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Inv. for Rep.

REFERENCE:

11 May 2010

Dear Mr. Il SaKong,

I wish to refer to your invitation dated 4 May 2010 inviting me to participate as a speaker in the Korea-World Bank High Level Conference on "Post-Crisis Growth and Development" to take place on 3 and 4 June 2010 in Busan, Republic of Korea.

I would like to inform you that, at the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I shall be representing the Organization at the conference in Busan, and that I shall gladly speak at the session dedicated to "Achieving the MDGs in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis" on 4 June 2010.

Please note that the focal point for my participation in the conference is my Special Assistant, Ms. Josiane Ambiehl (Tel: +1.917.495.0181, e-mail: ambiehl@un.org) who will be traveling with me to Busan. Ms. Ambiehl is currently in contact with Ms. Lee and Ms. Sepúlveda for the logistics and substantive preparation of my participation in the Conference. For information, a similar letter was addressed to Mr. Justin Yifu Lin, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at the World Bank.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that honoraria do not apply to United Nations officials.

Please accept, Mr. Il SaKong, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Il SaKong
Chairman
The Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit
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Vijay Nambiar
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Mr. Justin Yifu Lin
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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the attached communication dated 4 May 2010 cosigned by Mr. Il SaKong, Chairman of the Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit, and Mr. Justin Yifu Lin, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at the World Bank, inviting me to participate as a speaker in the Korea-World Bank High Level Conference on "Post-Crisis Growth and Development" to take place on 3 and 4 June 2010 in Busan.

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On my way to Busan, the Secretary-General has also asked that I hold bilateral consultations with Senior Officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Seoul. In this regard, I wish to inform that I will be available for bilateral meetings in the morning of Thursday, 3 June from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 13:00 before flying to Busan out of Seoul at 15:00. The focal point for the programme of my visit to the Republic of Korea is my Special Assistant, Ms. Josiane Ambiehl (Tel: +1.917.495.0181, e-mail: ambiehl@un.org) who will be traveling with me to Seoul and Busan. I look forward to holding bilateral consultations in Seoul and to attend the conference in Busan.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "V. Nambiar", written over a horizontal line.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Park In-kook
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
to the United Nations
New York

May 4, 2010

Dear Mr. Vijay Nambiar:

We are pleased to invite you to participate as a speaker at the Korea-World Bank High Level Conference on **"Achieving the MDGs in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis"** on June 4, 2010 in Busan, Korea. The conference will be co-hosted by the Korean Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit and the World Bank and organized by the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP).

The objective of the conference is to call attention to the importance of development in the global agenda and discuss a set of issues that are central to inclusive, sustainable, and balanced growth in the medium- and long-term, as G-20 leaders' priorities are shifting from crisis response to longer term concerns. Specifically, the conference will address the following issues: (i) a global economy with multiple growth poles, (ii) the development implications of the G-20 Growth and Mutual Assessment Process, (iii) the Korean development experience, and (iv) four sectoral topics: aid for trade; food security; infrastructure, innovation, and green growth; and inclusive finance. A round table panel discussion will close the conference. Please find the preliminary agenda attached for your reference.

The audience will be a mix of policy makers, high-level academics, and other development experts. The discussion will be held under Chatham House Rules, meaning that reporting without attribution to specific speakers is permitted. We hope this will encourage an open dialogue. Papers on the development issues listed above will be circulated two weeks before the conference. The papers will be presented by Korean academics and World Bank staff, and discussed by lead speakers and conference participants.

We would be honored if you could participate as one of the speakers in the session "Achieving the MDGs in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis" by providing a political road map to the 2010 September Summit on the Millennium Development Goals. Following your presentation, the World Bank will discuss the impact that the global economic crisis has had on the the pace to achieve the MDGs. An honorarium will be provided for your participation. We expect the discussions to be interactive and we kindly ask our discussants/panelists/chairs to limit their remarks to the time allotted.

We would appreciate if you could provide us an indication of your availability to participate in the conference by no later than May 11, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rachel Lee of the Korea-World Bank Conference Secretariat about conference logistics (kor-wb@ioconvex.com, +82-2-2152-5022) or Ms. Claudia Sepúlveda of the World Bank about conference sessions and papers (csepulveda@worldbank.org, +1 202-473-1038). As soon as we receive your confirmation, the secretariat will be in touch with you to provide more details on the program and logistical arrangements of the event, including a reception and dinner on June 3 for the conference participants.

We look forward to welcoming you in Busan in June.

Sincerely,



Il SaKong
Chairman
The Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit
Republic of Korea



Justin Yifu Lin
Senior Vice President and Chief Economist
Development Economics
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Korea-World Bank High Level Conference on Post-Crisis Growth and Development

June 3, 2010 – June 4, 2010
Busan, Korea



Co-organized by the Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit and the World Bank, with the support of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)

June 3, 2010

Welcoming Dinner for Conference Participants

6:30-7:00 pm Reception

7:00-9:00 pm Welcoming Dinner for Conference Participants

June 4, 2010

Conference

8:00-8:15 am Opening Remarks (Il SaKong, Chair, Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit)

8:15-8:30 am Introductory Remarks (Senior World Bank Representative **TBD**)

8:30-12:30 pm **Session 1. Development in the G-20 Agenda: An Imperative**

8:30-9:45 am **A Global Economy with Multiple Growth Poles.** Preventing persistent global stagnation or slow growth should be a key priority for policy makers around the world. Developing countries, including low-income countries, can assist in the future global recovery if they invest today. To build multiple growth poles, it is necessary to remove bottlenecks and boost productivity through investments in infrastructure and energy, private sector expansion, and regional integration linked to open markets. The session will offer key reforms to contribute to sustainable and balanced global growth.

❑ **Chair:** **(TBC)**

❑ **Presenter:** Justin Yifu Lin (Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank)

❑ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability **(TBD)**

9:45-11:00 am **G-20 and Global Development.** Inclusion of implications for development in G-20 Growth Framework and Mutual Assessment Process provides an opportunity to bring development issues more systematically into G-20 policy discussions. This topic will address the linkages between G-20 policies and prospects and growth, poverty reduction, and MDGs in developing countries as well as the key areas of collective action that would enhance development prospects.

❑ **Chair:** **(TBC)**

❑ **Presenter:** Zia Qureshi (Senior Adviser, Development Economics, World Bank)

❑ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability **(TBD)**

11:00-11:15 am Break

11:15-12:30 pm **Lessons from the Korean Development Experience.** This topic will highlight Korea's pragmatic development strategies geared toward maximizing economic growth through industrialization and export-promotion with a government that played a guiding role in the economy, complementing the private sector.

❑ **Chair:** Yon Je Cho (Professor and Dean of Graduate School of International Studies Songang University) **(TBC)**

❑ **Presenter:** Wonhyuk Lim (Senior Research Fellow and Director of Development Cooperation Division, Korea Development Institute)

❑ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability **(TBD)**

**12:30-2:00 pm Session 2. “Achieving the MDGs in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis”
(Working Lunch)**

12:30-2:00 pm Achieving the MDGs in the Aftermath of the Global Economic Crisis. This topic will discuss the impact that the global economic crisis may have had on the gains in living standards that the developing world has made over the last decade, as well as longer-lasting impacts on other MDGs, including health and education indicators.

☐ **Chair:** (TBC)

☐ **Presenter:** (TBC)

2:00-2:15 pm Break

2:15-3:30 pm Session 3. Parallel Sessions

2:15-3:30 pm Aid for Trade: Building on Progress to Date. This topic will discuss the links between foreign aid, trade facilitation, and trade policy reform, in order to support multilateral cooperation on trade as a key instrument to accelerate growth and reduce poverty in developing countries.

☐ **Chair:** (TBC)

☐ **Presenters:** Bernard Hoekman (Sector Director, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank) and John Wilson (Lead Economist, Development Economics, World Bank)

☐ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability (TBD)

2:15-3:30 pm Infrastructure, Innovation, and Green Growth. This topic will highlight the necessary conditions for strong, national-level environment-development synergies in induced R&D; the potential impacts of government actions in sectoral allocation of investments in order to affect an evolving green economic structure; and links to global actions.

☐ **Chair:** (TBC)

☐ **Presenters:** Marianne Fay (Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Network, World Bank) and Michael Toman (Research Manager, Development Economics, World Bank)

☐ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability (TBD)

3:30-3:45 pm Break

3:45-5:00 pm Session 4. Parallel Sessions

3:45-5:00 pm Food Security. This topic will focus on long-term policies to ensure food security by scaling-up efforts to spur agricultural productivity, improve linkages from farmers to markets, reduce risk and vulnerability, facilitate agriculture entry and exit, and enhance environmental services and sustainability.

☐ **Chair:** Hak-su Kim (Chairman, Asia Economic Community Foundation, former Undersecretary General, United Nations) (TBC)

☐ **Presenter:** Christopher Delgado (Adviser, Agriculture and Rural Development, World Bank)

☐ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability (TBD)

3:45-5:00 pm Inclusive Finance. This topic will present country development practices on inclusive finance and operational instruments to address the constraints that exclude people from full participation in the financial sector in LICs and MICs.

- ☐ **Chair:** **(TBD)**
- ☐ **Presenters:** Asli Demirguc-Kunt (Chief Economist, Financial and Private Sector Development, and Senior Research Manager, Development Economics, World Bank) and Peer Stein (Senior Manager, Business Advisory Services, IFC)
- ☐ **Discussants:** 2-3 depending on availability **(TBD)**

5:00-5:15 pm **Break**

5:15-6:45 pm **Session 5. Round Table Discussion**

5:15-6:45 pm **Round Table Discussion.** The objective of this session is to begin to formulate concrete policy suggestions, based on the results of the conference, which may be incorporated into the G-20 agenda.

- ☐ **Chair:** Il SaKong (Chair, Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit)
- ☐ **Panelists:** 7-8 policy makers/practitioners from G-20 and non-G-20 countries, depending on availability **(TBD)**

6:45-9:00 pm **Closing Dinner**

6:45-9:00 pm **Closing Dinner.** Lessons from the Growth Commission for the Post-Crisis Growth Agenda.

- ☐ **Chair:** Wook Chae (President, KIEP) **(TBC)**
- ☐ **Closing Speech:** **(TBC)**

Potential Participants, Chairs, Speakers, and Discussants

World Bank Group

Justin Yifu Lin, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Development Economics, World Bank
Christopher Delgado, Advisor, Sustainable Development, World Bank
Asli Demirguc-Kunt, Chief Economist, FPD, and Senior Research Manager, Development Economics, World Bank
Shahrokh Fardoust, Director, Development Economics, World Bank
Marianne Fay, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Network, World Bank
Ann Harrison, Director, Development Economics, World Bank
Bernard Hoekman, Sector Director, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank
Zia Qureshi, Adviser, Development Economics, World Bank
Peer Stein, Senior Manager, Business Advisory Services, IFC
Michael Toman, Research Manager, Development Economics, World Bank
John S. Wilson, Lead Economist, Development Economics, World Bank

Korean Officials

Il SaKong, Chair, Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit
Minister Yoon Jeung Hyun, Ministry of Finance, Korea
Hyungkook Kim, Co-Chairman, Presidential Committee on Green Growth, Korea
Taeho Bark, Chairman, Korea Trade Commission
Haeryong Kwon, Director General, Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit
Yongbeom Kim, Director General, Presidential Committee for the G-20 Summit

G-20 and non-G20 Officials

MDB and IFI Chief Economists

Academics and Private Sector

** Officials from IFIs and MDBs, as well as Ministers, Deputy Ministers and senior officials from G-20 and developing countries will be invited.