



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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*Dear Dr. Kim,*

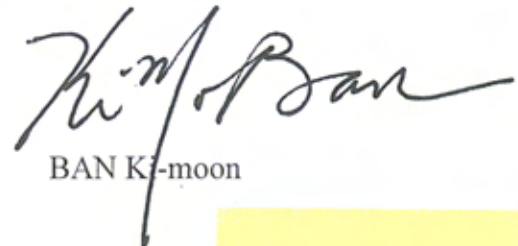
Following our earlier phone conversation upon hearing the news of your appointment as twelfth president of the World Bank, I again wish to congratulate you and to reiterate how fondly I look forward to us working together.

This is an exciting opportunity, coming at an exciting time. I have read about your vision for the Bank with special interest: the emphasis on the grass roots, the importance of making a real difference for real people, the power of empowerment and, perhaps above all, your very correct sense that the best way to get the most for our development and investment dollar is to drive at the interrelations among problems, such that solutions to one translate into progress on all.

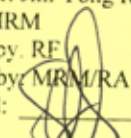
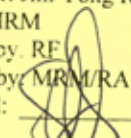
I am also fully cognizant of your most valuable experience in the World Health Organization, first as an Adviser to the Director-General and, subsequently, of the pivotal role you played as Director of the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS Department, focusing on initiatives to help developing countries scale up their treatment, prevention, and care programmes. Your contributions to developing a treatment strategy for HIV/AIDS responsive to those most in need exemplify the global impact of tangible, elegant solutions that can serve to create virtuous circles of progress.

Please accept my best wishes for a very successful term as President of the World Bank.

Yours sincerely,

  
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