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Opportunities and Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Era”***

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Programme

10.00-10.15 Hrs: Registration

Session 1. 50 Years of India-Korea Relation

10.15-11.45 Hrs

Chair: Prof. K.M Seethi, Director, ICSSR Senior Fellow and Director, Inter-University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension (IUCSSRE), Mahatma Gandhi University

Speakers

- Dr. Jojin V John, Assistant Professor and Hon. Director, Korea Centre, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University; Topic: *50 Years of India-South Korea Relation: Political and Diplomatic Perspective*
- Dr. Cho, Choongjae, Director Delhi Office, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP); Topic: *Reflection on India-South Korea Economic Relations*
- Dr. Rathi Jafer, Director, INKO Centre, Chennai; *Bridging Cultures: Strengthening the Intercultural Dialogue between India & Korea*

Session 2. Inaugural Session

12.00-12.45 Hrs

- Conference Introduction: Dr. Jojin V John, Assistant Professor/Hon. Director, Korea Centre, SIRP, MG University
- Welcome Remarks: Prof. C Vinodan, Director, SIRP, MG University
- Inaugural Address: Prof. C T Aravindakumar, Vice Chancellor, MG University
- Keynote Address: Mr. Kim, Chang-nyun, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai
- Vote of Thanks: Ms. Rekha J, Project Fellow, Korea Centre, SIRP

Lunch Break: 12.45-13.45 Hrs

Session 3. India-Korea and the Indo-Pacific: Regional and Strategic Dimension

13.45-15.00Hrs

Chair: Prof. A.M Thomas, Professor (Rtd), SIRP

Speakers

- Prof. Wongi Choe, Professor and Head, Center for ASEAN-Indian Studies, Republic of Korea; *India's Place in South Korea's Indo-Pacific Strategy: Implications for Strategic Cooperation*
- Dr. Jitendra Uttam, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Topic: *Realigning for Multi-alignment: Strategic Accommodation between India and Korea*
- Cmd. Abhay K. Singh, Research Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi; Topic: *India-South Korea Maritime Partnership in the Indo-Pacific: Mapping Convergences and Constraints*

Session 4. India-Korea Economic and Development Cooperation: Emerging Dynamics

15.30-17.00 Hrs

Chair: Dr. Cho, Choongjae, Director Delhi Office, KIEP

Speakers

- Dr. Sojin Shin, Associate Professor, Tokyo International University, Tokyo, Japan; Topic: *"Now It Is a Different Era: Evolving Political Ideas of the Bilateral Economic Relationship between South Korea and India."*
- Dr. Reji K. Joseph, Associate Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi; Topic: *"Prospects of India-Korea Economic Cooperation in the Changing Global Economic Order"*
- Dr. Jaedong Kang, Assistant Professor, Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies, Kochi; Topic: *"India-South Korea Partnerships for Social Development: Case Illustrations of Korean Entities in India"*

Session 5: Roundtable Discussion; India-Korea Relations: Way Forward

17.00-17.30 Hrs
