

# Jeju 6+1 Paris Forum : World Environment Univ. in Korea and its Sister Univ. in Strasbourg in 2022

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## Abstract

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## Introduction

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We can learn trends and characteristics of peace cultures and nonviolence traditions of 6 countries (South Korea, North Korea, Russia, China, Japan, the USA) and presiding cities such as Paris, Jeju, Kyoto, Washington D.C. Hawaii, Vladivostok, Sydney through qualitative and quantitative analysis of 6+1 Culture Forums. We can talk about some prospects, possibilities and potentials of Jeju Peace Island for Korea from ideas of Korean Prime Minister Chung Sye-keun for establishment of WEU in Jeju Island since 2012.

### **World Environment University (weu) Online School : Peace Island Model for World Environment through Environmental Justice**

It is essential that Jeju people has made an efforts of Peacebuilding initiatives on Jeju island : "Peacebuilding initiatives on Jeju island to resolve

the Korean conflict and build positive peace come out of that island's history of violence. Of particular importance is the memory of the tragic April 3rd 1948 uprising on Jeju island, also known as the 4·3 (or "sasam") incident, that happened during the Korean War when tens of thousands of islanders, accused of being communists, were massacred by South Korean forces with American assistance. As a result of a series of initiatives to build peace, the South Korean government declared Jeju an "Island of World Peace" on Jan. 27, 2005, and since then several peacebuilding initiatives have been successfully implemented, including the annual Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, the permanent Jeju International Peace Center, and efforts to institutionalize peace studies at Jeju national university."(Yates.ibid.p. 137).

Environmentally, the purpose is to establish "World Environment University WEU" in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea and its sister university in Strasbourg, France in 2022 based on Feasibility Study of WEU by Maurice F. Strong, Ex Vice Secretary of United Nations supported by Korean Ministry of Environment in July of 2010 ( Ko.2010) and WEU Vision Draft (February 2, 2020) by Jeju National University of Korea and WAITCO Limited of Denmark collaboratively.

Our main research activities of environmental diplomacy come from an idea, contents and programs of 6+1 Paris Culture Forum 2021 : World Environment University in Korea and its Sister Univ. in France in 2022. We focused on topics of 9 departures of WEU : A. Global issues of sustainable development of World Environment, B. Environment, Eco-Tourism, and Screen Studies, C. Conflict Resolution on Environmental and Resources Issues, and International Governance, D. Culture Architecture and Heritage Studies, E. Ecology, Forest and Land, F. Environmental Philosophy for Sustainable Human Development, G. Water Resources and Ocean Civilization),H. Energy, Natural Resources, and Climate Change since July of 2010. As well, secondly, historical records of victims of Jeju 4.3 Tragedy will be registered to one of UNESCO Memory of World Programs as a symbolic non violence struggle for both Unification of Korean peninsula and autonomy of Jeju Province different in an image from that of Hong Kong or Singapore..

Politically, as this project has an aim to support

Korean Green New Deal Policy of the Korean Prime Minister, Chung Sye-keun and UN Climate Finance Ambassador Mark Carney.

Educationally through establishment of World Environment University both in Korea and France, we launch our project at cultural events of the World Conservation Congress in Paris on January 11, 2021 and announce preliminary WEU online school Fall semester of 2021 at Jeju National University of South Korea during the 2021 Global Ageing Network: East meets West : Approaches to Healthy Ageing and Wellness at 6+1 Paris Culture Forum at American Graduate School on January 9, 2021. The important purpose of the research is to open three weeks long intensive Korean Scholar Fellowship at Government Department class of American Graduate School in Paris during Fall semester in 2021 to support for both articulating 6+1 Culture Forum and establishment of World Environment University on Jeju Island and its sister university in Strasbourg in 2022 through environmental justice.

Educationally, we have also studied Jeju 4.3 Peace Education for Korea beyond its tragedy with cooperation of Korean research center of Ritzumeikan University in Japan because Korean Japanese have developed their truth finding activities into peace unification movement for two Koreas into one. We extend our research focus on Korean Independence movements in Paris and the Hague at the beginning of Twentieth century.

### **Mt. Halla Cherry Trees Bio-Diplomacy between Korea and France**

Culturally this research is also to sponsor registration of Records of Jeju 4.3 Grand Tragedy Victim List to one of UNESCO Programs of World Memory (1947-1954) in Korea based on comparative study of 2.28 Taiwan Uprising Tragedy in 1947 as sources of Asian Democracy and Non Violence Asia tradition.

Jeju Island leadership in these activities is appropriate given the designation of the place as "Peace Island". Elements of Jeju Island culture are to be exploited in these meetings and discussions as they apply to a practical outcome: an internationally recognized "World Environment University" bringing together programs of study from leading existing ones, at first online, but

later through student and staff exchanges at the grass roots level. Contained within proposal also is the long-term goal of unification of the Korean peninsula as the 4.3 Tragedy grew out of this separation of one people and one culture into political states who yearn to be with their kinsmen.

We have run Peace Education at '6+1 Culture Forum' in December of 2018 in Jeju Island and have discussed 4.3 Human Rights, Reparative Justice and Reconciliation at Philadelphia in April of 2019, we want 6+1 Paris Culture Forum to contribute to register victim lists of Jeju 4.3 Grand Tragedies (1947-1954) to one of Memory of the World as symbol of human rights movements East Asian region during the Cold War as same as Taiwan 2.28 in 1947. Lindenbaum Orchestra has also involved in doing cultural diplomacy through music or global youth peace culture documentary film festival at university level.

As French bishop Emile Joseph Taquet sent and registered Jeju King Cherry trees of Mt. Halla to European Association of Plant Science in 1908 during doing his duty as Bishop on Jeju Island.

"Biologically, there are various cherry species of *Prunus* including *P. pendula*, *jamasakura*, *P. sargentii*, *P. x yedoensis* and *P. yedoensis*. The *P. yedoensis* is called as 'king cherry' in Korea because unlike the leaves of the other cherry tree which grow earlier than flowers, the flowers of *P. yedoensis* bloom first, there are hairs on the peduncle and style, and there are several flowers on the peduncle which are more vibrant than the other cherry trees. There have long been debate whether *P. yedoensis* in Jeju, Korea and *P. x yedoensis* (Yoshino cherry) in Tokyo, Japan are the same tree or not and their origin. *P. x yedoensis* was previously proposed to be a hybrid variety by several researchers." (Kimet. al. 2018.220). "He was able clearly examine his personal background, his ability to devote himself to the Jeju region by checking the characteristics of his hometown and his general history revealed in his genealogical records. This reflection was made through communication with Bishop René Dupong(September 2, 1929~now) of the same missionary group who arrived in Korea two years after father Emile Taquet, both were members of the Paris Foreign Missionary Church. Recently, Bishop René Dupong visited Paris in person. However, due to the ageing population of librarians

at the Paris Foreign Missionary Church, data was not available. But on the way out of Paris, his nephew, who was studying history, made him search for the genealogy (Huh.2019.69)". He said in his articles that we need "A Continuing Study on Emile Taquet : Now the Dioceses of Jeju has decided to set up an Emile Taquet museum, research center, and the creation of the Emile Taquet Road, which will include nature sights in the Seogwipo area using materials from Emile Taquet's genealogy, childhood materials, and materials from his time in Korea. There is also hope to establish an exchange between the cities of Seogwipo and Hecq or Preux-au-Bois and between Korea and France in the near future. With hopes that this exchange could reveal more about the importance of Emile Taquet's studies of the Jeju King Cherry Trees' natural habitat and other information sent to the foreign headquarters of the French Catholic Church. This exchange would commemorate the 13 years of missionary work (from 1902 to 1915) that Father Emile Taquet did on Jeju island. We can share an opportunity to committ to the continuing search for the implications of Emile Taquet's missionary, ecological, and community welfare work (ibid.73)".

It will be memorial event we have a bio-diplomacy for French Bishop Emile Joseph Taquet in Paris, France. In addition.

Our research will be contributed to open department of World Environment, Eco-Tourism, and Screen Studies through institutionalization of annual cultural and educational exchange programs between WEU in Jeju Island and its sister university in Strasbourg of France. We also have studied comparative case studies between Global Youth Peace Documentary Film Contest 2021 and World Island Film Festival : Peace Cultures in the Oceanic Societies in 2008.

## Conclusion

If we can institutionalize Cultural Diplomacy such as "6+1 Wonsan Culture Forum with advice of Korean Prime Minister, Chung Sye-keyun in March of 2022 and Vladivostok one in July of 2022 and establishment of 6+1 Culture Forum as one of partnership organization of UNESCO NGO Committee in France which enable us to activate people to people environmental, educational and

cultural diplomacy at the grass roots level, which compose components of Peace Island Studies as Nissology.

It will be worthwhile that we can institutionalize World Heritage Diplomacy such as Opening Korean Studies class at Government Department of American Graduate School that touches issues of designation of Jeju 4.3 Victims Records into one of UNESCO World Programe of Memory and publication of a book titled as "Jeju Peace for Korea' as number 6 of Peace Island Book Series.

We would like to institutionalize Environmental Diplomacy such as Management of three collaborative lecturing courses of WEU Online School as educational programs of 'the 2021 Global Ageing Network : East meets West : Approaches to Healthy Ageing and Wellness' from September 4-8, 2021 with financial support of Korean Tourism Organization and 3 collaborative ones of WEU at Strasbourg University in France with financial support of WAITCO Limited of Denmark and another three ones in September of 2022 in Jeju Island.

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