Greetings! As the fall colors begin to saturate the landscape, it is time to report once again on the many activities the DMZ Forum has engaged in over the last several months. Our members have been actively pursuing new connections with organizations and individuals dedicated to the conservation of the DMZ, cultivating and maintaining positive relations with those who have long supported our mission, and advocating for joint DPRK-ROK nomination of the DMZ as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our work is far from complete, however, and we need your continued assistance.

Upcoming Events

- **DMZ Coalition Annual Meeting**
  - 2:00-5:00 PM, December 15, 2010 at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 9th Floor (Room 918), International Affairs Building, 420 West 118th Street, New York, NY 10027 (weai@columbia.edu; Tel: (212) 854-2592).
  - Keynote Speakers:
    - **Dr. Bruce Cumings**, Gustavus F. and Ann M. Swift Distinguished Service Professor and chair of the Department of History at the University of Chicago, and author of numerous books on Korea and the Korean War, most recently *The Korean War: A History* (Modern Library, 2010). Dr. Cumings will present a talk entitled, “The Persistence of North Korea and the Intractability of Cold War Logic in U.S. Policy.”
    - **Dr. Saleem H. Ali**, Professor of Environmental Planning and Asian Studies, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont, DMZ Forum Board Member, and author or editor of several books, including *Peace Parks: Conservation and Conflict Resolution* (MIT Press, 2007). Dr. Ali will present a talk entitled, “What makes peace parks work? Global lessons for the Korean peninsula.”

Recent Activities and Other News

- Board Member Dr. Lisa Brady presented a public lecture at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, entitled, “The Korean War and Its Environmental Legacy: The Green Ribbon of Hope.” The talk examined the environmental aspects of the Korean War, the paradoxical nature of the DMZ, and its contested future.
- Board Members Dr. Seung-ho Lee and Dr. Lisa Brady participated in a special double-session of the 11th World Knowledge Forum in Seoul, Korea, on October 14, 2010 (http://www.wkforum.org/). The two-session panel examined ecological, peace, and security issues surrounding the DMZ. Numerous government officials, including Mr. Ahn Yang-ho, Vice Minister of Public Administration and Security, attended the session. The opening keynote address was given by John and Doris Naisbitt, co-authors of the global best-seller, *Megatrends*. Dr. Lee moderated the first session and Dr. Brady presented a talk entitled, “Korea’s DMZ: Nature, Culture, and the Prospect for Peace.” Other presenters included: DMZ Coalition
One important result of the meeting was the creation and acceptance of the “Seoul Declaration of the 11th World Knowledge Forum’s Joint DMZ Session,” which calls for continued dialog and cooperation between the governments of the DPRK and the ROK and all other stakeholders regarding the conservation of the DMZ’s ecological and cultural resources.

- Dr. Lee and Dr. Brady visited the DMZ at Hwacheon, where the DPRK and the ROK are separated by a mere 800 meters. Dr. Lee was interviewed by the Maeil Business News Channel (Seoul) about the DMZ Forum’s efforts toward nomination of the area as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (See photo at left. L-R: Dr. Lee, Dr. Brady, Mr. Kang Seong Ki, our ROK Army Guide, Mr. Choi Moon Soon)

- Board member, Dr. Saleem Ali participated in the World Knowledge Dialogue in Switzerland in October where he co-facilitated a workshop with landscape architect Dr. Anna Grichting on developing a peace park in Cyprus through community-mapping. Community members from the northern and southern parts of Cyprus attended. The digital map prepared as part of this effort will serve as a prototype for additional community mapping efforts, including one for the Korean peninsula.

- Dr. Lee also presented a lecture, “Turning Korea’s DMZ into a UNESCO World Heritage Site: An Option for Trust Building?” at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University (New York) on September 28, 2010, as part of its Brown Bag Lecture Series.


- Mr. Brandon Lee of the DMZ Forum’s Seoul office has created several pamphlets and educational fliers highlighting the UNESCO World Heritage Site system. Two such pamphlets have already been published: one on the Tassili-n-Ajer of Algeria and another on the Kakadu National Park of Australia. These pamphlets can be found on our website at [http://www.dmzforum.org/aboutus/DMZ_Pamphlet.php](http://www.dmzforum.org/aboutus/DMZ_Pamphlet.php)

**Our On-going Efforts**

In addition to our commitment to conserving the biological and cultural resources of the DMZ and transforming it from a symbol of war into a symbol of peace, the DMZ Forum continues to:

- Up-date its website with news, events, and publications about the DMZ – visit our site often!
- Create informational pamphlets and fliers regarding our efforts to transform the DMZ into a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Work with various individuals, agencies, and organizations to build a strong partnership through the DMZ Coalition.
- Seek volunteers and donors to help in our efforts.

To get involved, or if you know an individual or organization that might like to become part of the Coalition, please contact Seung-ho Lee at shlee@dmzforum.org or 516-987-5282.