

Welcoming Remarks



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Distinguished Scholars and Experts of AAC !!!

I am both so happy and pleased to welcome you all to the 2023 ACC, the beautiful Jeju Island in Korea.

Modern society, as you know well, is in the era of climate crisis. In the history of human society, there has never been a time when human life and climate are more closely linked than now. Although climate may have affected our life style and our culture, or changed life in any one region or country, it has never had such an enormous global impact as it does today. In recent years, the scope and intensity of climate impacts are so great that global leaders are using the term climate crisis / climate emergency instead of climate change.

The climate crisis not only directly affects the lives of individual humans, but also has a wide-ranging and severe impact on various environments surrounding human communities. The climate crisis is affecting all spheres of community. For example, the climate crisis is forcing changes in most areas of the community, including politics, economy, society, culture, nature, science and technology, medical health, military security, and safety in a country or region. If we reject the changes caused by the climate crisis or do not accept the new paradigm, the climate crisis will threaten the very survival of our communities. If we want sustainable living, if we want sustainable development, we must do our best to embrace all the changes the climate crisis demands. It means that human beings must create and adapt to a new normal life paradigm, just as it creates a new great civilization.

Dear My Old Friends and New Friends!

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The climate crisis is not the only major new wave of change in this globe. The 4th Industrial Revolution is also forcing tremendous changes in human life. The common feature of the climate crisis and the 4th Industrial Revolution is that they are products created by humans over a long period of time. For example, with the help of big data, disaster managers can identify potential hazards, take action to prevent them, and provide disaster resilience to cities.

But it is true that these two waves of change are not identical. Humanity has created a desirable wave of change called the 4th Industrial Revolution with endless imagination, scientific and technological challenges, and unbreakable will and passion. In contrast, the climate crisis is a wave of change in which humans are alienated from nature as a result of endless desire and consumption along with science and technology developed by humans. The relationship between the climate crisis and the 4th Industrial Revolution, which ran in opposite directions, existed in a completely different paradigm in the past. But for now, these two giant waves are meant to heal the many members of society damaged by the climate crisis.

The climate crisis threatens the sustainable development goals of human society suggested by U.N.: no poverty, zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, and so on. Therefore, we must make an international collaborative system to ensure the happiness of ourselves and our descendants through performing the SDGs.

In this context, the Asian Association for Crisisonomy is an academic society dedicated to ensuring the safety and happiness of Asian citizens and contributing to sustainable development. With the theme of this 2023 ACC, “Climate Crisis and Sustainability: Vulnerability, Resilience, and Adaptation,” scholars and experts of the field of Crisisonomy and Disastronomy in Asia must dedicate and make efforts to come up with measures to strengthen disaster resilience.

Disaster management agencies, disaster victims, business corporation, and civil society should have the capability to overcome disasters. To this end, academics and experts must focus on education and research on vulnerability, resilience, and adaptation.

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Dear My Asian Friends!!!

Also, as President of the Korean Association for Disastronomy as a co-host organization, I would like to express my special thanks to Dr. An Chen, Dr. Keiko Kitagawa, Dr. Gajendra Sharma, Dr. Muhammad Azam, Dr. Kushum Shakya. We have always participated in symposia and seminars in Korea, China, Japan, the United States, Switzerland, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, Portugal, etc. We hope to continue to have valuable opportunities for research cooperation and academic exchanges to build a safe global society together.

The 2023 ACC was attended by distinguished scholars and experts from Korea, China, Japan, United States, Nepal, Pakistan, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam and is co-hosted by ADPC, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, an international organization.

And I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Director Chi Wan Kim of the Research Institute for the Tamla Culture of JejuNational University for co-hosting and supporting this ACC.

Also, I would like to give my thanks to the staff and volunteers, including Dr. SeolA Kwon, Dr. Ju-Ho Lee, Ms. Yun-sook Kim and our co-host organization leaders, who worked hard to make this 2023 ACC a success.

Above all, I would like to thank all the participants for their excellent research and presentation.

Thank you very much !!!

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