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# **Purpose of the Establishment of Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU) and Major Research Areas**

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## **1. Purpose and Key Function of the Institute**

### **□ Purpose of Establishment**

- Contribute to the establishment of policies regarding unification and North Korea by systematically researching and analyzing all aspects of peace and unification on the Korean peninsula

### **□ Key Functions**

- Conduct research on unification, North Korea, and peace on the Korean peninsula, policy development and support
- Conduct research on the spreading of consensus regarding the unification of the Korean peninsula and peace at home and abroad, strengthening of public diplomacy for unification
- Conduct research on North Korea's politics, military, diplomacy, economy, society, culture, etc.
- Conduct research on revitalization and institutionalization of inter-Korean exchanges and cooperation
- Conduct research on North Korean human rights and humanitarian issues, and resettlement support for North Korean defectors
- Collection, management, analysis, and provision of services to the public regarding unification, North Korea, and peace on the Korean peninsula

## 2. Major Research Areas

### **Liberal Democracy**

1. Conduct research on liberal democracy as a constitutional value and underlying philosophy for unification
2. Conduct research on national identity of liberal democracy and a unified state
3. Compare the different systems of South Korea and North Korea and conduct research on transition countries
4. Create and spread networks based on liberal democracy at home and abroad
5. Promote the culture of studying liberal democracy

### **Unification Policy**

1. Conduct research on mid-to-long-term unification policy for the process of unification and post-unification, and strategies
2. Analyze and evaluate unification policy
3. Conduct research on the creation of an inter-Korean community
4. Conduct research on strategies for negotiating with the North regarding unification policy
5. Conduct research on policies related to economic cooperation, trade, and transportation between South and North Korea
6. Conduct research on the reorganization of laws and systems in preparation for the unification process and post-unification
7. Conduct research on nurturing workforce in preparation of unification
8. Conduct research on inter-Korean conflict management and integration process
9. Conduct research on the spreading of the culture of peace and unification, and the creation of such foundation
10. Conduct research on unification and peace education

### **North Korean Research**

1. Conduct research on North Korea's politics and military (including power structure, ideology, governing philosophy, administration, and legal systems), economy,

society (including macroeconomic trends such as financial and fiscal trends, major industries such as commerce, mining, and industry, industrial infrastructure such as transportation, communication, and energy, and market trends such as foreign trade, investment, economic cooperation, commerce, and distribution, GDP assessment and economic statistics, population, labor, life of the residents, education, culture, tourism, art, media, publication, religion, sports, health, medical care, nutrition, women and youth, nature, geography, environment, information, science and technology, etc.), external relations

2. Conduct research on key figures in North Korea
3. Conduct research, analysis and evaluation of political trends related to North Korea
4. Conduct research on North Korea's tactics and strategies toward South Korea
5. Conduct research on North Korea's tactics and strategies regarding foreign affairs and relations
6. Conduct research on North Korea's regime change

#### □ **International Strategies**

1. Conduct research on the peace regime and security on the Korean peninsula
2. Conduct research on North Korea's nuclear issues
3. Conduct research on North Korea's arms control including the building up of trust between the military of South and North Korea
4. Conduct research on the peaceful utilization of areas near the North-South border including the demilitarized zone and Northern Limit Line (NLL)
5. Analyze international political developments on the Korean peninsula, Northeast Asia, and the world, and develop strategies
6. Conduct research on the relationship between South Korea, North Korea, and neighboring countries
7. Conduct research on unification diplomacy and relevant policies following the changes in the unification environment
8. Conduct research on cooperation regarding unification policy with relevant countries, development of promotional contents related to unification policy
9. Host unification-related international academic conferences and establish foreign

expert networks

□ **Human Rights Research**

1. Conduct research and survey on inter-Korean exchanges and cooperation related to society, education, academics, media, broadcasting, labor, culture, art, publishing, religion, sports, youth, and women (hereafter “exchanges and cooperation in the social and cultural fields”)
2. Conduct policy research on humanitarian assistance to North Korea
3. Conduct policy research on development assistance and cooperation
4. Conduct policy research and survey on human rights enhancement of North Korean residents
5. Conduct analysis and assessment on human rights issues
6. Conduct research on negotiation strategies related to inter-Korean human rights dialogue
7. Conduct policy research and survey on divided families, abductees and prisoners in North Korea, and North Korean defectors
8. Plan or propose laws and systems related to exchanges and cooperation in the social and cultural fields, humanitarian assistance to North Korea, North Korean human rights, divided families, abductees and prisoners in North Korea, and North Korean defectors
9. Conduct research on inter-Korean local governmental cooperation