**Good Morning All,**

**It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Kirby Brown, Deputy to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Sir?**

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Mr. Brown’s Opening Remarks

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**We greatly appreciate your support!**

**Good Morning everybody. My name is Mahir Ibrahimov, I am the director of the Army’s Culture, Regional Expertise and Language Management Office (CRELMO) and I will serve as the moderator of today’s session.**

**Per request of CGSC leadership and the Ethics Symposium Organizers, CRELMO has put together a panel on North Korea as part of this year’s CGSC Ethics Symposium. The topic of our panel today: "Cultural Perspectives, Geopolitics and Energy Security of the Koreas.” Needless to say that this topic remains one of our top National Security challenges.**

**There are four panel members including three internationally known Korea experts and a distinguished scholar from CGSC:**

1. **Dr. Bruce E. Bechtol Jr., Professor of Political Science at Angelo State University;**
2. **Dr. Jae H. Ku, Director of the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS);**
3. **Mr. Greg Scarlatoiu, Executive Director of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK); and**
4. **LTC John Reynolds, Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations (DJIMO), Command and General Staff College (CGSC).**

**The complete bios of the panel members can be found in Symposium materials as well as can be accessed at CRELMO website.**

**The panel will be conducted twice, once at 10:00am-12:00pm and again at 1:15pm-3:15p.m.**

**(only the morning session is connected through VTC to outstations).**

**The target audience are military personnel, faculty, US and International students. The event is unclassified. The entire session is being video recorded and along with related materials will be posted on CRELMO’s website within about one week for further educational purposes.**

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**You can access and** **watch the CRELMO Panel on North Korea online as the newest event listed under “Conferences, Seminars and Forums” right here (show red arrow) among other previous events.**

***The opinions and discussion points during the session are those of the speakers and do not necessarily represent official positions of the United States government.***

**The initial remarks by the speakers for about 10 minutes will follow by questions/answers/comments session from the audience for the rest of the time, including from outstations linked through VTC across the Army and beyond.**

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**Without further ado I would like to yield the floor to Dr. Bechtol, who will address: "The North Korean Threat to International Security: Government Infrastructure and Proliferation."**

**Dr. Bechtol, the floor is yours.**

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**The next speaker is Dr. Jae H. Ku, who will discuss: "Regime's Anti-American Propaganda and the Potential for Popular Resistance during a Military Conflict."**

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**Mr. Greg Scarlatoiu will present on: "Human Security in North Korea and Its Impact on the Korean peninsula."**

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**And finally, LTC John Reynolds, Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations, Command and General Staff College will discuss: "Historical, Economic, and Sociocultural Factors in North Korea."**

**Now is the time for questions and comments.**

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**Please introduce yourself, ask a question or make a comment. Please be concise so that everybody have enough time and opportunity to participate. Please use the microphones on the tables, make sure a green light is on.**

**Multiple outstations are linked thought VTC and they are welcome to participate in the discussion at any time. If I may, just to generate the discussion, I would like to pose the first question to the panel: “Given the North Korean Strategic military culture, what the US and its International partners could do to defuse the tension on the Korean peninsula? What are the possible solutions to the current crisis? (after the answer by the panel, addressing the audience): Now the floor is yours…..**

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**This concludes today’s session.**

**We look forward to seeing you again soon for our next event.**

**Thank you!**

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