
International Peace and Security Forum Incheon 2025

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IPSF Incheon 2025 – Operational Plan

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Event overview

- **Title** : International Peace and Security Forum Incheon 2025 (IPSF Incheon 2025)
- **Preliminary Theme** :
 - Occasion: The 75th Anniversary of the Incheon Landing
 - Standing Agenda: Incheon International Dialogue for Freedom and Peace
 - Theme: Incheon as a Global City of Peace and the Future of Korea
- **Date**: Sep. 15 (Mon) – Sep. 16 (Tue), 9 AM – 6 PM
- **Venue**: Grand Ballroom & Room 204-208, Songdo Convensia, Incheon
- **Hosted by**: Incheon Metropolitan Government / NORMANDIE RÉGION
- **Organized by**: Incheon Institute / Mémorial de Caen
- **Participants**: Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education, Korean Association for the United Nations, French Battalion Korean War Veterans Association (Anaff.UN-Korea), Centre Moncler d'étude de la Guerre de Corée (CMEGC), and others
- **Programs**: 1 keynote speech and 9 sessions, with over 100 panelists including international guests and students
 - ※ **Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech, Leader Session, Roundtable, Special Sessions, Academic Sessions, and Thematic Sessions**
- **Format**: On-site participation with simultaneous interpretation in Korean, English, and French
- **Scale**: Approximately 300 participants

- **(Forging Strategic Partnership)** Elevate the stature of the forum and lay a foundation for intercity cooperation through strategic partnership with Normandy, France to share the historic legacy of the Normandy Landing.
- **(Building Cooperative Networks)** Establish collaborative networks with relevant domestic and international institutions and stakeholders.
- **(Establishing Multi-layered Peace Agenda):** Formulate a comprehensive agenda focused on the overarching principles of freedom and peace, covering key areas such as war, security, global intercity cooperation, and peace education
- **(Expanding Citizen and Future Generation Participation):** Design programs that promote participation from both citizens and younger generations

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Proposed Structure of the Forum

Session		Main content (topic)	Notes
Opening Ceremony		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Video on Incheon's Freedom, Peace, Harmony, and Prosperity Introduction of Distinguished Guests Opening Remarks, Welcome Remarks, Congratulatory Remarks Cultural Performance by the Little Angels 	General Session
Keynote Speech		The Enduring U.S.-South Korea Alliance Resilience: Sources of Strength and Emerging Challenges	General Session
Leader Session		75 Years of Alliance: Sustainable Peace and Global Cooperation	General Session
Roundtable		Global Cooperation and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula	General Session
Special Session	1	From normandy to Incheon: how to pass on memory and keep it relevant	NORMANDIE RÉGION
	2	140 th Anniversary of Korea-France Diplomatic Relations: Retrospect and Prospect	Centre Mondial d'étude de la Guerre de Corée (CMCC)
	3	Global Peace Education Policy Dialogue	Mémorial de Caen – Incheon Metropolitan Office of Education
Academic Session	1	Global Diplomacy and Cooperation in the Trump Era: Challenges and Strategic Tasks for South Korea	Korean Association for the United Nations
	2	North Korea's 'Hostile Two-State Theory' and Alternative Security Architectures on the Korean Peninsula	
	3	The Role of Young Leaders in Promoting Freedom and Peace on the Korean Peninsula	Undergraduate students from Universities in the Incheon Area
Thematic Session		Soonduk's Evacuation Diary	Incheon Nanjong Peace Education Institute
Side Events		Video Contest Awards Ceremony / Cultural Performance by the Little Angels	Citizen and Student Engagement Programs

Note: The program is subject to change based on circumstances.

○ Day 1 Schedule [September 15 (Monday)]

Time		Programs
09:30~ 10:00	30'	Registration
Opening Ceremeony & Keynote Speech		
10:00~ 11:52	112'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Ceremony and Opening Video Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks : Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City Welcome Remarks: President, Incheon Institute Congratulatory Remarks : Chairperson, Incheon Metropolitan Council/ Superintendent, Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education/ Vice-President, Region Normandie/ CEO, Caen Memorial Keynote Speech : Scott Snyder (President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute of America) Leader Session : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme : 75 Years of Alliance: Sustainable Peace and Global Cooperation Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City/ Ambassadors, Embassy of New Zealand to the Republic of Korea, Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Korea/ Vice-President, Region Normandie/ Vice Mayor, City of Burbank, California Awards Ceremony: Video Content Competition of International Peace and Security Forum Incheon 2025 Cultural Performance: The Little Angels Official Group Photo Session
11:52~ 13:00	68'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIP Luncheon : Networking for distinguished guests and speakers (at a separate venue) Pre-registered attendees: Lunch Box (provided at the conference hall)
International Scholars Roundtable		Thematic Session
13:00~ 14:30	90'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: Global Cooperation and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yong-Pyo Hong (Professor, Department of Political Science, Hanyang University, Seoul) Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Snyder (President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute of America) Thomas J. Byrne (President and CEO, The Korea Society) Heonik Kwon (Senior Research Fellow and Distinguished Professor, Trinity College, University of Cambridge)
14:30~	15'	Coffee Break

14:45		Special Session ①		
14:45~ 16:15	90'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme : From Normandy to Incheon: how to pass on memory and keep it relevant • Moderator : Xavier CHEMISSEUR (Editor-in-chief, FRANCE24) • Speakers : François-Xavier Priollaud (Vice-President, Region Normandie) Frédérique Bedos (Founder, Projet Imagine NGO) Kléber Arhoul (CEO, Caen Memorial) • Discussion : Gyu-Ha Kim (Special Advisor for Security, Incheon Metropolitan City) Hyojin Hwang (Vice Mayor, Global City and Political Affairs, Incheon Metropolitan City) 		
16:15~ 16:30	15'	Coffee Break		
		Special Session ②	Academic Session ①	Academic Session ②
16:30~ 18:00	90'	140 th Anniversary of Korea-France Diplomatic Relations: Retrospect and Prospect	Global Diplomacy and Cooperation in the Trump Era: Challenges and Strategic Tasks for South Korea	North Korea's 'Hostile Two-State Theory' and Alternative Security Architectures on the Korean Peninsula
18:00~	-	Closing		

○ Day 2 Schedule [September 16 (Tuesday)]

Time		Program	
09:30~ 10:00	30'	Registration	
		Special session ③	Academic Session ②
10:00~ 11:30	90'	Global Peace Education Policy Dialogue	The Role of Young Leaders in Promoting Freedom and Peace on the Korean Peninsula
11:30	5'	Closing	

Note: The program is subject to change based on circumstances.

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① Keynote Speech (10:31–10:51)

Keynote Speech	
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Enduring U.S.-South Korea Alliance Resilience: Sources of Strength and Emerging Challenges Scott Snyder (President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute of America)

② Leader Session (11:01–11:31)

Leader session	75 Years of Alliance: Sustainable Peace and Global Cooperation
Slogan	Peace for the Future
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeong-bok Yoo (Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City) • Dawn Bennet (Ambassador, Embassy of New Zealand to the Republic of Korea) • Tamara Mawhinney (Ambassador, Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Korea) • François-Xavier Priollad (Vice-President, Region Normandie) • Tamala Takahashi (Vice Mayor, City of Burbank, California)

③ International Scholars Roundtable (13:00–14:30)

International Scholars	Global Cooperation and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula
Moderator	Yong-Pyo Hong (Professor, Department of Political Science, Hanyang University, Seoul)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to the Old normal : The Return of Great Power Rivalry, The Fraying of the Liberal International Order, and Its Impact on Korean Peace and Stability Scott Snyder (President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute of America) • North Korea’ s unreadiness for global cooperation Thomas J. Byrne (President and CEO, THE KOREA SOCIETY) • Remembering 1950: From Incheon and its outlying Islands Heonik Kwon (Senior Research Fellow and Distinguished Professor, Trinity College, University of Cambridge)

⑧ Thematic Session : (13:00–14:30)

Thematic Session	Future Generation Peace Dialogue
Moderator	Peace Education Program: Incheon Nanjeong Peace Education Institute
Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: “Soonduk’ s Evacuation Diary” • Purpose: To provide an educational opportunity for students to experience and share the historical significance of the Incheon Landing Operation • Organizer: Incheon Nanjeong Peace Education Institute • Participation: approximately 50 high school students from Incheon

④ Special Session ① : Region Normandy (14:45–16:15)

Special Session	From Normandy to Incheon: how to pass on memory and keep it relevant
Moderator	Xavier Chemisseur (Editor-in-chief, FRANCE24)
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from the past to build the future: the challenge to mobilize youth François-Xavier Priollaud (Vice-President, Region Normandie) • Normandy for Peace: the commitment of a territorial community for building the peace of tomorrow Frédérique Bedos (Founder, Projet Imagine NGO) • Memory in France and in Normandy : History and issues, from yesterday to today Kléber Arhoul (CEO, Caen Memorial)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The History and Controversies of the Incheon Landing Operation Gyu-ha, Kim (Special Advisor For Security, Incheon metropolitan City) • Efforts to Share the Lessons and Values of the Incheon Landing Operation Hyojin Hwang (Vice Mayor, Global City and Political Affairs, Incheon Metropolitan City)

⑥ Special Session ② : (16:30–18:00)

Special Session	140 th Anniversary of Korea-France Diplomatic Relations: Retrospect and Prospect
Moderator	Keunse LEE (Director, Monclar Korean War Study Center, Kookmin University)
Speakers & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France-Korea Relations and General Monclar Keunse LEE (Director, Monclar Korean War Study Center, Kookmin University) • Honoring and Remembering French and Korean Soldiers: The French Memorial Path in Korea Alain Nass (Korea Chairman, The National Association of Veterans and Friends of the French Forces of the United Nations in Republic of Korea) • Louis Marin, A Great Defender of Korean Independence Dominique Barjot (Professor Emeritus at Sorbonne University and Permanent Secretary of the French Academy of Overseas Sciences) • The Aviso escort <i>La Grandière</i> in Korea: a symbolic presence of France in Asia at the heart of the Cold War Jean-François Klein (Professor, Saint-Cyr-Coëtquidan Military Academy) • The Role of the French Battalion in the Korean War and Its Military Contributions Patrick Baudouin (President, The National Association of Veterans and Friends of the French Forces of the United Nations in Republic of Korea)

5 Academic Session ① : (16:30–18:00)

Academic Session	Global Diplomacy and Cooperation in the Trump Era: Challenges and Strategic Tasks for South Korea
Moderator	SON Sung-hwan (Chair Professor, a Seoul School of Integrated Sciences & Technologies (aSSIST))
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Climate Crisis Response and an Assessment of Korea’ s Energy Transition Policy SON Sung-hwan(Chair Professor, a Seoul School of Integrated Sciences & Technologies (aSSIST)) Challenges in International Human Rights and Human Security PARK Heung-Soon (Vice-President, United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea (UNA-ROK)) Global Order in Transition: the Second Trump Presidency, Offensive Nuclear Policy, and “America First” LEE Jeong Gyu (Former Korean Ambassador to Sweden, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Kingdom of Sweden) Trumpism and the Future of Multilateral Diplomacy CHOI Dong Ju (Professor, Sookmyung Women’ s University)

7 Academic Session ②: (16:30–18:00)

Academic Session	North Korea’ s ‘Hostile Two-State Theory’ and Alternative Security Architectures on the Korean Peninsula
Moderator	Jung-Chul Lee (Professor, Seoul National University)
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who will rule North Korea after 2026?: Party vs. Sureong Kyungmo Ahn (Professor, Korea National Defense University) North Korea’s Denuclearization and Korean Peninsula’s Security Structure Changes JANG, Cheol-wun (Research Fellow, Korea Institute for National Unification) North Korea’s Hostile Two-State Stance and the Lee Jae-myung Administration’s Strategy for Peaceful Coexistence Sangkeun Lee (Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Strategy)
Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sangsook Lee (Research Professor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy) Soo Hyung Lee (Advisor, Institute for National Security Strategy) Lee, Choong-Koo (Research Fellow. Korea Institute for Defense Analyses)

○ Day 2 Schedule [September 16 (Tuesday)]

9 Special Session ③ : (10:00–11:30)

Special Session	Global Peace Education Policy Dialogue
Moderator	Hyunjin Kim (Supervisor, Department of Global Citizenship Education , Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education)
Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating for Peace at the Caen Memorial: Challenges and Opportunities Kléber ARHOUL (CEO, Caen Memorial) • Incheon: Paving the Way for Peace Education BYUN Jong-Guk (Director, Education Capability Bureau Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education) • Peace Education in Incheon - Practices and Vision of the Nanjeong Peace Education Center KIM Myeong-Soon(Director, Incheon Nanjeong Peace Education Center)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eun-joo, Kim (Director, Global Citizenship Education Division, Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education) • Kyung-hwa Nam (Education Supervisor, Global Citizenship Education Division, Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education) • Soon-a Shim (Senior Education Researcher, Nanjeong Peace Education Institute) • Eun-young Son (Education Researcher, Nanjeong Peace Education Institute) • Jong-hoon Ko (Education Researcher, Nanjeong Peace Education Institute)

10 Academic Session ③ (10:00–11:30)

Academic Session	The Role of Young Leaders in Promoting Freedom and Peace on the Korean Peninsula
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from Universities in Incheon Thesis Presentation (English presentations) • Sub-topics: Freedom / Peace • Prodedure: Open Call - Abstract Submission - Screening by Incheon Institute & Global Campus Faculty - Final Selection of 12 Students
Judges' Discussion	<p>Roland B Wilson (Professor, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University Korea)</p> <p>Soyoung Kwon (Professor, Department of International Studies, George Mason University Korea)</p> <p>In-taek Han (Senior Research Fellow, Center for Security Policy Studies, George Mason University Korea)</p>