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**CALLING FOR A WORLD COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE PENDING  
ESCALATION OF TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA**  
16<sup>th</sup> WORLD NOBEL PEACE SUMMIT IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Dae Yong Shin is a man of deep conviction and peace despite his knowledge of the grave threats and rapid escalation of dissonance on the Korean peninsula. *“Implications of a military response to these tensions could have devastating effects and repercussions far beyond the Korean Peninsula and the South China Sea”*, says Mr. Shin. The military buildup juxtaposed with North Korean Leader Kim Jung-On’s nuclear ambitions, a new administration in the US, and an unstable administration in South Korea has a “tinder-box” effect *“It is extremely volatile and could blow at any time”*, Dae Yong Shin warns.

Dae Yong Shin, Board Member of the Wholistic Peace Institute, is attending the 16<sup>th</sup> Nobel Peace Summit in Bogota, Colombia. There is an opportunity for a concerted plea and world message to be by Nobel Peace Laureates attending this prestigious meeting to call for:

- an alternative to the Military approach on the Korean Peninsula,
- a proposal for nonviolent means to resolve the situation by
- convening a multi Nobel Peace Laureate conference in Seoul whose purpose is to explore new ideas for resolving the North-South Korean conflict and
- to formulate a Nobel Peace Laureate Action Plan for Peace for the Korean Peninsula.

Hosted by 2016 Nobel Prizewinner President Juan Manuel Santos the Nobel Summit includes profound messages from President Lech Walesa, Jody Williams, President Jose Ramos-Horta, Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, Shirin Ebadi, Rigoberto Menchu Tum, Tawakkul Karman, President Oscar Arias Sanchez, Intl Assn for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Carlos Trotta with Medicin Sans Frontiers, and representatives from Mikhail Gorbachev and the Dalai lama.

In synchrony with the vision of the late Alfred Nobel, Shin retired in 2016 from more than three decades of working with the US defense industry, his company assisting in the sophisticated technology associated with modern weapons. He dedicates his resources and long hours of his time to the quest of Unification, seeking input and agreement from heads of state, military advisors, and providing assistance to children of North Korea. He served as Board Chair of NAFECUS [www.nafecus.org](http://www.nafecus.org), an organization that has supplied more than 55 Million meals directly to the orphaned children living now in North Korea. With top military advisors to the US and Korea, Dae Yong Shin has called for compassion and peaceful resolutions with military, academic, and religious leaders in the US and Korea. He has received a honorary doctorate of Leadership and serves on the Board of Directors for nongovernmental organizations dedicated to peace.

One of those organizations is Educating for Peace the Wholistic Peace Institute (WPI) [www.wholisticpeaceinstitute.com](http://www.wholisticpeaceinstitute.com), an agency that believes in the commitment to promote and secure peace agreements around the world. The Institute's Founder and Board member Gary Spanovich says, "*We believe Nobel Peace Laureates are the "architects of peace" they know how to build peace, consensus, to resolve deep conflicts and secure or reconcile through carefully crafted agreements and implementation plans*". Many of the Nobel Peace Prizewinners have profound credentials and experience to speak for the resolution of world conflicts; therefore, we work and seek advice from these Nobel Peace Laureates who have sacrificed to bring peace in their country, to solve great turmoil, and to bring them to a pause of deeper unity on the Korean Peninsula.

*"Now is the Time to Act. We must bring the worlds communities together in solidarity with a proposal for peaceful reconciliation of their differences and to transcend the ideology gap"*, says Dae Yong Shin. The United Nations must take a stand on this issue to prevent escalation and to bring a dampening to further emotional responses stemming from fear and/or ignorance. So far, humanitarian efforts and financial "hand-outs" to North Korea have had mixed effects. Time is running out. The stability of South Korea is dangerously precarious, because of the government's unrest and uncertainties of a new

Korean administration not elected until fall 2017. The Nobel Peace Laureates at this 16<sup>th</sup> Nobel Summit have experience and the conviction to take a stand and to voice their opinion. We need a powerful statement of solidarity from world peacemakers calling for a world community response on Korea and non-nuclear options for protection of Asia and the world family.

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