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15 July 2008

Dear Ms. Wells,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 6 March 2008, inviting the Secretary-General to attend the third World Federation of United Nations Association's Asia and Pacific Regional Model UN Conference, to be held from 21 to 25 July 2008 in Incheon.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your invitation. However, I regret to inform you that the Secretary-General will not be able to attend the meeting. He has nonetheless asked Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, his Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, who has also been invited to the meeting, to represent him.

Yours sincerely,

KIM Won-soo

Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
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Ms. Pera Wells
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Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
14/07/2008 01:34 PM

To Dana Loytved/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Kiyotaka Akasaka/NY/UNO
cc Wonsoo Kim/NY/UNO@UNHQ, jysun39@hanmail.net,
"Kaori Minami" <minami@un.org>, Sebastien
Lawson/NY/UNO
bcc
Subject Re: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF
KOREA)

SG was not aware of such invitation and was concerned about Mr. Akasaka's trip back and forth to the region. If Mr. Akasaka is already willing to make that trip again to that region, SG has no problem. He could also represent SG and deliver a lecture. Please discuss that aspect with Amb. Sun of UNA-ROK, who I copy here.

Dana Loytved

----- Original Message -----

From: Dana Loytved
Sent: 14/07/2008 12:59 EDT
To: Yeocheol Yoon
Cc: Wonsoo Kim
Subject: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF KOREA)

Dear Mr. Yoon,

I would be grateful for clarification about Mr. Akasaka's participation in the Asia-Pacific Model UN Conference. As Jaya had stated in her message of 3 June 2008 (see below), Mr. Akasaka has also received an invitation in his capacity as USG/DPI. Mr. Akasaka's participation has been confirmed with the organizers, and his speech has been prepared. Mr. Akasaka met with the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Korean Mission on Friday to inform him about his visit to Korea to participate in the conference. If required, DPI would cover Mr. Akasaka's travel costs.

Mr. Akasaka plans to attend the conference as USG/DPI, and he remains prepared to represent the Secretary-General, if requested. However, could you please clarify if the Secretary-General believes that Mr. Akasaka should not attend, including in his own capacity?

Thank you and best regards,
Dana Loytved

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Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO



Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
14/07/2008 11:06 AM

To Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sebastien
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cc Jaya Dayal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Dana
Loytved/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Joyce
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Subject Re: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF
KOREA) - SG invitation / video message



Given that Mr. Akasaka has just been to the region, it would be a bit too much to send him again. SG thought about other possibilities like the rector of UNU who consented to the idea but later turned out to be unavailable.

SG concluded that we don't need to send anybody, under the circumstances. If there is anything new, I will let you know.

Kaori Minami

----- Original Message -----

From: Kaori Minami
Sent: 14/07/2008 10:12 EDT
To: Sebastien Lawson
Cc: Yeocheol Yoon; Jaya Dayal; Dana Loytved; Joyce Lewis-Swensson
Subject: Fw: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF KOREA) - SG invitation / video message

Dear Sebastien --

DPI called asking if an official letter be sent to the organizer mentioning that Mr. Akasaka will attend to represent the SG at this Model UN Conf (please see below).

If you are already doing this -- please ignore my message, but let's get the CdC's approval in the usual manner and send out a fax to the organizer asap.
Otherwise, they will not pay for Mr. Akasaka's travel costs.

thanks.

Kaori

Correspondence Subject	The World Federation of United Nations Associations requests the pleasure of the SG at the third WFUNA Asia and Pacific Regional Model UN Conference in Incheon, Republic of Korea. It will take place from 21-25 July and will be a simulation of the Economic and Social Council of Asia and Pacific (ESCAP). The theme of the conference is "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015: Reducing Global Poverty and Improving Living Standards through a More Proactive Approach." The SG's presence at this conference, in his home country, would be a unique inspiration to the participating students who admire his passion and commitment to the UN.		
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14/07/2008 10:08 AM

To Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ
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Subject Fw: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF KOREA) - SG invitation / video message

Kaori --

Just wanted to make sure you had seen this earlier exchange on this subject -- and the suggestion that Mr. A represent the SG. Thanks

----- Forwarded by Jaya Dayal/NY/UNO on 14/07/2008 10:07 AM -----



Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
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To Jaya Dayal/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc Annika Savill/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Ingrid Hayden/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Subject Re: 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF KOREA) - SG invitation / video message

Yes, he has agreed to sending a video message to this event at the request of the UNA-ROK. They were asking for a senior official from the UN as representative of SG. If Mr. Akasaka is available for this event, I think he could also represent SG there. What do you think?

Jaya Dayal/NY/UNO



Jaya Dayal/NY/UNO
03/06/2008 오후 03:33

To Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc Annika Savill/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Ingrid Hayden/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Subject 21-25 JULY ASIA-PACIFIC MODEL UN (REP. OF KOREA) - SG invitation / video message

Dear Mr. Yoon,

Grateful for your help with the following:

1. I understand that Pera Wells of WFUNA sent an invitation to the SG to address the WFUNA Asia and Pacific Model UN Conference in Incheon, RoK. The conference will take place from 21-25 July; more than 25 countries are expected to be represented.
2. WFUNA informs us that while the SG will be unable to attend the Model UN conference, the SG has agreed to provide a video message for the opening session. Is this correct? WFUNA is seeking clarification/confirmation on this point.
3. FYI, WFUNA has also invited Mr. Akasaka (a copy of the invitation letter is attached below) to the conference--to speak in his role as USG/DPI. Mr. Akasaka will attend the conference.
4. We would be grateful if you could please confirm whether the SG has agreed to provide a video message to the conference as this wd also have some bearing on Mr. Akasaka's contribution to the

meeting.

Thanks very much,

Jaya

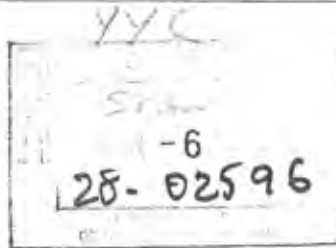
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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
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6 March 2008

Dear Secretary-General,

The World Federation of United Nations Associations requests the pleasure of your company at the third WFUNA Asia and Pacific Regional Model UN Conference in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The conference is being hosted by the United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea. It will take place from 21-25 July 2008 and will be a simulation of the Economic and Social Council of Asia and Pacific (ESCAP).

The theme of the **conference** is "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015: Reducing Global Poverty and Improving Living Standards through a More Proactive Approach."

Topics for discussion include:

- Pursuing alternative energy sources to ensure future peace
- Strategies for poverty reduction that diminish the risk of disasters
- Advancing towards a knowledge-based economy
- Regional collaboration to stop human trafficking

Each UNA from a country that is a member of ESCAP has been invited to send a delegation of four students and one UNA representative to the conference. We expect over 200 participants representing 25 countries.

A regional meeting of UNA representatives and UN Information Center representatives is being planned in conjunction to the Model UN conference.

Your presence at this conference, in your home country, would be a unique inspiration to the participating students who admire your passion and commitment to the United Nations.

I thank you sincerely for your consideration of this invitation and look forward to seeing you at the conference in July.

Best Regards,

Pera Wells
Secretary-General

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