
2026 Korea-UN Allied Nations Living Alliance Project

- Commonwealth Remembrance Series I -



PROGRAMME BRIEF



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◆ Overview

As opportunities to meet Korean War veterans in person become fewer, the Republic of Korea and the UN Sending States face a shared challenge: how to help the next generation understand their service and sacrifice and carry their legacy forward.

Living Alliance is a project-based academic and exchange programme that brings together university students from Korea and the UN Sending States to explore the Korean War and the history of the nations that took part. Through collaborative research and visits to the embassies of the UN Sending States in Korea, war memorials and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), students develop educational content in Korean and English to share with the next generation.

Students work in mixed-nationality teams, using the materials they research and create together in presentations and educational activities. Working with universities and the embassies of the UN Sending States, the Association seeks to turn this shared learning into friendships and exchange, enabling young people to carry the longstanding ties between Korea and the UN Sending States into their everyday lives as a “Living Alliance”.

◆ Programme at a glance

Programme	2026 Korea-UN Allied Nations Living Alliance Project
Participants	Korean university students and young people from the UN Sending States currently in Korea, including international and exchange students as well as those not enrolled at university. (Approximately 30 participants)
Programme Period	October–December 2026
First Series	Commonwealth Remembrance Series I — The participation of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in the Korean War, and how it is remembered.
Format	Institutional visits and field-based learning at embassies, war memorials and the DMZ; collaborative research in mixed-nationality teams; development of educational content in Korean and English; student presentations for the UN Allied Nations embassies, educational activities and exchange.
Organisers	UN Korean War Allies Youth Alliance (UNKWAYA) UN Korean War Allies Association (UNKWAA)

◆ Purpose and Objectives

For the memory of the Korean War to endure, young people need opportunities both to understand this history and to share it themselves.

The programme aims to:

- Deepen students' understanding of the Korean War and the roles of the UN Sending States through visits to historic sites and learning from relevant representatives, while exploring the significance of veterans' service and sacrifice.
- Foster understanding of different perspectives through collaborative research and presentations with students of different nationalities.
- Enable participants to share what they have learned with their peers and younger students through jointly developed educational content, taking an active role in preserving the memory of the war

◆ From the Commonwealth to the UN Sending States



UNKWAYA members with the Ambassadors of Australia, Canada and New Zealand



UNKWAYA members with the British Ambassador

The first series focuses on the participation of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in the Korean War and how that service is remembered. Future series are planned to explore the histories and remembrance of other UN Sending States.

Although the first series centres on these four Commonwealth countries, participation is open to Korean university students and young people from all UN Sending States who are currently in Korea, whether or not they are enrolled at a university.

◆ The Programme Experience

■ Learning about the UN Sending States through Field Visits



UNKWAYA members in conversation with the Deputy Commander of UNC.

Students visit the embassies of the UN Sending States in Korea, war memorials, the DMZ and the War Memorial of Korea to learn about the Korean War and the roles and contributions of the countries involved. Through briefings, questions and conversations with ambassadors, defence attachés and other representatives, students explore the significance of that service and how it is remembered in different countries.

■ Collaborative Research and Educational Content



UNKWAYA members in discussions and presentations at the Canadian Embassy

Korean students and youth from the UN Sending States work in mixed teams to research each country's participation in and remembrance of the Korean War. Together, they develop educational content and presentation materials in Korean and English, helping other young people

and younger students learn about the contributions of the UN Sending States and the service of their veterans.

■ Student-Led Presentations



UNKWAYA student representative giving a presentation at UNC.

Through small-group presentations at the DMZ and the embassies of the UN Sending States in Korea, students/youth share stories of each country's participation in the war, different approaches to remembrance, and the findings of their team research.

■ Friendship and Exchange between Young People from Korea and the UN Sending States

Alongside memorial visits and team projects, time is set aside for students to socialise and exchange ideas, helping turn the bonds forged during the Korean War into friendships among young people today.

◆ Indicative Programme Schedule

Date	Main Activities	Status
30 October	Visit to the War Memorial of Korea and a guided session on UN participation in the Korean War in the UN exhibition area.	
12 November	Educational talk and discussion with the Defence Attaché at the Swedish Embassy in Seoul.	
24 November	DMZ visit, a briefing by the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), and student presentations.	
	Visit to the British memorial in Paju and an educational talk by the British Defence Attaché.	
Around 28 November	Visits and wreath-laying at the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand memorials in Gapyeong; talks by the three countries' defence attachés.	Planned
Mid-November	Visit to UNC and an educational briefing; talks by ambassadors and defence attachés from the UN Sending States in Korea.	Dates being coordinated
Early to mid-December	Living Alliance academic forum and student presentations with the Commonwealth embassies; awards ceremony with the embassies of the UN Sending States.	Planned

※ Dates and programme details may change following coordination with the relevant institutions.

◆ Programme Outcomes and Awards



Canada-Korea Friendship and Cooperation Awards Ceremony
at the Canadian Embassy in Seoul

Participating teams develop educational and presentation materials in Korean and English based on their studies and field activities.

These materials will be shared through presentations held with the embassies of the UN Sending States in Korea, and subsequently used to teach peers and younger students about the history of the UN Sending States.

In December, the inaugural Living Alliance Academic Assembly is planned as the programme's concluding event, bringing together students and the embassies of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and other UN Sending States.

■ Awards from the Embassies of the UN Sending States



The Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea with UNKWAYA award recipients.



A UNKWAYA member receiving a certificate of commendation from the Deputy Commander of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command.

Certificates of recognition from the embassies of the UN Sending States(Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, etc) are planned for participants who demonstrate outstanding leadership in Living Alliance activities and contribute to greater friendship and cooperation between young people from Korea and the UN Sending States.

◆ About UN Korean War Allies Youth Alliance(UNKWAYA)



UNKWAA and UNKWAYA members with representatives of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command and UNC.

The UN Korean War Allies Youth Alliance (UNKWAYA) is the university student and youth organisation of the UN Korean War Allies Association.

It works to preserve the memory of the Korean War and takes part in exchanges with the UN Sending States.

As youth representatives of the Living Alliance academic programme, its members help plan and organise academic, remembrance and exchange activities. They study the histories of the UN Sending States and the service of their veterans, and share what they learn with the next generation.

◆ About UN Korean War Allies Association(UNKWAA)



UNKWAYA members carrying The Books of Remembrance in procession at the dedication ceremony at the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command.

Founded in 1963, the UN Korean War Allies Association (UNKWAA) pioneered civilian-led veterans diplomacy in the Republic of Korea. The Association has built memorials honouring individual UN Sending States, including the Commonwealth Memorial in Gapyeong in 1967. Through this work, it has conveyed the Korean people's gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the participating nations and laid foundations for friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the UN Sending States.

Notably, in 1978, following approximately 25 years of cooperation with the defence ministries, veterans' associations and embassies in Korea of

the 16 combat-contributing nations, the Association completed The Books of Remembrance, a 23-volume record containing the names of 37,937 UN service members who fell during the Korean War. The volumes were donated to the United Nations Command, the embassies of the UN Sending States in Korea and other institutions.

Today, the Association is building on its longstanding relationships with the UN Sending States to expand educational opportunities for younger generations. Through Living Alliance, it brings together young people from Korea and the UN Sending States to learn about participation in the Korean War and share that history with the next generation, carrying the bonds formed during the war into friendship and cooperation in everyday life.

◆ Key Partners

Embassies of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Sweden in the Republic of Korea · Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), among others.

◆ Participation and Enquiries

We welcome university students and youth from the UN Sending States who are interested in the history of the Korean War and the UN Sending States, international exchange, education or content creation.

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