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His Excellency Mr. President
Government of Chile
Santiago, Chile

Excellency,

Your inspiring message was received with great acclaim by 550 delegates from 53 countries who attended the 6th International Conference on Small and Medium Enterprises in Seoul from 22-25 April, 1992.

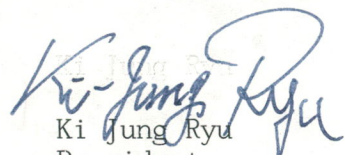
The Conference was opened by the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of Korea and the Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry. The Minister of State for Industry of India gave the closing address.

At the conclusion of the Conference, organized by the Korea National Committee of the World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises, the Seoul Declaration was adopted. We have the honour of enclosing a copy of the Declaration. We trust that this Declaration will receive the fullest support of your Government and your excellency's personal blessings.

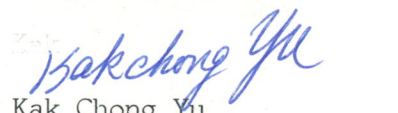
Excellency, we also urge that your Government may consider associating itself more fully with the worldwide activities of this 75-nation body, the only one enjoying consultative status with all concerned agencies in the UN system. The plan of action incorporated in the Seoul Declaration could provide a meaningful framework for enhancing cooperation amongst governments, governmental and non-governmental institutions and international agencies.

Excellency, we again wish to thank you most profoundly for reiterating your faith in the small and medium enterprise sector and for your assurance of support. We greatly value them.

Excellency, please accept our assurance of the highest esteem.


Ki Jung Ryu
President
WASME

Very truly yours,


Kak Chong Yu
President
Korea National Committee
WASME

SEOUL DECLARATION : GLOBAL COOPERATION FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

The 6th International Conference on Small and Medium Enterprises (6th ICSME), attended by 550 participants from 53 countries, affirms the commitment of Small Business Community around the world to enhance, consolidate and further expand global cooperation amongst small and medium enterprises through practical, efficient and effective ACTION at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels.

The 6th ICSME recalls the Cologne Declaration adopted at the first ever international seminar on cooperation amongst industrialised and developing countries, jointly organized by EUROPMI and WASME in September, 1991 outlining specific areas of cooperation viz joint ventures; human resource development; industrial and technical networking; research and development; and trade expansion.

The 6th ICSME also takes fully into account the urges, aspirations and expectations of small business community in nations in transition to market economy, for the creation of a more favourable environment conducive to sustenance and growth of small and medium sized enterprises; as expressed in Moscow Declaration.

This Declaration, known as Seoul Declaration on Global Cooperation for Small and Medium Enterprises, emphasises the emergence of new perceptions and strategies to respond to fast changing world scenario and to meet the social and economic needs of peoples of developing countries and those in transition to market economy. The baffling dimensions of inadequacies of political, social and economic structures in many economies are manifesting themselves. Structural changes in all sectors of human endeavour will call for total mobilization of global support to stem the accelerating movement towards poverty and unemployment. Such a movement, if unabated, will threaten world peace and endanger prosperity even of most industrialized nations.

The 6th ICSME believes that developing countries and nations in transition to market economy owe special responsibilities to create the most favourable environment for the creation of a vibrant, healthy, self-reliant small and medium enterprises sector, as which alone could make meaningful contribution in alleviating poverty, unemployment and meeting the need for essential goods and services. Appropriate and efficient debureaucratization on legal and institutional infrastructure will have to be put in position without any delay.

While saying so, the 6th ICSME wish to remind developed countries that growing poverty and unemployment, deepening frustration, and feeling of helplessness as hopelessness amongst young men as women in other countries would be most destabilizing factors for world peace. It, therefore, calls upon industrialized and rich nations to provide financial, technical and training means to developing and other countries to accelerate the pace of their economic revival: they must provide easier access to their markets for services of and goods produced by SMEs of these countries.

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Agradece mensaje enviado
x PAA al 6º Congreso
Internacional sobre Pequena
y mediana Industria
efectuado en Seul desde
el 22 al 25 de abril 92.-

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