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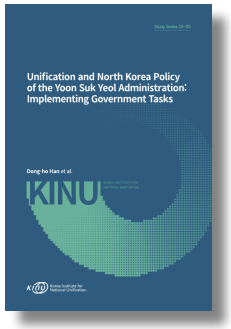

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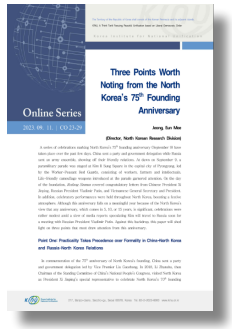

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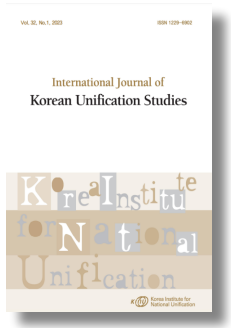

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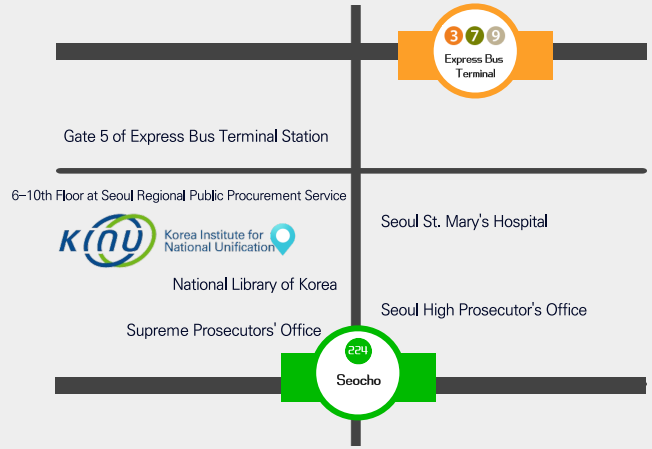

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President's Greeting

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Kim Chun Sig
President of KINU

We have established our status as national research institute based on constitutional principles.
KINU will continue to research and pursue common understanding on why we need unification, why we should protect liberal democracy, and why we should pursue peaceful unification based on liberal democracy.
KINU aims to become a national research institute that supports the implementation of national policies and seeks public understanding with a view to realize denuclearization, peace and prosperity.
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We are seeing a fundamental and serious change in the international situation. This shift is much more fundamental than the one we witnessed during the Cold War era in the early 1990s.
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KINU will do everything it can to make sure this huge flow will be on our side, helping our country to propel for the future.
Once again, I would like to appreciate all of your unwavering support.
Thank you.

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