

The ICRC in East Asia



Regional Delegation for East Asia



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About the ICRC in East Asia

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect and assist victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence. Established in 1863, it is at the origin of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the world's largest humanitarian network. It directs and coordinates the international relief activities carried out by the Movement in situations of conflict. It also aims to prevent suffering by promoting international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles. The ICRC is one of the world's oldest humanitarian organizations and today works in more than 80 countries.

The ICRC Regional Delegation

The ICRC Regional Delegation for East Asia covers China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Mongolia. The delegation was initially established in 1987 in Hong Kong and from 1996 was based in Bangkok. In July 2005, the delegation moved to Beijing.

The delegation's main task is to promote awareness and implementation of international humanitarian law, the legal framework that seeks to minimize human suffering caused by war. The delegation also aims to familiarize governments, experts, National Red Cross Societies and civil society with the ICRC's humanitarian work and emergency response around the world. Joint ICRC-National Red Cross Societies physical rehabilitation projects in China and in the DPRK provide good quality prostheses.



Promotion of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

National implementation of IHL

Through an active dialogue with the governments of the region, the delegation promotes their participation in IHL treaties and encourages their implementation in national legislation and regulations. The delegation organizes events and provides legal and technical support to national IHL committees.

IHL integration by the armed forces

The delegation works with the armed forces of the region to integrate IHL in their military doctrine, education, training, weapons review and sanctions systems.

Teaching of and research into IHL at universities

Working with the leading universities of the region, the delegation supports the integration of IHL in curricula by providing advice, training and resource material to faculties of law, political science and journalism. The delegation promotes an increased knowledge of IHL as well as the organization's activities using a panel of tools from social media to regional Moot Court competition in Hong Kong for Law students of Asia.

IHL knowledge by secondary school students

In China and Mongolia, the delegation cooperates with the Ministries of Education and the National Red Cross Societies to adapt and integrate the Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) program in the official national or school-based Red Cross curricula of secondary schools.



Dialogue on Humanitarian Issues

Dialogue with the authorities

The ICRC maintains a dialogue with civilian and military authorities in the region to ensure support for its operations around the world and recognition of its neutral, impartial and independent approach in responding to the humanitarian needs created by armed conflict or other situations of violence. It maintains a network of contacts among decision makers in East Asia.

Cooperation with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners

The delegation cooperates with National Red Cross Societies of the region as well as other Movement partners on a variety of programs promoting humanitarian issues, principles, law and knowledge about the Movement.

Media relations

The delegation provides information to the East Asian media about the humanitarian environment and the ICRC's response in the more than 80 countries it works in. It also promotes issues of specific interest to the media, such as protection under humanitarian law for journalists working in conflict zones.

Promotion of humanitarian issues among the general public

The ICRC fosters interest in and understanding of humanitarian issues among the general public of the region, particularly through its websites and numerous publications and audiovisuals in Chinese, Korean and Mongolian languages.

Dialogue with think tanks

By maintaining contact with numerous think tanks and related institutions, the ICRC is actively engaged in an exchange of ideas on evolving conflict environments, with a particular focus on the protection of and assistance for the most vulnerable groups in such situations.



Humanitarian Response, Support and Assistance

Public Health and Orthopaedic Physical Rehabilitation Centres

Over the past ten years, the regional delegation has supported an orthopaedic physical rehabilitation centre in Kunming, Yunnan province, run by the Yunnan branch of the Red Cross Society of China. The centre provides prosthesis, among others, to land-mine survivors.

In DPRK, in cooperation with the National Red Cross Society, the ICRC supports the Rakrang Orthopaedic Physical Rehabilitation Centre in Pyongyang by coaching the clinical personnel and through donations of the required production material for assistive devices and mobility aids. In collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health of the DPRK and the National Red Cross Society, the ICRC assists the three provincial general hospitals of Pyongsong, Hamhung and Sariwon in the field of orthopaedic surgery with on-site training, medical material, drugs donations and rehabilitation of infrastructure.

Restoring Family Links

The ICRC works with National Red Cross Societies of the region to strengthen their capacity to reunite family members separated during armed conflicts, natural disasters or migration.

Health in Prisons

The ICRC maintains a dialogue with the Chinese authorities on the health issue in prisons, co-organizing seminars and focusing in particular on the management of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/AIDS.

Enhancing Local Capacity to Respond to Emergency Situations




In China, the ICRC organizes and supports a number of specialized trainings and events aimed at enhancing humanitarian response in emergency situations. In 2012, this includes a H.E.L.P. (Health Emergencies in Large Populations) Course, aimed at providing professionals with the public health tools that are essential to manage health interventions in emergency situations.



Catalogue: ICRC Publications and Films in Chinese





 ICRC regional delegation
  ICRC mission
  ICRC-supported prosthetic/orthotic centre

Personnel in 2012:

18 Expatriates
 47 National staff

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