
Welcoming Remarks

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Hello.

I'm Han In-seop, CEO of Jungbu Mael Newspaper, a representative news platform in Chungcheong Province.

We welcome holding an international academic conference with domestic and foreign academic organizations such as the National Crisis Management Forum, the Korea Disaster Management Association, and the Chungbuk National Crisis Management Institute under the theme of "Response to Climate Disasters and Securing Human Dignity in the Age of Climate Crisis."

The conference will be held ahead of the first commemoration of the Osong Flooded Tunnel Accident, which caused the tragedy around all of Korea, more so, the victims and their families.

Last year's Osong disaster reminded us that the government and local authorities must upgrade their disaster response systems in line with the increasingly unpredictable weather conditions in the era of the climate crisis.

It also reminded us that to prevent disasters and minimize damage, we must invest more social costs to build infrastructure.

It is also a conference that enlightens us about the fact that these efforts are a social safety net that can determine the quality and future of our lives in the era of the climate crisis.

Earlier in the first half of this year, Jungbu Mael Newspaper held a discussion session on the theme of disaster management and countermeasures for the Gungpyeong 2 Tunnel flooding disaster in collaboration with academic organizations such as the National Crisis Management Forum, the Korean Disaster Management Association, and the Chungbuk National Crisis Management Research Institute. Three discussions were held, including the theme of building a new system and responding to serious civil disasters.

These three discussions can be said to have diagnosed and illuminated the era of disaster management in light of the climate crisis from the perspectives of our society and domestic issues such as the Osong Tunnel Flood. The three-day international academic conference, which will be held today, will be meaningful as it will expand its global perspective on disasters directly related to human life and human dignity.

In particular, I ponder how our society will heal the wounds caused by these disasters and what lessons we will glean from them. This is quite a challenge; however, I believe this will bring more meaning to this conference.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts until the conference occurs.

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