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As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

"Reflections on a visit to North Korea"

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North Korea arguably is the world's most unique nation: a hereditary dictatorship, a closed society, and truly a country set apart from the rest of the world. For a small nation, it has a significant impact on global politics, as illustrated by U.S. and North Korea negotiations and meetings.

Three years ago, I travelled to North Korea to learn for myself about a country that few see in person, but many know about from the media. During my time in the country I visited the colossal Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where the two late leaders -- Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il -- lie in state; the demilitarized zone (DMZ) that separates North and South Korea; and other sites.

My first-hand experience in North Korea, including the many photos I took, and also the time I spent living in South Korea, form the basis of this talk. These are supplemented by insights from writings on the Korean Peninsula and East-Asia.

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