

Greetings for KORUS 2005

Dear distinguished participants of KORUS 2005 attending at this place.

Dear Rector Nikolay V. Pustovoy of Novosibirsk State Technical University.

Dear Rector Yuri Pokholkov of Tomsk Polytechnic University.

I would like to greet on a letter as president of University of Ulsan. I feel very sorry that I can not present myself at the 9th KORUS in NSTU (due to one important meeting in Taegu city in Korea) and I have to greet you by a letter instead.

First of all, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to rector Nikolay V. Pustovoy, vice-rector Evgeni B. Tsoy of NSTU, and international organizing committee members of three universities, NSTU, TPU, UOU for successfully organizing the 9th KORUS.

Thanks to the many efforts by these three universities, the KORUS symposium could up-grade every year, resulting in new visions for our future and cooperation in the 21st century. We would like to conclude that we have successfully organized the KORUS nine times for the past nine years since 1997. Throughout the nine times KORUS, 1820 papers had been presented or reported, 166 Russian scientists had visited Ulsan in Korea, and 300 Koreans came to Novosibirsk or Tomsk in Russia. Because of good reputation for KORUS, we could have obtained a sponsorship from IEEE and all the papers were registered to IEEE. I have heard that Russian and Korean local or central governments had approved KORUS as a good example of international cooperation on science and technology and financed for KORUS. This great achievement of KORUS does not automatically lead to the globalization, localization and development of science & technology.

We now stand in an important time for the further globalization and localization of science and technology. We hoped to change and improve the direction and level of our international cooperation from annual symposium on science & technology to annual Asian forum on science & technology (from symposium to forum). The meaning of the forum may be full discussion after lecture and paper presentation of 3~4 specialists for special subjects or problems. Therefore we have agreed to widen the forum to Asian regions including China, Malaysia, Japan, Mongolia, and Vietnam. However, to secure the successful organization of this new forum, it is necessary to reach an agreement

by common consent among other participating universities in many different countries.

Next year in Ulsan, we may hope to host the first Asian forum on Science and Technology as post-KORUS; with title of AFOST (Asian Forum on Strategic high-Technology). The program of AFOST should be discussed in detail in NSTU, but we would like to include as follows.

1) Main general meeting will be for subjects of the education of science & technology, the research cooperation, or/and the contribution of science and technology to the development of regional specialized industries.

2) Technology Policy forum-; mainly concerned to the relationships of industrial firms, local governments, universities, and research institutes,

3) Technology conference session-; paper presentation of a few special fields carefully selected, development trends of new high technology in universities and research institutes,

4) International techno-mart-; special event like trade of technology, introduction of technology and research institutes, new industrial product exhibition etc.

Many experts from abroad and membership universities must be invited for expert speeches and panel discussions. Further detail of AFOST must be discussed continuously in the future.

Finally, I hope all Korean participants are well-treated during staying in Russia. I wish to meet next year many excellent Russian scholars from NSTU and TPU and local governments or research institutes in Novosibirsk and Tomsk.

Best wishes for the success of KORUS 2005.

Thank you very much for listening. See you again in Ulsan.

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