

Opening Remarks

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Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the APEC Future Education Consortium, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all participants here to attend the 1st APEC Future Education Forum in Busan, Korea.

Distinguished Guests!

We are gathered here today to achieve the mission of moving forward in efforts to suggest the vision of future education and carry it into practice for APEC new generations. This task is of such importance due to the weight that APEC members take in the world.

Since the launching of the Consortium for APEC Cyber Education Cooperation (ACEC), we have imagined the ideal model of future education through international cooperation in education.

Between 2001 and 2004, the ACEC had brought its strength into building a community and organizing human network, ALCoB, APEC

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Learning Community Builders. With collaborative activities of ALCoB, we are able to set up the foundation for international collaborative activities in education and promote relevant projects.

With the recognition of the 27th APEC HRD WG, our efforts for future education have taken into full activities as the APEC Future Education Consortium, ACEC Task III. As to this project, we are advancing the ICT Model School Network, the APEC Future Education Forum, and the APEC Future Education White Paper.

As of September, around 67 best ICT schools of member economies and 27 Research Committee members advance international collaborative activities to search for ideal model of future education with the Steering Committee members from member economies' Ministries of Education.

Today, we are here for the 1st APEC Future Education Forum to pave the practical ways to ideal future education with the outcomes of our efforts for last days. Through the forum, we are able to carry out the outcomes from our efforts for last days and report the results to the APEC Leaders as the APEC Future Education White Paper.

In particular, this forum is significant to deliberate the achievements of four priority areas suggested at the 3rd APEC Education Ministerial Meeting, Teaching English and Other Foreign Languages; Stimulating Learning in Mathematics and Science; Using Technology for Teaching and Learning; and Governance and Systemic Reform in Education, at the session of Special Lectures. As a part of APEC HRD WG EDNET, we, the APEC Future Education Consortium will present the willing to develop and enlarge the precious suggestions of APEC member economies' education ministers.

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'Future' is not in our hands, but we already have it as one of most valuable intangible assets. Because, only way to decide on the future

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is our present activities and willing. In particular, 'Education' is another way to lead bright future.

From the first step of the ACEC and present of the APEC future Education Consortium, we have continued to do our best to carry out bright future through education.

Here, at the 1st APEC Future Education we try to go through the gate to approach ideal future education. All of your precious ideas and earnest attention at the forum will be the key to open the door of our hope.

Once again, I would like to express the gratitude for your honorable presence.

Thank you.