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### **2. New Website of Hanns Seidel Foundation Seoul office opened!**

In August 2003 Hanns Seidel Stiftung in Seoul opened a new website at [www.hss.or.kr](http://www.hss.or.kr). On this site you can find general information on our projects, information on upcoming and recent events as well as further informations. You can also download the newsletter of Hanns Seidel Foundation and the past electronic working papers from the Electronic Working Paper Archive. We hope to improve our service for you and are glad to receive your visit on our website.

### **2. New Conference and Seminar announcements**

#### **Forum of the Institute for Regional Development „The effects of sports events on local development“, October 23rd 2003, Cheonju, Cholla-Buk-Do**

Fostering citizen participation for important topics on the local level is one of the goals of the project on local autonomy of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea. Together with the Institute for Regional Development in Cheonju, Cholla-Buk-Do, we hold regular courses on local autonomy. However, also the participation in actual policy debates is important. Therefore, twice a year we organize a forum on important issues in regional and local politics, to promote the participation of citizens in the political decision making process.

National sports events gain increased intention in Korea after the successful co-hosting of the soccer world cup and the recent Universiade in Daegu. For local administration, they are costly, but also offer local and regional development chances. This year, Cheonju hosts from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October the bi-annual South Korean “National Sports Festival”. The forum of the Institute for regional development discusses local economic effects and the role of local administration in these events.

#### **Seminar in Yanbian (Yonggil), November 7th to 10th, 2003, „Peace on the Korean Peninsula and the role of China“**

The role of China for peace on the Korean peninsula came more and more to the attention of observers, as the Beijing peace talks of August showed. China, the closest ally of North Korea, but now also with excellent relations to South Korea, holds the key to the solution of the Korea crisis, but also for long-term peace perspectives in Northeast Asia. The ethnical Korean

population in the Yenji area can play a mediating role between North Koreans, South Koreans and Chinese.

From November 7 to November 10, 2003, the traditional meeting between the Institute of Peace Affairs, Seoul, and Yanbian University in Yenji (Yonggil) will take place. At a seminar at November 7<sup>th</sup>, speakers from both countries will analyse a wide range of topics related to the Chinese role in Northeast Asia. After the seminar a two-day study trip in the region will take place.

**Conference „ASEAN plus Three – Perspectives of regional integration in East Asia and lessons from European Integration”, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, Seoul**

Regional integration in Northeast Asia gained recently attention, not only because of growing economic interdependence and the fear of isolation in a world more and more dominated by trade blocs, but also because regional integration promotes peace and stability in Northeast Asia. The conference on December 1<sup>st</sup> will discuss scientific, economic and political perspectives of “ASEAN plus three (China, Japan, Korea”.

This conference is organized by the offices Singapore and Seoul of Hanns Seidel Foundation as well as the Institute of East and West Studies of Yonsei University and the newly founded East Asian Forum, a forum bringing Korean government, business and academics together to work for successful regional integration. Sponsors are the Bavarian Ministry for Economy, Transportation and Technology as well as the Asia Research Fund. Experts from Europe, ASEAN states and Northeast Asian states will come together to discuss the perspectives of regional integration. Conference language is English. The conference will take place in the Sangnam Institute for Management of Yonsei University. More informations are available in the Seoul office of Hanns Seidel Foundation.

**Conference „ASEAN plus three in the light of European Integration: the valuable lessons“, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003.**

At this conference the specific lessons of European integration for the new integration area „ASEAN plus three (China, Japan, Korea)“ will be discussed. Organizers are Hanns Seidel Foundation offices in Singapore and Seoul as well as the Seoul ASEM Institute and the Korean Association of Political Scientists who studied in France. Sponsor is the Bavarian Ministry for Economy, Transportation and Technology. The conference will take place in the press center in downtown Seoul. More informations are available in the Seoul office of Hanns Seidel Foundation.

**German-Korean Workshop, December 4th, in Seoul**

The German-Korean Workshop of the Institute for Peace Affairs and Hanns Seidel Foundation has earned a good reputation in recent years as a well-known forum for the exchange of German and Korean experiences on national division and unification policy. This year, two German scientists together with their Korean counterparts will discuss the economic aspects of the integration of divided states. More informations are available in the Seoul office of Hanns Seidel Foundation.

**3. Past Conferences and Seminars**

### **Study seminar on local autonomy in Bavaria in cooperation with the Research Institute for Local Councils (RILC) in July 2003**

Decentralization, regional and local autonomy have been from the beginning cornerstones of the work of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Seoul. After the successful introduction of direct elections of mayors and town councils, new challenges like fiscal autonomy and balanced regional development await Korea. To support the understanding of the German system of regional and local autonomy, in July 2003 Hanns Seidel Stiftung and the Research Institute for Local Councils (RILC) study seminar for a group of ten mayors and heads of counties from all provinces of South Korea. They will get a one-week in depth seminar on local autonomy in Bavaria. The seminar included visits to the Franconian towns of Bamberg, Bayreuth, Würzburg and Aschaffenburg as well as a number of smaller cities, but also the Upper Franconian regional government. Topics were for example the German system of federalism, local fiscal relations and redistribution, local environmental protection and the role of public and private organisations in local social policy. Also, the group met with Rep. Hartmut Koschyk (CSU), chairman of the German-Korean Parliamentary group and new president of the German-Korean society.

More in the Internet: <http://www.koschyk.de/bundestag/korea/kommunalpolitiker01.htm>

### **Workshop „Decentralized Society and Community Center“**

Decentralisation and the promotion of local autonomy are among the priority areas of the Roh Moo-Hyun administration. In June, the government published a “roadmap on decentralization”, promising among others more local autonomy in terms of local finance. How can the participation of citizens, a precondition for local autonomy, be raised?

The „5. Workshop of the Local Administration Research Institute (LARI) on Community Centers” has been held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, in Seoul. Organizers were the LARI, a long-term partner institution of Hanns Seidel Foundation, as well as the Institute for regional cooperation of Daejon University. Among the sponsors were Hanns Seidel Foundation, Seoul office, as well as the Ministry for Government Administration and Home Affairs and the Academic Society for Local Autonomy. At the workshop, Dr. Kwon, Sun-Bok, president of LARI, presented the current situation of the more than 1600 community centers in South Korea and demanded a stronger participation of citizens and a stronger position of community centers vis-à-vis city mayors. Director Ishikawa Yoshinori from the Seoul office fo the Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations discussed the current local government reforms in Japan. The smallest communities are merged and at the same time former administrative tasks assigned to voluntary citizens´organisations, according to the principle of subsidiarity. Prof. Ahn, Seong-Ho, professor of administration at Daejon university, analyzed in a comparative study the size of local communities and the participation of citizens in a number of states. Prof. Ahn proposed a greater role of citizens in local administration at the lowest level (Eup, Myong, Dong) and a greater role for community centers at that level. However, this had to emerge ultimately as a result of voluntary organization of citizens, not as a result of top-down legislation of the central state.

### **4. Electronic Working Papers of Hanns Seidel Foundation, Korea office**

With this new service Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea makes working papers and presentations accessible, in case you could not join our activities, but are nevertheless interested in a topic. You can download all working papers from our new website`s Electronic Working Paper Archive ([http://www.hss.or.kr/eng\\_07.htm](http://www.hss.or.kr/eng_07.htm)).

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