

## Paying Profound Respect to the Fallen Heroes



A Canadian Korean War veteran Vincent Courtenay started the Turn Toward Busan ceremony in 2007 to commemorate the sacrifice of fallen United Nations soldiers.

The Nam-gu district is a revered site of peace where fallen soldiers, who sacrificed their lives to defend peace and freedom of the Korean Peninsula, are interred at the sole UN cemetery.

The Nam-gu district office is putting its utmost effort to commemorate the sacrifices and devotion of the war veterans.

I believe the best way to pay tribute to their sacrifice is to remember and cherish their devotion beyond borders, even or especially after generations have passed.

Every November 11th at 11 o'clock, we give a silent prayer for 1 minute. The world is united in paying tribute. Sorrows and scars of the bereaved families and veterans transcend borders. We must remember their sacrifices and protect the peace and freedom on the Korean Peninsula that they fought for in the Republic of Korea, and in many other nations, that all of soldiers from the United Nations countries who served in.

It is clear that in the Republic of Korea, and in many other nations, that all of soldiers from the United Nations countries who served in Korea, have not been forgotten. I pay respect to all war veterans and reverently wish that the fallen heroes rest in peace.

Park Jae-bem  
Mayor  
Nam-Gu District, Busan Metropolitan City

## Seventy Years of Gratitude for our Forever Young Soldiers



This year, we proudly commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea. Our Cemetery was first established by the UN Command in April, 1951 in Busan during the Korean War, and is the only one of its kind. Resting in peace in this sacred ground are 2,311 UN troops.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the District Mayor Park Jae-bem and his staff members for creating a special edition of the Busan Namgu Newspaper on such

meaningful year.

Each man who is laid to rest here is a hero who bravely came to a country, whose name he never heard, and sacrificed himself in defense of freedom and peace during the Korean War. Without them, today's Republic of Korea would not have been possible.

I hope the publishing of the special edition of Namgu Newspaper serves as an opportunity to honor the sacrifice and service of the UN forces, and to think about the significance of the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Hur Kang-il  
Custodian of the United Nations Memorial Cemetery  
in Korea



A Monument of the UN Forces of the Korean War nearby UN Cemetery, established on October 24, 1975.