Japanese official documents
- Conducts research on the San Francisco Treaty of 1951
- Studies international law relevant to the Dokdo issue

Building domestic and international networks

- Government-wide total management of promotional activities for Dokdo
- Fosters next-generation "Dokdo Guardians"
- Builds domestic and international networks of scholars and members of civil society

Research on the East Sea

- Conducts investigation and research on East Sea-related history and historical sources
- Publishes research on the naming of the East Sea
- Collects old maps and publishes atlases
- Publishes source books on East Sea education/public relations

Campaigning for widespread use of the name "East Sea"

- Hosts international conferences on geographical naming standardization
- Negotiates locally with naming experts overseas
- Supports private organizations and collaborates with them in their activities
- Conducts academic meetings



Laying Foundations for an East Asian community



Seeking a dynamic “image of Northeast Asia”

The Northeast Asian History Foundation seeks a shared historical perception through dynamic research and the spread of East Asian history. By rejecting self-centered perceptions of history, the Foundation overcomes conflict and confrontation and pursues peace and co-prosperity.

Pursuing a shared historical perception among Korea, China, and Japan

The Northeast Asian History Foundation analyzes and strives to resolve problems with the depictions of Korean history in the textbooks of its East Asian neighbors, including China and Japan. The Foundation contributes to cultivating the spirit of an East Asian community by developing joint history textbooks for East Asia and providing opportunities for exchange and cooperation among school teachers, students, and citizens.

Research for the foundation of an East Asian community

- Conducts academic research on peace and community in East Asia
- Conducts research on East Asian identity
- Conducts joint research on intangible cultural assets of East Asia
- Lays out infrastructure for historical reconciliation in Northeast Asia

Research on East Asian history

- Compiles and publishes encyclopedias on the history of interrelations in East Asia
- Publishes books on East Asian history
- Compiles and publishes Northeast Asian history maps
- Compiles and publishes source books on East Asian history
- Conducts research on the history of international relations in Northeast Asia
- Provides support for Korea-China-Japan joint history research

East Asian history education

- Organizes group/field/online training sessions for school teachers
- Provides history education for youths
- Provides history education for citizens and foreigners
- Develops learning materials and conducts workshops

Rectifying depictions of Korea in textbooks

- Analyzes Chinese textbooks and devises rectification measures
- Analyzes Japanese textbooks and devises rectification measures
- Analyzes textbooks issued by the Japanese Government-General of Korea

Developing Korea-China-Japan joint history education programs

- Publishes learning and teaching materials on East Asian history
- Conducts teacher exchange programs
- Conducts training programs for educators of East Asian history
- Organizes history field trips for Korean, Chinese, and Japanese teens and college students
- Translates and publishes joint history textbooks from around the world



Serving as the hub of international exchange and cooperation

Academic exchange and historical reconciliation

Wisdom and courage are needed to overcome narrow-minded nationalism. The Northeast Asian History Foundation promotes mutual understanding and exchange by providing academic conferences and venues for historical dialogue for researchers, educators, and opinion leaders in Korea and abroad.

Academic exchange related to Northeast Asian history

- Sponsors the Korea-China-Japan historians conference
- Sponsors the East Asian history research forum
- Engages in academic exchange with Mongolia, Central Asian countries, Vietnam, and Russia
- Engages in academic exchange with Korean studies research institutes in North America and Europe

Networking with experts

- Invites overseas scholars
- Conducts joint research with renowned universities around the world
- Participates in international conferences, including the Association for Korean Studies in Europe conference

Strengthening exchange and collaboration with civil society

The role of civic society is important in overcoming historical conflicts and achieving peace and co-prosperity. The Northeast Asian History Foundation provides support for NGOs working on historical and cultural issues to build a sound historical perception and trust through friendship and partnership.

Exchange and collaboration with international NGOs

- Hosts international NGOs conferences on history
- Provides support for international NGO activities in Japan, North America, and Europe
- Develops agendas for historical reconciliation

International exchange of history and culture

- Participates in major book fairs
- Holds Korea-Japan history video symposia
- Translates and distributes academic books on history



Dokdo Museum Seoul

Visiting Dokdo Museum Seoul

- Open : Tuesday-Sunday 9:00~18:00 (last admission at 17:00) / closed Monday
- Address : B1 Floor 81 Tongilro Imgwang Bldg., Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 120-705
- Entrance Fee : Free

Opened in September 2012, Dokdo Museum Seoul is a new concept and multi-functional museum under the theme "Communicating Dokdo's Nature and History." It is the first Dokdo museum in the Seoul Area, and it collects, houses, studies, and exhibits historical sources related to Dokdo. Dokdo Museum Seoul is an interactive museum powered by cutting-edge digital technology, and it serves as a 3D textbook for learning according to the curriculum of elementary and secondary education.

Dokdo Museum Seoul consists of History/Future Hall, Nature Hall, 4D Theater, and Featured Exhibition Hall. The History/Future Hall introduces Dokdo's 1,500-year history with the special video "Dialogue with Dokdo." The Nature Hall presents a large

Dokdo model (in 1/120 scale) with information on the island's geography, geology, climate, waters and ecology, featuring Dokdo and its surroundings brought to life. It offers an at-a-glance view into our land Dokdo. The 4D Theater, featuring specially produced video and technology, offers visitors a virtual yet vivid experience as being under the sea around Dokdo. The Featured Exhibition Hall exhibits four pieces of painting by Lee Jong-sang, a great Korean contemporary artist who has consistently conducted the Dokdo Cultural Movement since 1977 when he painted Dokdo for the first time. Dokdo Museum Seoul now brings our land Dokdo closer to everyone, including international visitors.

Northeast Asian History Library

Information

- Opening Hours : Monday-Friday 9:00~18:00 / closed Saturday, Sunday
- Address : 5th Floor 81 Tongilro Imgwang Bldg., Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 120-705

In order to support academic research on Northeast Asian history and meet the public's needs to access historical sources, the Northeast Asian History Foundation operates the Northeast Asian History Library, which collects, organizes, and provides access to various historical sources.

The Library holds about 60,000 titles from not only Korea but also Japan, China, the United States, and European countries on East Asian history and international relations, Dokdo, territorial issues, and textbook issues. The Library also makes available major academic journals and electronic journals.

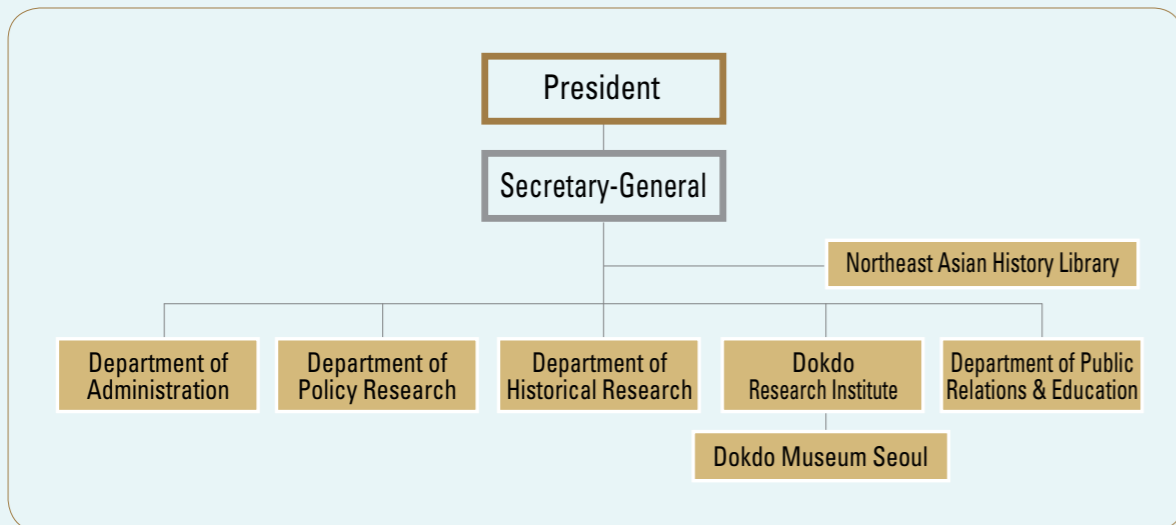
For access to these sources, visit the library or its website at <http://www.hflib.kr>.



History & Organization



Organization



History

- “Act on the Establishment and Operation of the Northeast Asian History Foundation” enacted (May 19, 2006)
- Enforcement Decree on the “Act on the Establishment and Operation of the Northeast Asian History Foundation” enacted (August 17, 2006)
- Kim Yong-deok took office as the inaugural president (September 1, 2006)
- Northeast Asian History Foundation established (September 22, 2006)
- Northeast Asian History Library opened (January 17, 2008)
- Dokdo Research Institute opened (August 14, 2008)
- Chung Jae-jeong took office as the second president (September 17, 2009)
- Dokdo Museum Seoul opened (September 14, 2012)
- Kim Hakjoon took office as the third president (September 17, 2012)
- Establishment of Center for Education on Northeast Asia and Dokdo approved (July 5, 2013)
- Northeast Asian History Library separated as an individual department (February 25, 2014)