



# Korean-Japanese Skype-Facilitated Youth Reconciliation Dialogue



Two hours in July, 2013, face-to-face Dialogue with listening-to-learn was experienced in a circle of Japanese and Korean young adults at [Kyung Hee University](#), Seoul, Korea.

This was a pre-conference communication workshop of the [5th International Conference on History and Peace](#) — Civil Society's Contribution to Promoting a Peaceful East Asian Community.



Six Japanese and six Koreans hoped to correct old, one-sided views of history and heal historic wounds. Sharing personal life narratives, participants experienced that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard," and that "story is the shortest distance between people."

The communication workshop was facilitated long distance via Skype from California by Libby and Len Traubman, co-founders of the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue -- <http://traubman.igc.org/global.htm>

A step-by-step, how-to facilitator's guide to replicate a similar Dialogue experience is preserved at <http://traubman.igc.org/engagingtheother.pdf>

## International NGO Conference on History and Peace



- Establish Internet connection
- Brief personal introductions
- Facilitator defines Dialogue & tells own story as example.

Then participants hear one another's personal narratives in dyads with careful listening-to-learn.





*"An enemy is one whose story we have not heard."*  
Ms. Gene Knudsen-Hoffman



# Group Assimilation of Shared Experiences and Collective Learning





**Sungho Kang conceived this Skype-facilitated Japanese-Korean youth Dialogue workshop. He teaches social sciences at Kyung Hee University in Seoul. Increasingly his life has become dedicated to promoting reconciliation, peacebuilding, and cooperation among peoples in East Asia.**



## Closing and Appreciation



### **From Japan**

*"It was all so great! A Korean student gave us a lovely letter saying that she could feel hope for the future cause she met us Japanese! We didn't expect to receive such a letter so couldn't stop my tears... Had great time here especially the dialogue was awesome!!!"*

### **From Korea**

*"Our Seoul NGO Conference is over and all delegates returned back home. Thanks to you, it was a wonderful time both for Japanese delegates and Korean participants. Everybody enjoyed this face-to-face experience and felt it was rewarding. It was a good launching and this on-line connection was a great success. I am sure it is worthwhile to further develop this program."*



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## TV News Reports



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Ms. Kittisilpa's reports may include the world's strongest news statements yet to usher in the 21st century of civil society's people-to-people "public peace process" to ensure Asian and global cooperation beyond war.

### Part 1: Could Historical Conflict Sentiments Wage Another War?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9mHxbeq4HQ>

### Part 2: Nationalism, Disputes still hinders Asia's Growth

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ewvb1AGOL3o>

### Part 3: The Young Hopes to A Conflict Resolution

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBr4rXei0Hg>

