

Hand in Hand for Disasters

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Problem

- Very low rate of awareness among students in RO Korea on natural disasters
- Education on natural disasters, especially floods, is needed as they are becoming prevalent in Korea due to climate change
- Lack of programs and educational materials aimed at engaging youth in learning about disasters

Objective

- Provide an opportunity for students to think creatively and actively about different aspects of natural disasters
- Motivate them to cooperate in the thinking process in order to form stronger ideas
- Encourage them to be more responsible about the situation in Korea

Method

- Host a **picture essay competition**
 - combination of both drawing and writing
- 2-4 participants in a group
- Target: Middle school and high school students in RO Korea

Format

A drawing of any type (painting, cartoon, etc)



An essay of any type (personal, formal, etc)

Ex. Once upon a time in Korea there was a happy family. However, one day a big flood destroyed their house and left them homeless. They had to move to a shelter and depend on the food provided by the organization. They did not know what to do because they had never really prepared for natural disasters.....

Theme

- Main theme: **Thinking about Natural Disasters**
- Things to think about: the current situation of Korea in regards to natural disasters
- Subtheme:
 1. Personal experiences with natural disasters
 2. Ways the youth can build disaster resilience in their own communities.
 3. Ways to engage others to raise awareness

Details

- Contact organizations that will be able to organize and sponsor together
 - Possible organization:
NGO 'PUM' (RO Korea)
People to People Korea
- Will invite other high school and university students of related clubs to take part in the organizing process

Funding

- Prize awards – USD 200
- Advertising fee – USD 50

Timeline (2012)

- Late August/Early September : Contact organization that will be willing to help
- September: Plan and prepare the competition
- Early October: Promote
- Late October: Start the competition for a duration of 3 weeks
- Late November: Judging and award ceremony

Potential plans

- Host the competition annually
- 2013 : host in Nepal
(through NGO 'NEKOFF')
- extend the participants to include foreigners in Korea through Seoul Global Center or international affairs department of universities

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