

2015 PCI Annual Award Dinner

PCI presented its annual Building Bridges Award to former Swedish Ambassador to North Korea Karl-Olof Andersson and the nonprofit global policy think tank the RAND Corporation on February 26 at the InterContinental Hotel in Los Angeles.

More than 250 guests attended to honor the awardees. The Master of Ceremonies was PCI Board Member Ambassador Raymond Burghardt. Invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, and welcoming remarks by PCI Board Member Ambassador Kathleen Stephens.

Ambassador Andersson was the individual recipient of the award. He spent two years in Pyongyang and traveled and represented not only his own country there but acted as the protecting power for American, Canadian and Australian citizens in the DPRK. The PCI delegation that visited the DPRK last February serendipitously met Ambassador Andersson at the Beijing airport on the way to Pyongyang and were deeply impressed by his knowledge and professionalism and were able to meet with him several times while in the country.

The RAND corporation is the original think tank. It is the first institutional recipient of the Building Bridges Award. Its mission is both simple and incredibly complex; it exists to “help policymakers make decisions that are based on the best available information.” RAND’s results are fueled by the best data, the strongest methods, and the brightest minds. PCI is lucky to have RAND nearby in Santa Monica and to be able to



(PCI board member Bill Overholt introduces the RAND Corporation)



(PCI board member Amb. Kathleen Stephens gives welcoming remarks)



(Project Bridge Youth Ambassadors at flag presentation)



(From left to right: RAND president Michael Rich, Amb. Karl Olof- Andersson and PCI President Ken Tuggle)



(Korean Consul General Hyun Myung Kim and Mr. Dan Strickland)

