



Initiatives of Change
Farmers' Dialogue

You are invited to the dialogue on

The Role of Family Farming for Sustainable Biotic Community

21 to 28 October 2018

A third of the global population is working in agriculture, and many of them are in family farming or tenant farming. However, a number of capitalists and multinational corporations have taken hold of most of the farmers' produce gained from all their hard work. These powerful entities have also gained control over agricultural facilities, fertilizers, pesticides, as well as trade and distribution sectors to the extent that they have free rein to work through the market.

One of the most important rights of all living creatures in nature is to have an equal right to live and control their lives. Nothing can stop us from exercising that right. We must end the cycle in order to live our life as a living being.



Family farming has become a synonym for vulnerability, but it may be the key to end the current cycle. This is because small-scale family farming is the only thing that we can turn to in order to lead a sustainable life here on earth since it has limited resources. And then we must facilitate communication with consumers with whom we will continue to lead our lives, and share mutual understandings.

We hope to foster solidarity for life and facilitate communication among us. While Korea has risen from the ashes of war to achieve unprecedented economic growth, we have failed to safeguard our agricultural system. We hope to share our experience in trying to pave our new path towards protecting Korea's agriculture.

The conference will cover a wide range of issues including GMO, Multinational Corporation, government policy and the role of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation. For the first three days, the conference will bring together Korean farmers and farming stakeholders, and the last three days will consist of farm tours including visits to organic farms and biotic communities.



Date: 21 to 28 October 2018

Recommend to arrive at Incheon airport on 21 Oct (before 10 pm) and to leave on 28 Oct.

Homestay on farms : possible on request

Those who would like to stay on a Korean farm before or after the conference are invited to mention it in the registration form and it will be arranged according to your specification of dates.

Venue: International Retreat Center

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Fee: USD 450

Scholarship can be considered on request even though there will be only partial scholarship.

Visa: Please contact the nearest Consulate of Republic of Korea to find out the necessary documents. You can apply for a tourist visa for the conference. The visa can be applied 3 months prior to the arrival. IofC Korea can provide invitation letter and support to get the visa by contacting the consulate directly.

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Apply online by 20 July: <https://goo.gl/forms/ldClvVFz0yovNoUg1>

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