

Welcome Address

on the 32nd Session of IPCC

11 October 2010

Hur, Nam-Sik

Mayor of Busan City, Korea

Dr. Rajendra Phachauri, Chairman of the IPCC and many representatives,

Minister Lee Manee of the Ministry of Environment of Korea, government officials and experts from home and abroad,

On behalf of the 4 million citizens of Busan, I would like to warmly welcome you all to our green marine city Busan.

It gives me such great pleasure to see Busan playing host to the 32nd Session of the IPCC, designed to come up with worldwide countermeasures and call for joint efforts to address climate change, the most pressing issue of our time.

Since its establishment in 1988, the IPCC has been playing an indispensable role in launching relevant international conferences and laying out milestone measures to respond to the challenges of climate change, for which the IPCC won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deepest respect and gratitude to the representatives of the IPCC member countries and

all the scientists who have been working tirelessly to present scientific research and solutions to global climate change.

In accordance with the national vision of "Low Carbon, Green Growth," the Korean Government and the Busan City Government have been actively involved in nationwide efforts to reduce green house gas emissions across the board, including in industry, in culture and in the daily life of our citizens.

The eyes of the world are now on this Session of the IPCC, because all countries are counting on the IPCC to produce the most scientific measures that would shed light on the causes of global climate crisis and minimize subsequent damage.

Busan City is home to some of the renowned environment and climate-related international organizations, such as the APEC Climate Center and the NOWPAP (Northwest Pacific Action Plan), which have been very active in combating climate change.

Busan City would like to express our warmest appreciation to the IPCC for all your efforts to make our planet a healthier and happier place in which to live. We are also committed to making concerted efforts with all member countries.

I also hope that Korea's green growth model, pursuing a balance between environmental conservation and economic growth, will be known and recognized all over the world.

Hoping that the 32nd Session of the IPCC achieves remarkable results, I want to express once again my warmest welcome and gratitude to all the participants from home and abroad to Busan. Thank you.