

Three Visions



For Koreans | A Nation based on freedom, safety, and the pursuit of happiness

- Unification will ensure a better future for all the people of the Korean Peninsula by eliminating the threats to freedom and security that the division has caused.
- North Korean people will be free from oppression and poverty, and fully gain their human dignity through unification based on freedom.



For the nation | A strong and prosperous Nation through creativity and innovation

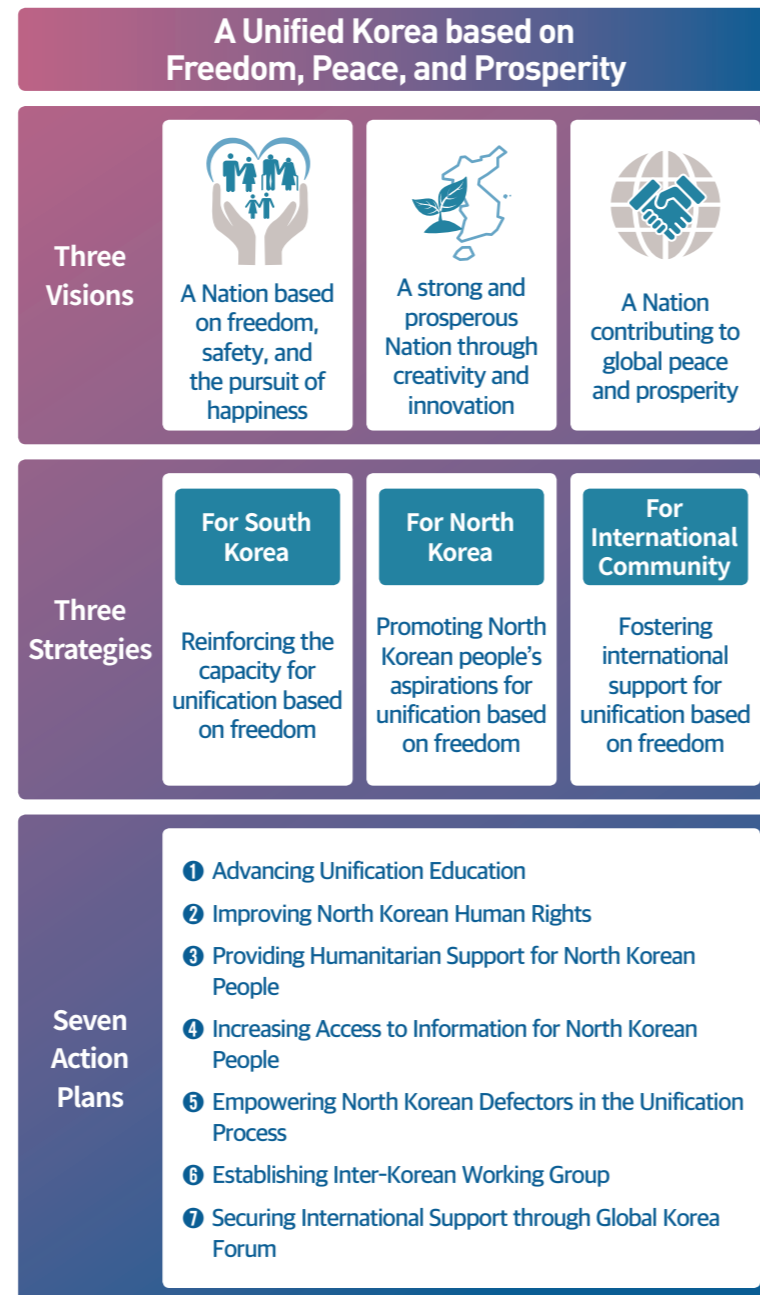
- Unification is essential for national development, as it brings freedom and peace for greater achievements.
- Through unification, we will gain new growth engine for enlarged economic opportunities and a better future for coming generations.



For the world | A Nation contributing to global peace and prosperity

- Unification based on freedom will catalyze peace and prosperity across Northeast Asia, the Indo-Pacific region, and the international community, opening a new chapter in history.
- Unification of Korea will contribute to the diffusion of universal values, justice, and the rule of law.

August 15 Unification Doctrine Diagram



Significance

- The Doctrine defines our goal of 'unification based on freedom' in accordance with the constitutional values of the Republic of Korea.
- The Doctrine proposes action plans for unification led by the Republic of Korea.
- The Doctrine aims to build a democratic unification process to promote freedom and human rights of all the people on the Korean Peninsula.
- The Doctrine aims to realize our vision through cooperation with the international community, while contributing to world peace and prosperity.



“My fellow South Korean citizens and fellow North Koreans!

In a unified Korea, we will enjoy more freedom and a greater range of opportunities. Furthermore, achieving this will bestow a blessing upon the whole of humanity.

The government and I will make 2024 the first year of advancing toward a unified Korea based on freedom, peace, and prosperity”

(President Yoon Suk Yeol's commemorative address for the 79th National Liberation Day on August 15, 2024)

Three Strategies

For South Korea | Reinforcing the capacity for unification based on freedom

- A sense of responsibility, tolerance, and adherence to norms are the prerequisites for ensuring freedom for all.
- Unification based on freedom should be achieved by securing public support and protecting freedom.

For North Korea | Promoting North Korean people's aspirations for unification based on freedom

- We must encourage North Korean people to desire for unification based on freedom.
- If more North Korean people realize they will be accepted as citizens of unified Korea and their lives will become better, they will become partners for unification based on freedom.

For International Community | Fostering international support for unification based on freedom

- We will contribute to global peace and prosperity, while working with the international community to set foundation for unification.
- We encourage the international community to promote freedom and human rights through unification.

Seven Action Plans

- 1 Advancing Unification Education
- 2 Improving North Korean Human Rights
- 3 Providing Humanitarian Support for North Korean People
- 4 Increasing Access to Information for North Korean People
- 5 Empowering North Korean Defectors in the Unification Process
- 6 Establishing Inter-Korean Working Group
- 7 Securing International Support through Global Korea Forum

1 Advancing Unification Education

- Unification education will create a sense of responsibility among our citizens to lead unification based on freedom.
- We will provide tailored education programs offering a forward-looking vision that raises prospects of unification.

2 Improving North Korean Human Rights

- Improving North Korean human rights situation is an important task for peace and unification on the Korean peninsula.
- We will host the International Conference on North Korean Human Rights in close collaboration with our allies, domestic and international NGOs, and international organizations.

3 Providing Humanitarian Support for North Korean People

- We are prepared to provide humanitarian support for North Korean people at any time, regardless of political situation
- We will provide humanitarian support, such as food and healthcare supplies, to vulnerable groups*. *Infants, women, seniors, persons with disabilities and others.

4 Increasing Access to Information for North Korean People

- We will help North Korean people stay informed about changes in the outside world through diverse channels and methods to instill hope for a better future in younger generations.
- We will work in cooperation with the international community and civil society.

5 Empowering North Korean Defectors in the Unification Process

- In order to advance unification, we must help North Korean defectors successfully settle in the South and blend in with the local communities.
- We will help North Korean defectors to be warmly embraced by our society and work with them in the process of unification.

6 Establishing Inter-Korean Working Group

- We have remained open to dialogue with North Korea.
- The consultative body should be a platform for discussing substantive issues and any matters that concern either Korea.

*de-escalation, economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges, cultural exchanges, humanitarian issues (separated families, abductees, detainees, prisoners of war), disaster relief and climate change

7 Securing International Support through Global Korea Forum

- It is important to emphasize that unification will protect the universal values of freedom and human rights, and contribute to global peace and prosperity.
- We will establish the Global Korea Forum to foster international support for unification based on freedom.

“My fellow Koreans, Let us continue marching onward!
Let us join hands and vigorously advance toward a greater
Republic of Korea, a Unified Korea!”