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Reports from the Korean Library Association on
Progress of the planning of the 72nd IFLA in Seoul²⁾

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Good afternoon! I am delighted to be here, representing the Korean Library Association which is co-hosting the 72nd IFLA Conference with the National Library of Korea in 2006.

Before I give you a brief overview of our progress in preparing the Conference, I would like to thank many people for giving me the opportunity to talk to you this afternoon.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to Abraham Yu, the President of CEAL Executive Board and also the other Executive Board Members and of course all of you here for giving me such a valuable piece of time to introduce and report about the 72nd IFLA Conference in Seoul, Korea in 2006.

In particular, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Hyokyong Lee, Chair of Korean materials Committee who organized the detailed schedule for this presentation.

When Korea was selected as a host country for the IFLA 2006, not only the KLA and its members but also the Korean government were delighted and excited.

This is because we are all well aware that hosting this important Conference will be conducive to accomplishing our national mission of building a knowledge-based information society in the 21st Century.

We have full support from many ministries of the Korean government, including the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, to ensure a successful staging and to welcome all the librarians and library associates from all over the world.

As you may all know that Korea is known as one of the most dynamically developing countries in the world. Seoul has hosted the 1988 Olympic Games and 2002 World Cup Football Tournament highly successfully.

Keeping pace with its outstanding economic development over the past several decades, Korea has been firmly established its information infrastructure through libraries and information organizations.

2) 지난 3월 2일부터 6일까지 미국 샌디에고(San Diego)에서 개최된 2004 미국 동아시아도서관협의회(CEAL, Council on Asian Libraries) 총회 일정 중 3월 3일 열린 Plenary Session에서 IFLA2006서울대회를 알리기 위해 우리 협회 김도미 국제·자료팀장이 발표한 내용임.

With the significant event about two years away, the preparatory committee members are doing their best to make the event very rewarding and memorable.

The KLA's Annual Conference for 2005 will be held in the same venue as the IFLA Seoul Conference in order to serve as a kind of preliminary performance and also to eliminate the possibility of even a small mistake reoccurring.

The main theme of the Conference has not been decided yet. However, KLA is currently undertaking a survey among its members through its web site.

This survey aims to select a good theme; to draw their attention to the conference; and to make more people attend the IFLA 2006. We are sure that with this effort, we can select the best theme for the Seoul IFLA Conference.

The Korean Library Association has long maintained a cooperative relationship with library communities in Asia. Official exchange agreements, visits and other forms of collaboration have been made with China and Japan.

The Seoul Conference is going to be the forth IFLA Conference which is held in Asian countries after Tokyo in 1986, Beijing in 1996 and Bangkok in 1999.

We are sure the IFLA 2006 will motivate the development of libraries in neighboring Asian countries.

More library professionals from Asian countries will find it easy and attractive to attend Seoul IFLA.

The Conference will also provide a meaningful opportunity for the vast amount of knowledge and cultural information accumulated in Asian countries to be disseminated throughout the world.

Thus, IFLA 2006 will be a rare chance to enjoy harmony between the East and the West.

I hope that you will find the Seoul Conference to be an opportunity to present and inform about various topics on behalf of your own country's Library and Information field.

Conference Information

Seoul ? Where the Past Meets the Future

Now, I would like to briefly give you some information on the Conference regarding the venue and accommodation.

I am sure that many of you here already have visited Seoul, the city where Conference will take place in 2006.

However, I would like to re-emphasize what a beautiful and wonderful city Seoul is.

Bisected by the Han River, Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea, is the world's 10th-largest

metropolis.

It has grown into the political, cultural, economic, educational and diplomatic centre of Korea. In Seoul, the past and present exist, shoulder to shoulder, in a fascinating way.

Centuries-old palaces, imposing city gates, secret gardens, shrines and priceless art collections in museums bear witness to the city's illustrious past of the city, while its vibrant present is represented by the soaring facades of ultra-modern skyscrapers and pulsing networks of planes, trains and automobiles.

Seoul is one of the safest capital cities in the world, with a very low crime rate. Even late at night, pedestrians can wander safely around downtown Seoul.

Conference Venue

The World Library and Information Congress 2006 will be held at COEX in Seoul between August 20 and 26, 2006.

The COEX is a world-class, state of the art international convention and exhibition center.

The center has 12 multi-function exhibition halls and around 100 conference rooms, including the Convention Hall, which can hold up to 7,000 people.

COEX offers supporting facilities including COEX Mall, full of various shopping and entertainment opportunities, and 3 large hotels.

Just a 50 minute drive from Incheon International Airport, COEX is an integral part of the Seoul World Trade Centre, the fastest-growing business and entertainment centre in Seoul.

Nonstop limousine buses operate between COEX City Air Terminal and Incheon International Airport.

Hotels

Seoul offers a wide selection of accommodation in different categories, from luxury to budget.

In the grounds of COEX, there are two Inter-Continental Hotels, one Grand Inter-Continental Seoul and another COEX Inter-Continental Seoul.

The Grand Inter-Continental Seoul will be the main convention hotel for the IFLA 2006 Conference.

It has long been regarded as the city's premier hotel and respected internationally for its excellent service and comprehensive range of business and entertainment facilities.

There are 94 hotels in Seoul, which can accommodate over 17,000 beds. Among these, there are 17

Deluxe and Super Deluxe hotels with more than 7, 600 beds located within a 10-km radius of COEX.

Within a 20 minute drive of COEX, there are 11 world-class five star hotels and 12 four star hotels. Smaller and more reasonably priced hotels are also available within a 20 minute driving distance.

Social and Cultural events

During the Conference, a varied program of social and cultural events will be ready for the delegates attending the 72nd IFLA Seoul Conference.

Although Korean people lived for some 5,000 years as a highly homogeneous society, they have developed a diverse folk culture, which is unique to the region.

Cultural tour programs will offer rare opportunities to taste and experience such unique culture firsthand.

Programs will include pottery making at kilns, making traditional Korean paper, printing books with old wooden printing blocks, traditional dance and folk dance performances.

Four-instrument percussion performances (“Samulnori”) will provide a valuable chance to feel the energy and dynamism of Korean music.

Tours will include chances to wear traditional Korean costume, to make the famous “Kimchi” (Korean pickled vegetables), and to practice tea ceremonies.

We will do everything possible to offer you a memorable and rewarding conference and to provide diverse and exquisite social and cultural activities, as well as many opportunities to discover Korea, a country with beautiful scenery, friendly people and a rich cultural heritage.

We sincerely hope you will join us to meet and exchange new ideas and knowledge, to share professional experience and to discuss new developments and information products with colleagues from all over the world.

We look forward to meeting you in Korea.

Thank you.