**Topics for Jeju Youth Forum 2015**

Topic 1: How can we as citizens be less complacent and more

proactive in regard to the issue of public safety?

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| Submersion of the Sewol ferry has put all citizens into a great depression in Korea.　 Looking at the disgraceful accident, we assert that the cause lies within complacency concerning safety. 　Most people are unaware of small safety regulations in everyday life. 　This lack of awareness can also be found in our personal lifestyle. 　Therefore we need to ascertain the causes of safety complacency and ways in which to resolve them.  In everyday life, situations arise that we should choose between convenience and action. 　However, most convenient choices have resulting risks over time. 　Since there are no safety standards, there is a high possibility of complications. 　Even though the risk is present, people tend to act with convenience due to lack of safety awareness. |

Please refer to the following questions to help you think about this topic, and then describe your thoughts.

1. Improve your background knowledge of the sinking of Sewol on the

internet.

2. Describe a few examples of safety complacency that exists in your

country, or your personal lifestyle.

3. What do you think is the main cause of complacency in your daily life?

Do you agree with notion that we pursue convenience over safe

practice?

Explain your answer.

4. Devise an idea that will change our approach towards safety and

ensure safe practices all round, eliminating negligence.

Topic 2: What are the solutions to the social problems associated

with the information online and the negative effects of

social network sites on human relations in reality?

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| In recent years, people in the world have experienced the most dramatic changes ever in history with the advance of a variety of new media platforms, based on Information Communication Technology. These new media platforms enable transcending space and time, and collecting and distributing an enormous amount of information simultaneously. However, it is undeniable that there have been many ensuing social problems. These problems include privacy concerns regarding social networking sites and the dispute over the ownership or control of information online. Moreover, with freedom of expression some properties of the Internet system, such as the anonymity of users often turn cyberspace into a breeding ground for malicious rumors and even insults. Apart from that, the role of social networking sites in connection with the human relations is controversial. In opposition to the original purpose to be a platform to build social networks or social relations, some believe social networking sites have negative impacts on building emotional bonds. It’s time that you should come up with better ways to use the information online and social networking sites. |

Please refer to the following questions to help you think about this topic, and then describe your thoughts.

1. Do you think we need the modern version of “Big Brother” to prevent

abuse of information online? If so, who should take the responsibility?

2. To what extent can we say that expressing one’s ideas and opinions is

the freedom of expression? Should we take legal measures or ask moral

responsibility for expressing one’s opinions on a certain person or issue?

3. Who can claim the right to the information online, the producers or

those involved in the content? Do you think everyone has the right to be

forgotten, the right to ask for deleting personal information online?

4. Do the human relations online have positive effects on your life in

reality, or not?

Do you think the human relations online can replace some functions of

the existing human relations in real life?

Topic 3 : What is our roles as individuals, in making the world

a happier place?

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| According to the 2015 World Happiness Report announced by the UN, Switzerland is on top as the happiest country among 158 countries in the world. South Korea is ranked in 47th place, which is 6 places down from the 2013 World Happiness Report. Since 2012, the World Happiness Report has reflected a new worldwide demand for more attention to happiness as a criteria for government policy. It explains that the concepts of happiness and well-being should be a proper measure of social progress and goal of public policy. It also says an increasing number of national and local governments are using happiness data and research in their search for policies that could enable people to live better lives. Especially, in Chapter 6, it found that a positive outlook during childhood lays the foundation for greater happiness during adulthood. Therefore, we need to invest early in the lives of our children to make them happy adults. |

Please refer to the following questions to help you think about this topic, and then describe your thoughts.

1. What do you think happy people have in common? And for you, what

kind of things affect your happiness?

2. In the 2015 World Happiness Report, which place is your country ranked?

And what do you think about the result?

3. The equation explains nation average life evaluations in terms of six

key variables: GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy,

freedom to make life choices, generosity, and freedom from corruption.

What else can you add to the list?

4. According to 2015 World Happiness Report, measuring subjective well-

being could be an alternative way of measuring national well-being.

Do you agree with this idea?

5. If you were a leader of your country, what kind of policy would you

want to suggest to improve the happiness index of your country?

Topic 4: How can we realize sustainable peace in human society?

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| It is a sustainable peace in which the majority of people on this planet have access to enough resources to live dignified lives, where these people have enough access to education and health care, so that they can live in freedom from want and freedom from fear. This is called human security.  Jody Williams Nobel Peace Laureate : A realistic vision for world peace  Dec 2010 TED  And there were young people who were killing each other for reasons that I thought were very trivial, like bumping into someone in a high school hallway, and then after school, shooting the person.  Someone with the wrong color shirt on, on the wrong street corner at the wrong time.  And something needed to be done about that.  It got to the point where it started to change the character of the city.  Why me? Because I'm the one who can't sleep at night thinking about it. Because I'm the one looking around saying somebody needs to do something about this, and I'm starting to realize that someone is me.  Jeffrey Brown : How we cut youth violence in Boston by 79 percent  March 2015 TED |

Please refer to the following questions to help you think about this topic, and then describe your thoughts.

1. What can we do to stop bullying at school?

2. If you suggest one day of peace to the whole world, how can you make

it happen?

3. Can you see any problems with racism and xenophobia in your society?

What do you think is the cause of racism and xenophobia?

4. What do you think of being stuck in the addictions of racism, sexism,

materialism, nationalism, fundamentalism and elitism?

How do we free ourselves from all forms of prejudice in which we have

been carefully indoctrinated by our culture and society before we

developed our own discernment to judge them rightly?

5. Are there any threats to your country’s stability?

What would you do to meet those threats?