



GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

OPERATION TRUTH: WHAT NORTH KOREAN DEFECTORS ARE DOING TO REACH OUT TO THEIR HOMELAND BY LAND, BY SEA AND BY AIR



October 4, 2024
3:00 - 5:00 PM (ET)
International Center
Room 303 & 305

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Dr. Suzanne K. Scholte is considered one of the world's leading activists in the North Korean human rights movement. For nearly three decades, she has dedicated her efforts to promoting the freedom, human rights, and dignity of the North Korean people. As President of the Defense Forum Foundation, Scholte has played a vital role in bringing attention to the atrocities committed in North Korea. In 1996, she launched a groundbreaking program to host the first North Korean defectors in the United States, giving them a platform to expose the harsh realities of life under the regime.

In 2023, Scholte initiated Operation Truth, modeled after the Berlin Airlift, to deliver much-needed aid to North Koreans, including radios, rice, medicines, and Bibles. This initiative has successfully provided over \$100,000 worth of support to those in need. Her tireless work has earned her international recognition, including prestigious awards like the 2008 Seoul Peace Prize and the 2010 Walter Judd Freedom Award. Dr. Scholte also serves as Chairman of the North Korea Freedom Coalition and Free North Korea Radio, continuing her fight for the freedom and human rights of North Koreans.