

Opening Remarks by the PG(the 22nd ADLOMICO)

Good morning. Welcome to the 22nd "Anti-Drug Liaison Officials' Meeting for International Cooperation.

It is with a great feeling of pleasure that the 22nd ADLOMICO is organized here in Busan.

I sincerely extend my cordial welcome and gratitude to delegates from member countries and international organizations, and to distinguished guests from home and abroad for being here with us this morning.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As you are well aware, drugs as a common adversary of humanity intends to ruthlessly detract from the dignity of our body and mind.

A(No) nation, which is suffering from drugs, can hardly lead its brighter future.

As narcotics evolve into a global enemy which a single country can't fight back,(no nation can succeed alone in the fight against transnational drug crimes) cooperation between global communities are getting more important.

We have come to this conference for more than 20 years in order to collectively counter narcotic crimes growing beyond borders.

We have exchanged information, ideas, and experiences for better counternarcotic measures, forging broad and stronger partnerships through the ADLOMICO.

However, Korean Prosecution Service, leaving its current accomplishments behind, has hoped to see this

meeting growing as a permanent international body like a drug control platform in the Asia-Pacific region.

And, support activities and collaborations of our partner countries have finally realized what we have mapped out.

A general meeting to declare the launch of the Asia and the Pacific Information & Coordination Centre for Combating Drug Crimes (APICC) proposed at the 19th ADLOMICO meeting was held yesterday right here.

The newly established APICC will serve to enhance international cooperation in more effective and efficient way between member countries in the region.

APICC is also expected to lay the groundwork for organizing counternarcotics supports tailored to the

needs of some of the ASEAN member countries suffering from drug-related problems.

Korean Prosecution will shore up its support towards the APICC to make sure this centre functions as a clearinghouse for anti-drug authorities of individual countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Additionally, I would like to ask your further interests and uninterrupted cooperation for the APICC's success.

Dear representatives and colleagues,

All of you here are superb specialists taking a leading role in combating drugs in all corners of the world.

When such leaders and experts like you work closely together, I am firmly convinced that we will be able to

get much closer to a drug-free world we all have longed for.

I do hope that you will have the opportunity to share your broad expertise and experience with all participants, finding(forging) greater understanding and friendship during this meeting.

Additionally, I wish this meeting will help our resolute determination to extirpate drugs from the globe come to pass.

Once again, I warmly welcome you all and hopefully you will make precious and unforgettable memories at this beautiful harbor city, Busan imbued with warm hearts.

Thank you

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