

Welcoming Remarks

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Distinguished guests,

Ladies, and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development of Korea, I extend my sincere appreciation for your attendance at the 1st APEC Future Education Forum in Busan.

I also deliver my gratitude for the earnest efforts of Dr. YoungHwan Kim, the Chair of the Consortium for APEC Cyber Education Consortium (ACEC) and the President of the Institute of APEC Cyber Education (IACE) and the staffs of the IACE to prepare for this forum.

In addition, I have the honor to join in this momentous forum with you all, 460 supportive participants from 18 member economies.

Distinguished Guests!

In the mid of challenges of Globalization and New economy, APEC leaders have acknowledged to strengthen our competitiveness as a way of human resources capacity building.

We, the Republic of Korea built up the world-class e-Learning infrastructure by providing all elementary and secondary schools with computers and connecting them on-line nationwide.

Encouraging all schools to apply information & communication technology in education, we also have promoted teacher-training programs in every school.

We began the EBS lecture programs for the students who prepare the National Scholastic Aptitude Test for University Entrance, opened the National Teaching-Learning Center-EDUNET and built Cyber Home Learning System as e-Learning supporting systems.

As of December 2004, we have been promoting the e-Learning globalization project and planning to support APEC member economies through implementing e-Learning.

In addition, we are putting earnest efforts to set up the e-lifelong study by devising HRD strategies to activate e-Learning, connecting it to e-Learning industry and building an e-community.

Ultimately, we are trying to form a hub in Asia-Pacific region for e-Learning and qualified human resources.

With these efforts, Korea has contributed to the development of international cooperation in education as supporting APEC Cyber Education Consortium (ACEC).

Inherited from the achievements, Korea proposed the APEC Future Education Consortium reflecting one of four priority areas: 'Using ICT for Teaching and Learning' which was suggested by Korean Deputy Prime Minister at the 3rd APEC Education Ministerial Meeting in Santiago, Chile, 2004.

With full support of member economies, the APEC Future Education Consortium was recognized at the 26th APEC Human Resources

Development Working Group Meeting in Jeju, Korea, in 2004.

Aiming at contributing to the APEC vision and taking up the challenges in the field of education, the consortium suggests the practical ways to crystallize ideal model of future education for the APEC region through implementing the ICT Model School Network, the APEC Future Education Forum, and the APEC Future Education White Paper.

Today, we are here for the 1st APEC Future Education Forum.

Through this precious chance, we are able to materialize ideal future society and education model by exchanging various viewpoints of prominent scholars, experts, education administrators, businessmen, and teachers of member economies.

Distinguished Guests!

We have different cultural backgrounds.

However, we have in common to seek novelties for our new generations who will lead the future of APEC.

Accordingly, I believe that the 1st APEC Future Education Forum will be a gateway to realize the ideal future education in the APEC region with your precious ideas and earnest support.

Once again, I would like to deliver my gratitude for your honorable presence at the 1st APEC Future Education Forum and hope that you will derive fruitful achievements.

Thank you.