**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Taichung First Senior High School: Exchange Program**

**FROM: Stephen Maczynski**

**RE: Summer Course 2018: Foreign Policy: Focus on the Korean Peninsula**

**August 6-20, 2018**

The proposed summer course offering is entitled, “U.S. Foreign Policy: Focus on the Historical Relationship between America and North and South Korea”. With the opening of diplomatic relations between the two sides- Moon Jae-In and Kim Jung Un- in the wake of the 2018 Winter Olympics following a summer of vitriolic language that included threats of “fire and fury” and the “size of nuclear buttons”, the entire stability of this region of the world is continually called into question. After several failed attempts by world leaders to collectively keep Korea nuclear-free, the North continues to pursue a ballistic missile program. Intelligence communities had largely underestimated in scope of the initiative, particularly the range and altitude that destructive bombs could reach a major city in the United States. While a return to a diplomatic solution has emerged following the sanctions passed by the United Nations Security Council, the chances for human error and misunderstanding make this region a top priority. It is imperative to engage collaboration of major nations such as the People’s Republic of China to work with the United States in seeking solutions that stop the momentum on the slippery slope to war. This summer offering will successfully integrate current events with historical underpinnings so that the participants can understand the evolution toward the current impasse that threatens global security. Supplementing the lectures and readings are multimedia resources about the field of nuclear deterrence and arms negotiations that will shed light on the past and present.

Mr. Stephen Maczynski will serve as the instructor, and he will open the course to all high school students. The major assessments will be designed around a final multimedia capstone project. Students will work in teams that are formed around the examination of economic, political, and social factors that merge to form the picture of the roadmap forward.