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The Mission of Korean Peninsula and Japan Archipelago:
Declaration as “a Japanese Representative of Human Society”

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1. Introduction

There is a global situation without future prospects such as a chaotic financial crisis leading to a chain of distrust, a crisis of energy and resources, and nuclear proliferation. The natural environment also faces great changes such as eruptions of volcanoes, huge earthquakes, tsunami, and so forth. It is required to have a viewpoint on how to sustain the human society. If we define such a mountainous pile of issues in a trapped state as serious troubles, it is possible to say that we have good opportunities to resolve such conflicts as a Chinese proverb says: “Turn a misfortune into a blessing”.

2. Creating the Enjoyable and Sustainable Global Society on My Own Initiative

I left a company which had gone bankrupt in 1971 and started business from scratch and founded a company of Komatsu Industries Corporation, Ltd. in 1973, the year of the oil shock. I invented a product called Monban (its literal meaning is a gatekeeper) which is a shutter for safe and clean working conditions and energy-saving in 1985. I also invented a product called Yakumo Suishin (Yakumo is the name of the place and Suishin means the water god) which manages water supply and sewerage system efficiently using the Internet in 2000. It was a pioneering presence of cloud computing. I created two different markets and made these two products name-brand items without enlarging my company in Yakumo village, Yatsuka-gun in Shimane Prefecture (which is now called Yakumo-cho in Matsue City), the inaugurating place of the enterprise. These products have been sold not only in Japan but also in foreign markets.

In 1994 I founded the Human, Nature & Science Institute using earnings from the business after fulfilling my responsibility of paying tax. I visited war and peace related museums in the world for twenty years using the fund and worked hard for peace, cleaner environment and healthcare as well as making chances for citizens to discuss global issues. For example, I visited Korean Independence Hall in the Republic of Korea and offered flowers and donation as the first Japanese in 1997. I also attended the anniversary of An Jungun (1879-1910), a person of principles and the martyr for Korea, held in the Republic of Korea in 2007. I donated money as food aid to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea through the Korean Red Cross in 1998. I also helped show Ahn Jung-geun’s calligraphy of “Independence” in Hiroshima for the first time in Japan. I also visited war/peace memorials in China, Russia, the United States and so forth and offered flowers and donation. I have been waiting for such a good timing when social environment becomes fully equipped in systematic order as one of the generation to fulfill our postwar responsibility.

The aim of the institute is to make the enjoyable and sustainable global society on my own initiative. A brain works better if you try to act on your own initiative: your ideas would change in order to realize them. Then we would get more necessary information and get to know new people. If we share our ideas with other people, we will be able to knead our ideas into shape. Such ideas will be deeply desired under the influence of social changes.

3. Peace and Harmony: From Empathy to Conflicts, Integration and Development

I aim at becoming an international general coordinator of a philosopher, an inventor and an

entrepreneur. My idea that social issues are resources for carrying on business would be the first one in human history. I think that there is a good chance of making a project for peace and realize peace in the Korean Peninsula and Japan from an entrepreneur’s viewpoint.

Mary Parker Follett, a political philosopher who was highly evaluated by Peter Drucker, an influential writer in the spotlight, divided human and organizational relation into conflict, compromise and integration. She said, “There are three ways of dealing with difference: domination, compromise, and integration. By domination only one side gets what it wants; by compromise neither side gets what it wants; by integration we find a way by which both sides may get what they wish.”¹ I define a cycle from empathy to conflicts and integration as “Wa” (meaning peace and harmony). Its means is Wajo which is defined as an ability to realize our ideas and cherished hope in the whole context combining three soft powers (wisdom, vocation and dialogue) with empathy and two hard powers (organizing ability and a means to realize justice). It is necessary to judge “what to secure and what to yield” and act for the conflict resolution whose process is in a cycle from empathy to conflicts, integration and development.

4. The Use of Fire and Language Leading to Division of Labor: its Progress and Deadlock

Humans evolved thanks to the good use of fire and the invention of language and the recognition of gods. This led to the division of labor and the establishment of the social order. Fire is made by rubbing wood in dry air with spirit for a ceremony at Kumano Shrine which is called “Shrine of the Origin of Fire” in Yakumo village in Shimane Prefecture where I founded my company. There is a Kamedayuh Shinto ritual in which sacred treasures used to make fire are lent to the Great Shrine of Izumo. Fire is used in nuclear weapons/energy, and language is used in tablet terminal such as iPad, smartphones and cloud computing. The division of labor has been done globally.

Fukushima was added to Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the accidents of nuclear power plants in Fukushima. Nuclear weapons and nuclear energy are common issues among humans and the question is how to grasp their meaning for the future. Now is the best chance to tackle issues when attention is paid to Japan. It is necessary to play important roles to deal with global and historical issues in Matsue City, an International Cultural Sightseeing City of Shimane Prefecture where there is a close relation to the Korean Peninsula from ancient times, and also the biggest nuclear power plant of the No. 3 nuclear reactor is under construction though many people live and there is the prefectural capital. It is also time for Matsue City to play an important role in human history from a cultural view point because Yakumo Koizumi (Lafcadio Hearn) who had introduced Japanese culture abroad lived there.

5. The Responsibility before, during and after the World Wars

The day of February 22nd was decided as the Day of Takeshima by an ordinance in Shimane Prefecture on March 16th in 2005. Takeshima island is called Dokudo in the Republic of Korea. The enactment of the ordinance caused debates on the territorial issue in the Northern Territories and the Senkaku Islands near Okinawa as well as the situation where there is no way out.

There is an idea to divide the war responsibility into three: the responsibility before, during and after World War II. I think that it is a human qualification and duty to research historical facts before and during the war with countries involved with Japan’s aggression, and make clear what is common and different. Then it is necessary for conflicting parties to have empathy as the starting point, integrate conflicts and develop making the best use of points in common and differences. There will be more political and economic disorder which would lead to big conflicts in Japan and abroad if nothing is done. There is fear that the future generation might criticize us that we did not fulfill not only our postwar responsibilities but also our prewar responsibilities by future generations.

6. The Mission of Korean Peninsula and Japan Archipelago

It is important to make good use of time (65 years after World War II) and space (Japan Sea/East Sea) for the better and hopeful future. Conflicts in Korean Peninsula and Japan Archipelago can be used as a good opportunity to create the world with new hope, and it is important to have concepts of empathy as the starting point, the integration of conflicts, and development in this process. This region is the only place in the world where the Cold War structure remains. The power of the three nuclear powers of China, Russia and the U.S.A. which are also the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council is well balanced in this region. There are conflicts among the DPRK, the Republic of Korea and Japan such as abduction issues, Takeshima/Dokudo island issue, how to call Japan Sea/ East Sea, Korean women who were forced to work as sexual slaves during World War II, Korean people who were forced to work by Japan during World War II and Yasukuni Shrine issue. If there were inner breakdowns and clashes among the DPRK, the Republic of Korea and Japan, it might lead to inner collapse and clashes among the three nuclear powers, which would make a crucial impact on human survival.

Therefore, it is necessary for people in the DPRK, the Republic of Korea and Japan as well as China, Russia and the U.S.A. to face up to the reality from a global viewpoint of human history and have wisdom, insight and courage in order to have empathy first, integrate conflicts and develop.

It was suggested by our institute in 2002 that the name of Japan Sea be changed into Nakaumi (meaning the middle sea) and make Takeshima Island into a holy place for peace and environment. I think that this region should be nuclear free zone where nuclear weapons are abandoned, and this would lead to nuclear disarmament among nuclear power nations including China, Russia and the U.S.A. There is also a traditional culture of fermentation by microbial action in the region and it would lead to great development if this culture is invigorated. It would be possible to create a culture of peace and harmony to combine these three projects.

The world population increased from 2.5 billion in the 1950s to 7 billion today, but the acreage under cultivation is almost the same. The amount of harvesting per area increased thanks to chemical fertilizer, agricultural chemicals and the improvement of plants including the manipulation of genes. On the other hand, there are problems such as a decrease in immune strength in nature because of the deterioration of soil, and a decrease in immune strength among animals and humans. It is our concern that there would be a decrease in immune strength for a long time because of the radioactive contamination by the accidents of nuclear power stations.

Humans figured out a good way of preserving food and improving immune strength by curing with smoke and fermentation. In Korean Peninsula and the Japan Archipelago, there is a culture of fermentation such as kimchi and also miso and soy sauce. I would like to suggest that we make Korean Peninsula and Japanese Archipelago an advanced region to research how to improve immune strength by collecting wisdom in the world, using the state-of-the-art science and information technology, and making a good use of conflicts among Japan, the DPRK and the Republic of Korea.

The above ideas are summarized in a book called *The Mission of Korean Peninsula and Japan Archipelago*. It was published with the cooperation of Japan, the DPRK, the Republic of Korea and China on February 22 in 2011, the Day of Takeshima and also the so-called anniversary of the death of Shohtokutaishi who founded Japan based on an idea of "Harmony is the greatest of virtues." In 1999 the framework of the above ideas was written in a book of *Taiyouno Kuni Izumo* (The Country of the Sun: Izumo) as well as Compact Disc of "The Country of the Sun, the Capital of Water and Green Town" with a song for the project. In 2009 a book of *Chinese Classic Analects* was published to appeal the establishment of a culture of peace and harmony in the global (global and local) age. It was published with the cooperation of Academy Press and people in China in four languages: Japanese, Chinese, Korean and English. The book has a collection of selected wise sayings on peace, environment and health from Chinese classics

which is a great treasure of human beings that has been conveyed to future generations for thousands of years.

7. The Urgent Project for the Human Survival

Three urgent projects for human survival with the participation of people and donation are suggested at our institute in addition to the research project of improving immune strength using fermented food.

- 1) There is a plan of building a memorial tower commemorating all the war victims in the world since Meiji Restoration in 1868.
- 2) There is also a plan of creating War/Peace Museum where it is possible to watch war/peace museums in the world using photos, images through the information and communication technology.
- 3) There is also a plan of creating a Peace & Harmony Palace where it is possible to bring forth a cycle from empathy to conflicts, integration and development using modern science and technology as well as the information and communication technology. There is a plan of making a scheme by 2012 when there is a presidential election in the Republic of Korea and the United States. I hope to start realizing the plan in 2013 when the Great Shrine of Izumo and Ise Shrine are repaired. The budget would be 500 billion yen.

8. The Most Important Roles in Human Society beyond Ethnic Pride

Japan is trying to leave two things to descendants: the debt which could not be paid back and a grudge and hatred by other Asian people toward Japan because of the lack of consideration of the sacrifice of people in the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-5, the Russo-Japanese War and two World Wars. Now is the time for the Japanese and Koreans living in Japan to play important roles in human history by contributing to creating eternal peace with people of the DPRK and the Republic of Korea. This would lead to creating the highest pride in human society beyond ethnic pride. An Jungun left us the following words of "An important mission as a representative of human society", which is the most suitable to today's situation. The 21st century is said to be the century of "water". I would like to develop Yakumo Suishin business with people's help on a global scale, for the comprehensive system of managing water is more advanced than cloud computing and the age of Ruby (a dynamic, reflective, general-purpose object-oriented programming language) in order to produce the fund for the urgent project for peace. I would like to announce our project for peace and harmony to the world as "a Japanese representative of human society" and start realizing it. I would like to listen to your opinions.

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¹ <http://www.economics.arawakcity.org/node/441>