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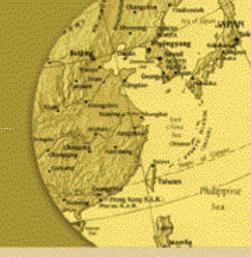
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Development of Busan - Jinhae and Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zones and Foreign Direct Investment

Thursday February 5, 2004 Conference Hall(2F), The Korea Federation of Banks, 4-1, 1-Ga, Myong-Dong, Chung-Gu, Seoul(100-021), Korea

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Introduction

The Government of Republic of Korea has recently designated three free economic zones as a part of its Northeast Asia business hub strategy. Incheon, Busan-Jinhae and Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zones aim at becoming a hub for logistics, R&D and international business.

These zones are designed to utilize new business opportunities arising from the growing interactions among the Northeast Asian economies and between them and the rest of the world. However, given the relatively small market size and not-so-favorable images of the country by foreign investors, Korea has to reestablish itself as an attractive place for foreign business and people.

The Free Economic Zones, if successfully developed as a value-creating, vibrant and livable business hub of Northeast Asia, could provide a stepping stone for the transformation of the Korean economy into a new economy.

The purpose of this seminar is to find ways and means to enhance the capacity of Korea's free economic zones, in particular the Busan-Jinhae and Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zones, to attract foregin direct investment.

For this purpose, a panel composed of distinguished representatives of foregin chambers of commerce and private companies will be invited to assess the potential strengths and weaknesses of the zones and to make concrete suggestions to improve the investment environment of these zones.

I hope this seminar will provide a forum for discussion among enterprises' managers, foreign and domestic policy-makers and administrators at both central and local levels, and general public, who are concerned with the successful implementation of the free economic zones.

February 5, 2004 Kyu-Bang Lee President Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements , R&D,

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• Seminar Program

09:00 ~ 09:15 Opening

Dr. Kyu-Bang Lee, President, KRIHS

Mr. Nam-Sik Hur, Vice Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City

Mr. Hyun-Sup Oh, Vice Governor of Jellanamdo Province

09:15 ~ 10:30 Presentations

- Free Economic Zones and Korea's Hub Strategy

 Mr. In-Kang Cho, Director General, Planning Office Free
 Economic Zones, Ministry of Finance and Economy

Dr. Jung-Chuel Shin, Senior Research Fellow, KRIHS

PDevelopment Plan and Investment Strategies for Gwangyang Bay
 Area Free Economic Zone a

Dr. Ki-Seok Kye, Research Fellow, KRIHS

 Marketing Strategy for Free Economic Zones a Mr. James P.Rooney, President, Market Force Company

10:30 ~ 10:45 Coffee Break

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Seminar Program

10:45 ~ 12:15 Panel Discussion

<Chair>

Mr. Soo-Gil Yang, Seninor Advisor, Kim & Chang Law Office and FDI Subcommittee, Presidential Committee on Northeast Asia Business Hub

<Panelists>

US Representative

Dr. II Young Maing, President of United Technologies International Operation, Vice President of American Chamber of Commerce

• Europe Representative

Mr. Donald J. Murdock, President of Air Liquide Korea Service

• Japan Representative

Mr. Nobuya Takasugi, CEO of Fuji Xerox Korea and Chairman of Seoul Japan Club

Korea Representative

Mr. Jae-Hee Lee, President of Unilever and Chair of Logistics Subcommittee, Presidential Committee on Northeast Asia Business Hub

Mr. Dong-Sik Jeong, Executive Vice President and Board Member, KOTRA

Mr. Jun Huh, Executive Vice President of Hyundai Engineering and Construction

12:15 ~ 13:30 Lunch

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               International Operation
        Mr. Donald J. Murdock (Air Liquide Korea
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