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Honorable guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the National Organising Committee of 2006 World Library and Information Congress, I would like to express my heartfelt welcome to almost 5000 library and information professionals who came to this Congress from some 150 countries around the world.

Let me also thank our distinguished guests whose presence enhances the importance of this opening ceremony. First, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to the leaders of IFLA, President Alex Byrne, President-elect Dr. Claudia Lux, Secretary General Peter Lor, and other Governing Board Members of IFLA. My thank goes also to the representative of

UNESCO for the efforts in promoting diversity and creativity in the world's cultures.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kim Myoung-gon, Minister of Culture and Tourism, for his efforts in soliciting support from the Korean government for this congress.

Let me express my sincere appreciation for the next two speakers, First Lady Kwon Yang-sook who is the patron of this Congress, and Mayor of Seoul Oh Se-Hoon.

And there is one person that I would really like to extend my special thanks. It's Former President Kim Dae-jung, today's Keynote Speaker and Nobel Peace Prize winner. He has been struggling and won against political aggression and ideological conflicts throughout his life.

Distinguished librarians of the world,

There's no doubt that the 21st-century human society is made of knowledge and information. And there's no doubt that libraries are the Dynamic Engine that will lead our society. Let us ignite that engine and put it in motion.

The theme of the IFLA 2006 Seoul Congress is "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society". We have a variety of events including some 200 presentations and workshops, 140 exhibition booths, 37 library tours, numerous specialized sections and meetings of library directors. And there will be a cultural performance and two official dinners where all the registered participants are invited.

The National Organising Committee promises you

