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Opening Address

## Dr. Gi Geun Yang

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Dear esteemed researchers of Crisis & Emergency Management!

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude and welcome to all of you for attending the 18th International Conference on Crisis & Emergency Management in Korea. This is Gi Geun Yang, co-chair of the organizing committee of the 18th ICCEM.

Today, humanity is facing the worst climate crisis. Climate disasters that we have never seen before are occurring, including the worst drought we have ever experienced in 500 years, the worst floods in 1,000 years, heavy rains, heat waves, cold waves, and large-scale forest fires. Above all, the climate crisis threatens human dignity and human rights and deepens disaster inequality. Accordingly, since “response to extreme disasters and securing human dignity in the era of climate crisis” is more urgently needed than ever, I believe that this 18th International Crisis Management Conference will be an invaluable time.

The climate crisis is not a problem that can be solved by one country or one person alone. Therefore our crisis management researchers have been holding ICCEM, an international crisis management conference, to gather wisdom to solve this difficult problem together. This 18th ICCEM was held under the theme of “Responding to extreme disasters and securing human dignity in the era of climate crisis,” with experts from many countries including Korea, Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Mongolia, Pakistan, Nepal, Rwanda and also international organizations such as UNDRR and ADPC are participating. I believe that this year’s ICCEM will be an more fruitful academic conference. This is because it consists of a variety of programs, including keynote speeches, panel presentations and discussions, round tables, and awards for best papers, to create a new paradigm for managing extreme climate disasters that will occur frequently due to the climate crisis.

Finally, your dedication and contributions to the field of Crisis & Emergency Management are highly respected and deeply appreciated. Also, I wish good health and good luck to everyone attending today’s conference.

Thank you so much.

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Gi Geun Yang  
Co-Chair, Organizing Committee of the 18th ICCEM