
Congratulatory Remarks

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Hello, this is Oh-seong Son, Head of SH Urban Research Institute of Seoul Housing and Communities Corporation.

We would like to welcome everyone who attended the 18th International Conference on Crisis & Emergency Management hosted by the Korea Disaster Management Society.

At the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) meeting held in March 2023, the 6th comprehensive report was unanimously approved. This report warned that a 1.5-degree rise in the Earth's average temperature compared to pre-industrial levels could occur between 2021 and 2040, and the warning that the critical 1.5-degree rise must be prevented very actively has become even stronger.

It was emphasized that there are about 10 years left until the golden time of the climate crisis to prevent climate disaster, and that changes are occurring quite rapidly. This climate crisis can be divided into natural causes and human causes, and to overcome it, we must gather wisdom at the national level.

In July 2023, there was a disaster at the Osong Underground Road where 14 people died when a temporary embankment collapsed due to heavy rain and the underpass was flooded. Perhaps the reason that an academic conference is being held in this area today is to use the Osong disaster as a lesson to learn from others. Such a tragedy must never be repeated again.

The 18th International Conference on Crisis & Emergency Management, which begins today, is an opportunity to create a new paradigm to respond to disaster management caused by the climate crisis, and it is expected that there will be discussions on crisis management from new perspectives and viewpoints.

Once again, I would like to welcome and thank everyone who attended today. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to Chairman Yang Ki-geun, who hosted the 18th International Crisis Management Conference, as well as conference officials and everyone who participated today for their efforts and hard work.

Thank you very much!

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