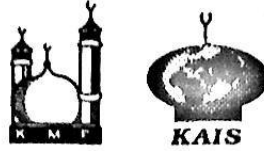


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Dr. Kim, Jong-Wee(President, KAIS)

Salam Aleikum

Your Excellencies, honorable fellow Professors and Scholars from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan and Turkey! My beloved Korean Muslim brothers and sisters! Distinguished Members of our Association! Ladies and Gentlemen!

On this occasion of our international symposium, entitled "Islam in East Asia", I would like to extend my hearty welcome to all of you. I also would like to express my deep thanks for your active participation and to deliver my sincere gratitude to the Rabita al-Alam al-Islami (Mecca) and the Korea Research Foundation (Seoul), both of which give us a lot of help to organise this symposium.

During these three days, we are going to discuss "Islam in East Asia" in general and also its propagation and present situation in your respective country, a topic that deserves expert analysis at the moment approaching the end of the current century.

At this time as well in the future, too, our Association has been and will be anxious to deal with fresh and meaningful topics about Islam and the Muslims. And now our Association and the Korea Muslim Federation try to provide, all of you with opportunities exchanging and sharing your views and opinions.

Our Association would like to keep close contact with all the Muslim academic organisations including the Rabita and all the Islamic scholars of the Muslim world so that we can work together in the academic fields.

The aim of our Association, since its foundation in 1989, is to give the Korean people the correct information and knowledge about Islam and to exchange the recent results of our researches while the goal of the

Federation is the propagation of Islam in Korea. And it will remain so in the future too, but our members are very small and the circumstances in Korea are not very favorable for the activities of both the Association and the Federation.

As a result, our voice sounds small and low, but we will continue to pursue our work. We appreciate the cooperation between our Association and the Federation, and also the further strengthening of our relationships between your countries and the Republic of Korea.

Concluding my welcoming remarks, again my deep thanks go to all of you.

Thank you very much indeed and Salam Aleikum.

WELCOMING SPEECH

Dr. Osman Park, Chung-Nam(Director General, KMF)

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.

Dear Your Excellency Sheikh Abdullah Al-Obeid, Secretary General of Rabita, H.E. Song Tae-Ho Minister of Culture and Sports, republic of Korea respected scholars from various countries, Excellency Ambassadors of Islamic countries in Korea, ladies and gentleman. On behalf of 40,000 Korean Muslims, I would express my brotherly spirits of welcome to all of you to the International seminar organized by Korea Muslim Federation together with Korean Association of Islamic Studies.

Even though modern Muslim community in Korea has emerged after the Korean War(1950-1953), Islam itself and Islamic cultural influence had penetrated into Korea long before. In spite of its very recent arrival in Korea, Islam seems to appeal to contemporary Korean society on the basis of its monotheistic doctrine as well as through its involvement in the socio-political realm.

Now, Islam in Korea became expanded to every corner of the country thanks to the devotional endeavours and self-sacrifice of the first generation of Korean Muslims. In addition, full support of Muslims in the world became a great encouragement for upgrading of Muslim community in this barren area of Islamic spirits. There are 40,000 Korean Muslims with 5 Masjids in 1995.

The world is changing rapidly. Particularly since the demolish of the Soviet Union, the Islamic value as the total and complete way of life, is again admired by the world. In these circumstances, what is the role of Muslims in the 21st century? How to propagate the excellent message of Islam to the Koreans who are seeking for a new alternative replacing the Americanized capitalism and cultural materialism.

This seminar is to designed to find certain ideas and duties of Korean Muslims in order to prepare the coming 21st century through our sincere reflection on the past.

In this sense, the scheduled Islamic college shall be a great momentum for wide range of Islamic Da'wah and cultivation of qualified Muslim youths in Korea. To prepare a well-designed book entitled "ISLAM" for the most effective and comprehensive introduction to Islam to high-educated Koreans is another our target. The newly established "Institute of Islamic Culture" under K.M.F. can also contribute a lot to supplying objective information on Islam and Islamic world. Above all, the most important thing for Islamic development in Korea is that each Muslim should fulfill his basic obligations with strong intention and show other non-Muslim Koreans the best example of humble Muslim.

Again I'd like to express my thanks to those scholars and other brothers who participate in the seminar and the Organizing Committee members who showed a great dedication to fulfill this meangful occasion. May Allah the Almighty guide us to the righteous way of Islam.

Aug.22, 1997

Dr.Osman Park Chung-Nam
Directoe General, Korea Muslim Federation

CONGRATULATORY SPEECH
BY MINISTER OF CULTURE AND SPORTS,
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Dear Your Excellency Dr. Abdullah Al-Obeid, the Secretary General of World Muslim League, great scholars from various countries, Excellency Ambassadors of Islamic countries in Korea, Ladies and Gentlemen !

On behalf of Korean Government, I warmly welcome all of you to Korea, and would like to extend my hearty congratulations to the International Seminar to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Islam in Korea.

On the eve of the 21st century, I do hope that this seminar shall be a great academic momentum for the enhancement of better understanding on Islam which has contributed a lot to world politics, economy, culture, particularly literature and architecture.

As far as I know, the modern Muslim community in Korea was established in 1955, however, the mutual relations between Korea and Islamic world can be traced back to 1000 years ago. According to Arabic sources, even in the 9th century, Arab-Persian Muslims frequently advanced to Korean peninsula for the purpose of International trade. Korean sources also tell us that in the early 11th century Arab merchants made a wide

range of commercial and cultural contacts with Koreans.

In modern times the relations was much more promoted and developed. Muslim Turkish soldiers participates in Korean War and it became a strong footstone for spreading Islam in Korea. Especially since 1970s, the mutual relations mainly based on economic cooperation have reached utmost level.

In the forthcoming 21st century, I strongly look forward to practical and more close relations between two cultural spheres, and would appeal to the participants scholars in and out of Korea to be able to play a leading role to implement these goals.

Korea is a multi-religious country where Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions are coexisted harmoniously. The religious freedom is completely protected by the constitution and other regulations, and Korean peoples keep the basic framework of mutual understandings and coexistence based on the sprits of unity and tolerance.

Korean Government shall continue the utmost efforts to guarantee these full freedom of religion.

Being disappeared the ideological difference and cultural boundary, people of the world now advance to better life of world community. It needs extraordinary efforts to make harmony and solidarity in a melting pot unifying such

heterogeneous factors as race, nation, language, idea and religion.

In this sense, the role of Islamic world with more than 1.1 billion Muslims shall be very important, due to its historical and geographical bridge position to connect East and West. Therefore, this International Seminar, I am sure, are very timely and can be a useful forum for dialogue and discussion.

Further I sincerely expect this occasion shall be an important and meaningful momentum to seek cooperation and cultural harmony among such traditional culture and religions as Islam, Buddhism and Confucianism.

Thank you.

Aug.22, 1997

H.E.Song Tae-Ho

Minister of Culture and Sports

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