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South Korean Network Features TAMU Center on Conflict and Development

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In the last thirty years, South Korea has transformed itself from a country receiving international aid to a donor country for international aid. Their improvements continue to be a model example of international aid and its success.

Dr. Ed Price, Director of the Center on Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University, recently visited South Korea to speak with development agencies and conduct lectures on agriculture development and its influence on conflict. Dr. Price was featured on the Korean television show, Heart to Heart, for an engaging interview on the work of ConDev, Texas A&M University, and international development.

Heart to Heart journalist, Seung-yun Rah, and Dr. Price discussed topics from his origins in agriculture to successes and struggles of international development and agriculture.

Dr. Price credits his service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Borneo as his motivation to become involved in agriculture and the international development of it. Through that experience, Price emphasized the importance of involving youth in development and the vitality of agriculture. As Dr. Price pointed out, youth activities, such as 4-H, help to involve and educate future agriculturalists and leaders.

Highlights from their conversation educated the audience on the positive impacts agriculture can have on developing countries, especially during conflict situations. Hunger is often a root cause of conflict; therefore, Price stressed that improved science and technology, especially with advancements in agriculture, can have a positive impact in conflict zones.

The Center on Conflict and Development focuses on four main areas, youth, local institutions, natural resource management, and food security. Dr. Price highlighted ConDev's work in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Botswana, and a joint study in Senegal, Liberia, and Ghana.

For more information on ConDev, please visit condevcenter.org.

Full coverage of the Heart to Heart interview is available here: <http://bit.ly/1lpj1b0>