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The Asan Institute Hosts Roundtable with the Hon. Michael Kirby

- 12 pm on Friday, May 30 at the Institute

- **Media Q&A Session at 13:30**

- The Asan Institute for Policy Studies will host a roundtable with the Hon. Michael Kirby, Chair of the Commission of Inquiry (COI) on Human Rights in North Korea at 12 pm on Friday, May 30 at the institute.
- He will present the findings of the COI as outlined in the recently published U.N. report. Korean experts including Dr. Shin Chang-Hoon, Dr. Jang Ji-Hyang, Dr. Go Myong-Hyun from the institute and Prof. Hong Sung-Pil will join him to discuss follow-up measures in light of the Commission's work.
- The report released in February revealed compelling evidence of the human rights violations committed by the regime.

* Credentialed members of the press who would like to attend **must RSVP** to communications@asaninst.org with **details including name, affiliation, and mobile number**.

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Appendix 1

Roundtable with Michael Kirby

- 1. Date and Time:** Friday, May 30, 2014 / 12:00 ~ 14:30
- 2. Venue:** Conference Room (2F), The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
- 3. Agenda:**

North Korean human rights situation and the findings of the UN COI

4. Program

| Time | Program |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 12:00 - 13:30 | Roundtable |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | Media Q&A Session |

5. Participants

- Shin Chang-Hoon

Director of the Center for Global Governance, Asan Institute

- Go Myong-Hyun

Research Fellow in Center for Public Opinion and Quantitative Research, Asan Institute

- Jang Ji-Hyang

Research Fellow in Center for Regional Studies, Asan Institute

- Hong Sung-Pil

Yonsei University

- Baek Buhm-Suk

Kyunghee University

Appendix 2

Short Bio of Michael Kirby



- Former Justice of the High Court of Australia (1996-2009) and President of the Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands (1995-1996)
- President of the International Commission of Jurists (1995-98); Member of UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (1996); Member of the World Health Organisation's Global Commission on AIDS (1988-1991)
- Special Representative of UN Secretary-General for Cambodia (1994-96)
- Special concerns: human rights, the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the impact of science and technology on society and its laws
- Awards: eighteen honorary doctorates at home and abroad; and the Gruber Justice Prize (2010)