

Congratulatory Address



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Distinguished journalists, ladies and gentlemen from home and abroad, it is my pleasure to meet you. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the opening of the “World Journalists Conference 2021.” Just as last year, I send my online welcome message this year again.

Despite its relatively short history of nine years, the World Journalists Conference has been evaluated as an exemplary case of public diplomacy. I would like to express my appreciation to President Kim Dong-hoon and members of the Journalists Association of Korea for putting together this meaningful event despite difficult situations.

As you may well know, COVID-19 has been bringing about huge change across the world in the most painful way. The pace of change has accelerated and its range has greatly expanded. Indeed, an era of great transformation with maximized uncertainty has dawned.

Climate change is the very issue where such changes and uncertainties are concentrated. This problem can never be solved by the efforts of any single country alone. Based on solidarity and cooperation, all countries should put heads together across national borders in order to find solutions. In this regard, this conference, which is to seek the role of the media in addressing climate issues, is truly meaningful and valuable.

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Dear journalists in home and abroad,

We are facing a new world where anyone can easily produce, distribute and consume information thanks to the development of digital technology. As people's thirst for the truth becomes more unquenchable, the value of journalism becomes even more invaluable.

In this new world, I think the role of the media lies in the truth. I believe that when the media shed light on the world through truthful communication and balanced perspectives, its role as a mirror and window will truly shine. I look forward to journalists from around the world who are present here today playing that role. The Korean government pledges to make its utmost effort to promote closer and more transparent communication with its people as well.

Once again, congratulations on convening of the World Journalists Conference. I hope this event will serve as an opportunity to collect wisdom to realign the roles of the media and prepare for the new era. Thank you.