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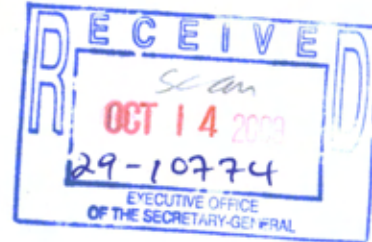


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Dear Dr. Migiro,

I trust this letter finds you well. As per our discussion in New York in August, I have been planning activities following your participation at the Metropolis Women's International Network Forum. Darrell Kennedy, Communications Director for ST-EP Foundation, has been following up with Mr. Pio Smith. I thought you would appreciate an update:

On September 24th, my daughter, whom you met last year in Korea, would like to take a Seoul City Tour with you. Last time you visited, you really did not have much of an opportunity to see the city.

On Sunday the 25th, after brunch I would like to personally escort you to Gyeongsangbukdo Province. In August, Secretary-General Ban, Governor Kim Kwan Yong and I met and discussed how the province's development history should be shared. At that time, Governor Kim extended a formal invitation for you to visit.

Gyeongsangbukdo played a very significant role in Korea's development as the birthplace of the Saemaul Movement. Translated Saemaul means "New Village Movement" and it began in the 1970s and led Korea from being an aid recipient to an aid donor country. It is hard to believe that in my lifetime Korea's GNP per capita went from a mere \$82 in the 1950s to \$20,000.

The Korean people are eager to share their success story. They believe it can be applied to rural communities in least developed countries. ST-EP Foundation and Gyeongsangbukdo province have therefore joined the Korea International Cooperation Agency and Millennium Promise to support of the \$8,000,000 Korean Millennium Villages Projects in Uganda and Tanzania. It is our hope that Saemaul can be implemented successfully there.

Therefore, on Sunday the 25th we will take the 1hr 50' trip via KTX (Korea's Express train). Upon arriving at the DongDaeGu Station, Governor Kim will meet us. Our first visit will be to Gimcheon Jikjisa's Buddhist Temple. While there the mayor of Gimcheon will great us.

On Monday the 26th, in morning we have planned an industrial site tour of both a Samsung and LG factory. Afterwards we will go to Kyungwoon University located in the same city. The university has an academy dedicated to the study of Saemaul.

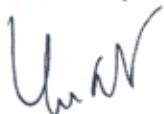
During your visit, I have arranged for you to deliver a special lecture of 15 minutes to the students about your work as Deputy Secretary-General, the importance of Korea continuing to support least developed countries through ODA as well as how Korea can lend support by sharing its development experience and know-how. There will be about 500 members in the audience. They are so excited about the first UN Deputy Secretary-General's visit to their school. It will mean so much to them. I had Darrell send Mr. Smith draft information on the topic of Saemaul for your convenience.

Afterwards, we will return to Seoul in the afternoon via KTX train. From there you will commute to Incheon International Airport and depart on Korean Airlines flight direct to New York at 19:30.

I have asked Darrell to continue to following up with Mr. Smith as the date approaches.

I look forward to seeing you in Korea. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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