



## NARPI Background

NARPI is a Peacebuilding Institute in which participants from Northeast Asia receive training and build relationships with people from different parts of Asia, seeking transformative and positive approaches to conflict and cultural differences.

The 2017 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be hosted in Okinawa, Japan, in August. Participants can choose to join two out of six courses, facilitated by both Northeast Asian and international experts and practitioners on these topics. NARPI aims to equip both new and experienced peacebuilders with skills through workshop style courses, bringing together participants from different parts of Northeast Asia for the purpose of training, relationship-building, and cultural understanding. Previous trainings have been held in: 2011 in Seoul and Inje, South Korea; 2012 in Hiroshima, Japan; 2013 in Inje, South Korea; 2014 in Nanjing, China; 2015 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; and 2016 in Greater Taipei area, Taiwan.

### Vision and Mission

The vision of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is for Northeast Asia to be a region of active nonviolence, mutual cooperation, and lasting peace.

The mission of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute is to transform the culture and structure of militarism, and communities of fear and violence into just and peaceful ones by providing peacebuilding training, connecting and empowering people in NE Asia.

## NARPI 2017 Summer Peacebuilding Training

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| <b>Registration</b><br>August 6                        | Arrival in Okinawa; Group bus transportation to Naga; Registration<br>Evening pre-session: English for Peacebuilding   |  |  |
| <b>Week 1</b><br>August 7-11                           | Course #1<br>Conflict and Peace<br>Framework   | Course #2<br>Identity-Based<br>Conflict  | Course #3<br>Peace Education II:<br>Program and<br>Curriculum Design |
| <b>Field Trip</b><br>August 12-14                      | Visits to Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum, Camp Schwab,<br>Sea of Henoko, and Kin Town; Opportunities to hear diverse voices on<br>U.S. military base issues; Free time in downtown Naha |  |  |
| <b>Week 2</b><br>August 15-19<br>(Departure August 20) | Course #4<br>Optimizing Peace<br>Making by Ending<br>Generational Trauma   | Course #5<br>Restorative Justice:<br>Rebuilding Identity,<br>Community, and<br>History | Course #6<br>Nonviolent Response to<br>Militarization                |

**Note:** Participants are welcome to join for one or both sessions. All participants are encouraged to join the field trip.

## **Session 1: August 7-11**

### **Conflict and Peace Framework**

Kyoko Okumoto and Oyunsuren Damdinsuren

This course will introduce the definition and contextual interpretations of conflict, violence and peace. The focus is to enhance participants' understandings of conflict & peace issues in the local and regional context through dialogues, discussions, and exercises with other participants from different cultures / languages/ historical contexts/countries. Also, participants will raise their level of sensitivity towards violence in various forms. Opportunities and tools will be provided to analyse the dynamics of different local and regional conflicts. Participants will explore possibilities for creative and collaborative ways of conflict resolution, transformation and peacebuilding. Participants will be expected to engage in large and small group discussions, creative exercises and case analyses.

### **Identity-Based Conflict**

Ryozo Teruoka and Kyungmook Kim

Each of us has multiple senses of belonging(ness)and identities such as gender, social origin, religion, ethnicity, nationality, etc. In Asia, there are many people who are victimized and discriminated against because of their identities and sense of belonging(ness). Some identities that are considered to be minority in society have been targets of racism, assimilation, and oppression. Through discussion and dialogue, participants in this course will seek a vision for possible shapes of coexisting society at different levels in Asia, both intra-state and inter-state. Participants will also plan a project about identity-based hostilities, racism, oppression, etc. The course will address "real" issues that violate the peaceful shape of Asia's societies. There are so many identities that may be considered fragile groups meaning that we have so much to discuss. However, due to our time limitation, the course will emphasize ethnic identities and national identities. The content of the course may be "heavy," but let's enjoy and seek the shape of coexisting Asia which is necessary for all of us.

### **Peace Education II: Program and Curriculum Design**

Cheryl Woelk and Kathy Matsui

This course builds on participants' knowledge and experience of peace education through addressing issues of program development and curriculum design. It is intended for educators and trainers working in formal, nonformal and informal sectors who have either taken the Theory and Practice of Peace Education course through NARPI or a similar course through another program. The course will help participants analyze different contexts for peace education, including their own, to determine an appropriate and effective peace education program and curriculum design. Through the course, participants will assess contexts, develop curriculum and program guidelines, establish principles for monitoring and evaluating a program, and make plans for suitably completing or transitioning peace education programs. Facilitators will model peace education principles throughout the course through engaging the participants in a learning process that is consistent with the principles of peace education and valuing the culture and identity of

participants. By the end of the course, participants will have designed a program and curriculum to implement in their settings and established clear principles to guide future development of peace education programs.

### **Field Trip: August 12-14**

On Day 1 of the field trip, we will visit sites in the south to learn about the history of the Battle of Okinawa – both from exhibitions at the Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum, and also by hearing survivors’ stories. On Day 2, we will visit the middle and northern parts of Okinawa to learn about the reality of the U.S. military base issue first hand. We will visit Camp Schwab, Sea of Henoko, and Kin Town, and also have opportunities to hear diverse voices on U.S. military base issues. On Day 3, we will listen to presentations from local peace practitioners and social activists, and then share our ideas for future action together. In the afternoon, there will be free time in Central Naha.

### **Session 2: August 15-19**

#### **Optimizing Peace Making by Ending Generational Trauma**

Facilitators: Aya Kasai and Tommy Lee Woon

The purpose of this workshop is to examine the way generational trauma lives in the body and why this knowledge is valuable for optimizing peacemaking. Through a variety of active-learning exercises such as guided meditation and expressive arts, participants will learn how trauma lives in the body, is passed on generationally, and how it can be healed. Participants will also have an opportunity to apply their new understanding about the body to other peace making efforts such as “truth and reconciliation”. This workshop will be valuable to anyone interested in gaining an embodied understanding of peace making.

#### **Restorative Justice: Rebuilding Identity, Community and History**

Facilitators: Hiro Katano and Jae Young Lee

Restorative justice is a new paradigm on how to make things right when wrongdoings have happened. It sees justice as not merely punishing wrongdoers, but ensuring that the voice of victims, offenders, and communities are heard and their needs are met. Throughout the world its concept and practice are growing in schools, the justice system, and communities. This course first aims to provide an understanding of the framework of restorative justice and its implementations. Then the course will explore the possibilities of applying the restorative approach to various settings such as education, criminal justice, community conflict and historical conflict. This course will not provide easy answers to all the justice questions, but it will provide restorative lenses to see the cases differently. The modest goal of this course is to invite participants to sit in a safe circle and discuss what it means to bring justice with restorative lenses of transformation and reconciliation, for a peaceful future for the region.

## **Nonviolent Response to Militarisation**

Syd Wang and Yutaka Ohata

This course will focus on how to change the trend of militarisation in Northeast Asia in a nonviolent way, using concrete examples from local civil societies of various communities within the region. A pedagogical and multidisciplinary approach with an interactive mode of teaching-learning processes will be adopted for the course. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to identify and reflect on the origin of militarisation and how to transform the status quo. They will be encouraged to develop initiatives and action plans in their own community. The course will be participatory, employing methods such as small and large group discussions, case studies, role-plays, and multi-media including video. This course welcomes people committed or open to exploring a vision of demilitarised/peaceful Northeast Asia and willing to embrace own personal transformation as well as that for the community and social change processes.

### **General Information**

#### **General Application Process**

1. Complete application form, along with all required documents (resume, recommendation letter, passport copy), and submit by email to [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net) by May 15.
2. After receiving acceptance letter and billing statement, transfer payment to the NARPI bank account.
3. In cooperation with the NARPI admin team, apply for a visa (if necessary).
4. Purchase flight ticket, or make other plans for transportation.
5. After receiving pre-course readings and field trip readings by email, start studying to prepare for your courses and the field trip.
6. Join the Summer Training and enjoy two weeks of networking, sharing and learning.

#### **Admissions Criteria**

1. Clear explanation of how NARPI will help you, your organization and your community. (See the statement of intent question on the application form.)
2. Some level of experience in peacebuilding work or study, or passion for peacebuilding.
3. English ability sufficient to understand and participate in workshops conducted in English.

#### **Fees**

|                      | Lodging, Food and Transportation | Tuition      | Total         |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Week 1               | \$250                            | \$250        | \$500         |
| Field trip           | \$200                            | \$100        | \$300         |
| Week 2               | \$250                            | \$250        | \$500         |
| <b>Whole program</b> | <b>\$600</b>                     | <b>\$600</b> | <b>\$1300</b> |

Early payment discounts (full payment required):

If paid from **May 15 – June 15**: 15% discount of total due amount

If paid from **June 16 – July 15**: 7% discount of the total due amount

If paid after **July 15**: No discount

**Important:** Please wait to pay your fee until you receive a NARPI acceptance letter and billing statement, with the NARPI bank information, by email.

### **Payment Currencies**

NARPI participants can send their payments in one of four currencies: U.S. dollars, Korean won, Japanese yen or Mongolian tugrik. We will share the relevant bank and exchange rate information on your billing statement.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

Participants may withdraw up to two weeks before the training begins with a full refund, minus a 10% non-refundable process fee (for administration costs). No refund will be issued for cancellation two weeks or less before the beginning of the training.

### **Travel Costs and Visa Assistance**

Travel costs (plane ticket, visa fee) to and from Okinawa should be covered by participants or sponsoring organizations. NARPI will provide bus transportation from Naha Airport to Nago Youth Center on the afternoon of August 6 and from Nago Youth Center to Naha Airport on the morning of August 20.

Participants from the following areas need a visa to enter Japan: Mongolia, Russia, and China (exemption for holders of Hong Kong (SAR China) or Macao (SAR China) passports). Individuals from countries outside the Northeast Asia region should check visa requirements with the Japanese consulate nearest to them.

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/mofaserv.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html)

We will send a visa invitation letter by email, and provide any other assistance needed for participants' visa application process.

### **Medical Costs**

Medical-related costs are the responsibility of participants or sponsoring organizations. Prior to your travel, please consider purchasing travel insurance to cover any medical costs you may have during the time of your trip.

### **Scholarships**

A limited number of NARPI scholarships may be offered on a needs basis, to participants with a demonstrable commitment to peacework in the Northeast Asia region. Contact the administration team to request a scholarship application form: [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net). Scholarship applications should also be submitted by May 15, along with the NARPI application.

We encourage scholarship applicants to find a local sponsoring organization to cover at least half of their costs.

## Lodging and Food

**Week 1 (August 6-10) and Week 2 (August 14-19)** of the 2017 NARPI Summer Peacebuilding Training will be held at Nago Youth Center, located in the northern part of Okinawa, about 1.5 hours from Naha. Most participants will stay in 4-person rooms (two bunk beds), and some may stay in larger tatami rooms with more people (see below). Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at Nago Youth Center, and all courses will be held there, as well.



Nago Youth Center website: <http://www.opnyc.jp>

During the **Field Trip (August 11-13)**, NARPI lodging will be at Okinawa International Youth Hostel in Naha, just 15 minutes away from the airport. Participants will stay in rooms with 4-7 people. During the field trip, meals will be delivered or eaten at restaurants nearby the sites we visit.

### Classes

There will be a maximum of 20 students per course. Please mark your second and third choice for a course on your application, just in case your first choice is not available. Course handouts will be provided by the co-facilitators. Courses will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m., with breaks for lunch and coffee/tea.

### Flight Arrival and Registration

For those joining starting in Week 1, please plan to arrive at Naha Airport on the morning or early afternoon of August 6. A NARPI bus will leave Naha Airport at 3:00 p.m. for Nago Youth Center. Registration will start at 4:30 at Nago Youth Center, and the English for Peacebuilding Session will be held that evening. For those joining starting at the field trip, please plan to arrive in Okinawa by the afternoon of Friday, August 11.

### Morning and Evening Activities

Though some evening events will be planned by NARPI, there will also be a calendar where participants sign up to lead activities. You are welcome to lead morning activities, such as exercise or meditation, any day of the week. Or you may lead evening activities, such as presentations of your work or areas of interest, group discussion, movies, etc., on Day 2 or 3 of each week. If you are interested in leading a morning or evening activity, please prepare any materials you need in advance.

### Culture and Talent Night

On the evening of August 18 (Day 4 of Week 2), NARPI will hold a Northeast Asia Culture and Talent Night. You may share in a group or as an individual. Please bring anything representative of your culture, community or family that you could share during that

presentation, such as: clothing, musical instruments, poetry, songs, posters, banners, or videos.

**Please note:** The deadline for receipt of applications and scholarship applications is May 15, 2017. All applications should be submitted by email to: [apply@narpi.net](mailto:apply@narpi.net). Notification of acceptance will be sent out as soon as possible, with about two weeks of processing time required. If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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