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Our ELA Mr. Waheed participated in Pyeongchan Peace Forum 地球愛会員のワーヒド氏が韓国での平和フォーラムに招待され参加

This Forum aimed to advance the peace process, was promoted by CHOI Moon-soon (Governor of Gangwon Province), Nan Wang-gi (Mayor of PyengChan City) and PYU

Seung-ming (President of PyeongChan 2018 Legacy Foundation). The Forum was opened in February, 9~11, 2020 in PyeongChang city.



Promoters believed that the Forum could help bring reunification on the Korean peninsula and lead us a step closer to achieving world peace.



Mr. Waheed Ahmad, who is a Chairman International Peace & Harmony Forum of Lahore High Court Bar Association (2019-20), sent me

materials on the forum, which reads among others, as follows:



"A joint message reviewed by participants at the end of this year's PyeongChang Peace Forum in South Korea from 9-11 February 2020 calls for

the creation of "meaningful entry points and ownership for civil society in all UN processes", a focal point for civil society within the UN Secretariat as well as consideration of a UN Parliamentary Assembly and a UN World Citizens' Initiative, among other things."

Further the Joint message reads:

"At a panel discussion on the occasion of the

"N's 75th anniversary this year, the UN

Secretary-General's special envoy on the
commemorations, Fabrizio Hochschild, noted that it
was "a paradox of our time" that countries were
retreating from international collaboration "while it is
needed more than ever before."



According to the said joint message, "Giovanna Kuele of the Brazilian think-tank Instituto Igarapé said that "world leaders again and again disappointed us." According to Ben Donaldson of the UN Association of the UK and the Together First campaign, "the paralysis at the top is not the full picture", referring to mass protests around the world. "The UN is massively biased towards governments and this has to change," he noted. In the view of Mandeep Tiwana of CIVICUS, "populist authoritarianism" is currently one of the biggest challenges to multilateralism. Salina Sanou of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance stressed that the debate should focus on what the UN can do "to bridge the gap between citizens and the UN itself." Further she said that she wants "a UN that has teeth and a UN that can bite."

金子のコメント:平昌郡(ピョンチャンぐん)で開催されたこのフォーラムでは、「共同メッセージ」によれば、国連の強化、国連への市民社会の関与等が強調されており、地球愛友好機構の目的と原則に、基本的に一致しており、私が提唱している地球愛道とも軌を一にしている。

平昌郡は、オリンピックの開催地でもあり、平昌市との 友好協力関係が望まれます。