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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is my great honor to serve as President of the Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS) for the next two years. The AKPS has been growing very fast both in quantity and quality thanks to the passion and enthusiasm of previous presidents and leaders of the organization. At the same time, we are witnessing the emergence of a new generation of young scholars who are broadening and deepening the scope of Korean political studies in North America. For the next two years, I will do my best to preserve the great traditions constructed by our seniors and to promote academic and pedagogical potentials of young scholars to ensure the bright future of the organization.

I would like to express my gratitude to the former President Terence Roehrig (Naval War College) who demonstrated selfless devotion to the organization. Professor Uk Heo (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) also made enormous contributions to the organization through his advice and publication activities even after his term as President (2005-2007) had ended. Professor Haesook Chae (Baldwin-Wallace College) has performed her dual jobs as Executive Secretary and Treasurer with the utmost

integrity and efficiency. AKPS panels at the APSA have been extremely successful for the last two years thanks to the Program Chair, Professor Jae-Jung Suh (SAIS-Johns Hopkins University). Professor Taehyun Nam (Salisbury University) flawlessly ran AKPS panels at ISA last year and is being expected to do the same one more year. The AKPS Governing Board members, Professors Terence Roehrig, Haesook Chae, Jih-Un Kim (Webster University), Jae-Jung Suh, Sun-Kwang Bae (Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center) and Dennis Hart have shown great collective leadership.

It is my great pleasure to announce the new officers of the AKPS. Professor Haesook Chae has been elected to be the Vice President. Professor Mikyoung Kim (Hiroshima City University-Hiroshima Peace Institute) and Professor Heon Joo Jung (Indiana University-Bloomington) gracefully agreed to serve as Executive Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We are expecting great AKPS panels at the APSA by our new program chair, Professor Dennis Hart (University of Pittsburgh). Finally, please help me welcome two new members to the AKPS Governing Board, Professors David Kang (University of Southern California) and Taehyun Nam.

For the next two years, the AKPS will promote and enhance Korean political studies in North America by focusing on the following four areas that draw the most energy and attention of the previous leadership. First of all, we will continue the best efforts to increase due-paying membership which is the key criteria of the healthiness of any organization. Second, we will try to strengthen our visibility and reputation by promoting publications of the papers presented in our panels at the APSA and ISA. In conjunction with this effort, the AKPS will pursue publication funding to various funding institutions as it did very well under Professor Uk Heo's presidency. Third, the AKPS will contribute to the education of Korean political studies by continuing the syllabi project that was initiated by Professor Terrence Roehrig. Finally, I intend to find various measures to improve the AKPS's service to graduate students and recent Ph.D.s through a stronger placement service. More information regarding concrete measures for those goals will be discussed among governing board members and AKPS officers. Please let me know if you have any suggestion and ideas for program, activities, and services that AKPS can undertake.

Jungmin Seo
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2010 CKS/AAS PROGRAM

The Committee on Korean Studies (CKS) of the Association for Asian Studies will sponsor a panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) to be held in Philadelphia, March 25-28, 2010. The title of the panel is "The Japanese Seizure of Korea: A Centennial Retrospective." The organizer and chair is Wayne Patterson, University of California - Berkeley. The four paper presenters are Wayne Patterson (UC Berkeley), Peter Duus (Stanford U.), Alexis Dudden (U. of Connecticut), and Mark Caprio (Rikkyo U. in Japan). The discussant is Hilary Conroy (U. of Pennsylvania).

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

The Korea Economic Institute (KEI) is issuing a call for papers for the next round of its Academic Paper Series—a program to generate monthly academic papers followed by a public discussion of topical issues related to the Korean Peninsula. KEI has commissioned thirty papers in this series so far, on a variety of topics. To read the individual papers, and learn more about the series, please refer to the KEI website: http://www.keia.org/paper_series.php.

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Authors of papers selected by KEI for the KEI Academic Paper Series will receive an honorarium of \$1500 upon completion of the editorial process. KEI will arrange a

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Interested authors should submit the following information by Monday, November 30, 2009:

- Full Name
- Academic/Institutional Affiliation
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- Paper Topic Proposal, including a brief description and proposed outline
- Earliest/latest date paper can be available

KEI will inform the authors of the accepted paper topics on or about December 4, 2009, with the expectation that the initial paper would be distributed in late January. The author of this initial paper will be expected to transmit a first draft to KEI by January 12, 2009. Authors of papers scheduled for distribution later in the year will be separately notified of the required submission dates.

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On October 12, 2009, Thomson Reuters announced the selection of **North Korean Review (NKR)** for inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). Many fine journals have been in existence for decades but have yet to be chosen for indexing in the prestigious SSCI. *NKR* made it in just five short years. Library Journal recommends that most public and university libraries subscribe to *NKR* in order to provide relevant information and analysis about the strategic role of North Korea in Northeast Asia. The mission of *NKR*, the only English-language journal in the world that focuses on North Korea, is to provide a forum for greater understanding of North Korean internal affairs and external relations with the United States and other countries. *NKR* addresses these issues in a new and unique way, through the lens of focused research, analysis, and dissemination of information. *North Korean Review* provides academic subscribers and policymakers with a more complex look at North Korea's culture, history, economics, politics, religion, and international relations than is otherwise available to them through mainstream sources. And now, *NKR* is indexed in the Social Sciences Citation Index making it even more important to subscribe and contribute to this cutting edge journal. Send editorial correspondence to ink@udmercy.edu. Questions? Visit <http://www.northkoreanreview.com> and <http://business.udmercy.edu/ink/index.htm>.

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Young Whan Kihl is teaching at Stanford University for the academic year of 2009-2010, as a visiting scholar, at its Shorenstein Center for Asia-Pacific Research. He will offer a spring 2010 term course on "The Politics of Divided Korea."

Myongsob Kim of Yonsei University is staying at ACDIS, Univ. of Illinois since the fall semester of 2009.

Chung-in Moon of Yonsei University is currently a visiting professor at the School of International Studies, Beijing University. He received the Lixian Fellowship from Beijing University. He was also awarded the Pacific Leadership Fellowship from the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Affairs at the University of California, San Diego, and will be spending Spring 2010 at IR/PS, UCSD.

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