
Welcoming Remarks

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As clearly stated in the aim of this conference, the ICCEM (International Conference on Crisis & Emergency Management) aims to seek global cooperation for effectively responding to extreme disasters frequently occurring in the era of climate crisis and protecting human dignity.

On the occasion of the 18th round of the ICCEM's international, and multi-disciplinary endeavors, let me congratulate you all on the remarkable success, valuable experiences and extensive knowledge networks developed through this persistent academic effort. Above all, we should acknowledge Prof. Jae Eun Lee, for his strong initiative and enthusiasm that drove us along to meet and work together to reach here.

As a person who has witnessed from time to time the former processes of building up the ICCEM momentum, something that remains to be challenged now is the following.

After almost two-decade-long activities, we now face a turning point, from analytical knowledge development to deliberative communication, and from policy-making to implementation.

For us to move forward that far, we need some timely themes and issues to discuss together. This year's conference is designed to study intensively "how to create a sustainable society by protecting human dignity from extreme disasters occurring in the era of climate crisis."

I would like to conclude my address by encouraging all the participants to actively participate in this very exciting occasion, and to contribute to the further advancement of this unique ICCEM. Thank you.

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