

# Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict Northeast Asia Regional Plan for 2006 – 2010

## Objective 1: Organize Solidarity Actions to promote conflict prevention goals of GPPAC Action Agendas

### 1. Towards reconciliation and peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula

#### 1. Civilian Round of 6 Party Talks

##### Examples:

- Onboard Peace Boat in East Sea of Korea
- Academic 6-Party Talks in China

#### 2. Public Support for Inter-Korean Exchange Projects

- Mt Kumgang Tourism Project for mutual exchange and peace education purposes
- Host inter-Korean cultural events onboard Peace Boat's passenger ship around the world

### 2. Global Article 9 Campaign:

- Launch international solidarity day of action on November 3, 2006 to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese Peace Constitution and call for preservation of Article 9
- Global Article 9 Conference in 2008 in Tokyo

### 3. Campaign and seminars to create Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone in NE Asia

- Feasibility study on creation of single-state NWFZs

### 4. Normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan & the DPRK

- Annual public awareness campaign on September 17 in Tokyo to commemorate Pyongyang Declaration
- Joint inter-cultural exchange between North Korean and Japanese youth in Mt Kumgang

### 5. International Day of Peace September 21

- Joint symbolic action for peace-building in Northeast Asia and contribution to the "Peace One Day" documentary project

## Objective 2: Strengthen Confidence Building Platforms towards Conflict Prevention

### 1. Historical recognition and overcoming the past, including history textbook, military sexual slavery, and Yasukuni Shrine issues.

- Host Northeast Asia Forum for Students and School Teachers
- Promote usage of the Common History Textbook throughout Northeast Asia
- Organize training workshops for journalists; peace activists and parliamentarians on the above themes

### 2. Issues across the Taiwan Strait

- Offer space for open dialogue about Taiwan Strait for mutual understanding

### 3. Kuril Islands / Northern Territories dispute

- Vladivostok-based joint research program on territorial disputes
- Develop peace park / eco tourism

### 4. Senkaku / Diaoyu / Tiaoyutai Islands dispute

- Organize forum for young diplomats from the region to exchange views

## Objective 3: Lobbying Governments & Building Networks to Promote Policies & Structures for Conflict Prevention

### Engage the United Nations

#### 1. United Nations Security Council, General Assembly, Peacebuilding Commission

- Monitor Peacebuilding Commission and its Asian relations

#### 2. Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

- Submit joint paper by NEA groups on NWFZ, missile defense systems, and weaponization of outer space

#### 3. Millennium Development Goals (MDG) related process

- Join public education on MDGs in NE Asia and integrate peace education into awareness raising efforts
- Strengthen alliance between peace & development CSO communities to work for common goal

#### 4. Election of New UN Secretary-General

- Send Open letter to all candidates surveying their commitment to conflict prevention, disarmament and peace

## **Engage Regional Governments**

### **1. Governments of Six Party Talks**

- Approach governments of the region committed to conflict prevention, including GPPAC Group of Friends and Human Security Network

2. Make lobby efforts through inter-governmental bodies including ASEAN (+3); APEC and ASEM.

## **Objective 4: Regional Capacity-Building for Conflict Prevention**

1. Multi-stakeholder Roundtable Meetings with officials from governments and UN agencies, media, and other civil society actors, including academics

- Seminars at universities, such as the United Nation University, Tokyo

### **2. Promote Peace Education within NE Asia**

- Establish Regional Peace Building Institute, and disseminate resources throughout region on peace education pedagogy

3. Promote conflict prevention issues relevant to Northeast Asia at the World Peace Forum in Vancouver, June 2006; and World Social Forum in Bangkok, October 2006

## **Objective 5: Knowledge Sharing and Dissemination**

1. Launch Northeast Asia Online Peace Forum in summer 2006 to share views and experiences on conflict prevention efforts in the region and with international community. Host e-symposium in October 2006.

2. Organize GPPAC NE Asia Regional Conference focusing on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in Ulaanbaatar, 2006-07.