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## Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute: NARPI

### Winter 2011 Newsletter

#### Updates

**Japan:** In response to the March 11 earthquake and resulting events in Japan, NARPI has posted a statement of condolence, in both English and Japanese, on our website ([www.narpi.net](http://www.narpi.net)). Here is a brief section of our response:

*We are saddened to realize the enormity of this tragedy in Japan. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Japan. We hope that those who are hurting will find support and comfort from people around them, and that those who are helping in the response and recovery work will have strength for their work.*

Please visit the site to read the statement in full.

NARPI's partners in Japan are more than just associated groups or colleagues – they truly are friends, with whom we have developed strong relationships through in-person meetings, phone calls, emails and through collaborating on many projects together. We are so thankful for them and continue to give them our thoughts and support during this difficult time.

We are encouraging those in our network to support the relief efforts financially through one of our partners, Peace Boat (details at [www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org)). Secure

online donations can also be made by credit card through PayPal at Peace Boat US, [www.peaceboat-us.org](http://www.peaceboat-us.org).



Photo: Staff and volunteers from the Osaka Peace Boat Centre calling for donations

**NARPI on the web:** In response to events like these and others, and to keep you updated on regular NARPI happenings, we are using our website and Facebook page to share information. In particular, if you haven't visited our website recently, please do so when you have a chance, to check out its new look and updated contents as well.

#### NARPI Events

##### Past

October 24-30, 2010 – Steering Committee Meeting, Peace Boat

##### Upcoming

April 5-9, 2011 - Steering Committee Meeting, Taiwan  
August 8-13, 2011 – Youth Peace Camp, South Korea  
August 16-28, 2011 – **NARPI Summer Training**, South Korea

#### Upcoming: NARPI Steering Committee Meeting

The NARPI Steering Committee will meet April 5-9, 2011 in Taipei, hosted by Taiwan Grassroots Alliance for Peace. In addition to finalizing details for the 2011 Summer Training, Steering Committee members will meet with local NGOs to share about the work of their organizations in a “Peace Grassroots Forum,” visit local sites, and work to strengthen the NARPI network in Taiwan.

## NARPI 2011 Summer Training

We are pleased to announce that courses and facilitators have been confirmed for the August 16-28 NARPI Summer Training, to be held in South Korea. Facilitator profiles are available on our website, and full course descriptions will be posted in the near future as well.

The application package for participants will be available on the website following the Steering Committee meeting this April. The target participants are individuals from Northeast Asia, including China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Russia and Taiwan. We are hoping to have NGO/NPO staff and volunteers, peace educators and activists, teachers, university students, community leaders, religious leaders, and others taking part. If you are involved in or interested in peacebuilding in Northeast Asia, please already begin to think about joining us as a participant this summer. Also, please think about referring potential applicants to the possibility of taking training through NARPI.

Date	Course	Facilitators
August 16-20	Understanding Conflict & Peace	Jujin Chung (Korea) & Wendy Kroeker (Canada)
	Theory & Practice of Peace Education	Kathy Matsui (Japan) & Loreta Castro (Philippines)
	A Framework for Restorative Justice	Jae Young Lee (Korea), Carl Stauffer (US), Howard Zehr (US)
August 21-23	Field Trip	
August 24-28	Historical & Cultural Stories of Peace	Hiro Katano (Japan) & Kyoko Okumoto (Japan)
	Trauma: Awareness & Response	Jungki Seo (Korea) & Al Fuertes (US)
	Negotiation, Mediation & Dialogue	Jae Young Lee (Korea), Wendy Kroeker (Canada)

## Fundraising Update

Fundraising efforts are continuing to support the cost of offering our 2011 NARPI Summer Training.



In particular, we have prioritized the need to offer participant scholarships for this training, while also covering the costs of the program (facilities, accommodation, materials, facilitators and participant scholarships are very important for this training, as creating a regional event like this involves travel and in some cases visa costs for participants, on top of tuition and accommodation fees. Therefore we are hoping that up to half of all the NARPI Summer Training participants can attend with some kind of scholarship support. This will require the financial support of donors who share our vision that education and training in Northeast Asia are foundations for peaceful change. Please consider sponsoring a participant scholarship for NARPI, at an approximate cost of \$1,000US for a full scholarship, or smaller amounts for partial scholarships. Please contact us at [admin@narpi.net](mailto:admin@narpi.net) if you are interested in this opportunity.

To all our readers, thank you for your ongoing interest and support!

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