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Founder and Chairman  
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Dear Friends:

I wish the Korean American Church Coalition (KCC) a successful National Inaugural Conference. I regret that I am unable to join you.

Your conference, which features over 2,000 major Korean American churches and organizations, coming from across the United States, is most impressive. Last year marked not just 100 years of Korean immigration, but also 100 years of Korean churches in the United States. For 100 years, Korean American churches have been a pillar of the Korean American community.

KCC has proven itself an effective voice for the 1.8 million Korean American in this country. I have had the opportunity to work with KCC on a variety of issues. Most recently, KCC's support for the North Korean Human Rights Act helped this legislation pass the House of Representatives unanimously. This legislation will help to promote human rights, humanitarian transparency, and refugee protection for the people of North Korea. It will also increase radio broadcasts to people of North Korea, enabling them to realize what is actually happening in their country.

I look forward to our continued work together in shaping U.S. policy towards North Korea.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE  
Chairman, US-Republic of Korea  
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