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FOLKETING
OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT

DEAR SIR,
MADAM,

We would like to inform you that the Third General Assembly of Inter-Parliamentarians for Social Services - IPSS was held during August 22 - 24 this year in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.

More information about the organization's activities can be found at the IPSS website.

We are authorized, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the organization, to invite Members of Parliament from your country (up to two people) to participate in its activities. Participation expenses are covered by the IPSS. Please notify the Bulgarian National Assembly or the IPSS headquarters of your interest.

Yours sincerely:

DIRECTOR:
/PETKO BAEV/

Sofia, 28 November, 2007

NOTE FRA SOU-SEKR.:
Medlemmer som er interesserede i at deltage i
IPSS's generelle aktiviteter kan henvende sig til
Trine Toftgaard Lund.



Inter-Parliamentarians for Social Service

**The 3rd General Assembly
Inter-Parliamentarians for Social Service
(General Information)**

22–24 August 2007

07-000824

National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

International Affairs Bureau

(www.ipss.or.kr)

Date and Location

1. The Inter-Parliamentarians for Social Service shall convene for the Third General Assembly in Seoul, Korea, from 22 to 24 August.

2. The venue for the General Assembly and delegates' accommodations are as follows.

- Accommodations: Shilla Hotel
 - Address: 202 Jangchung-dong 2-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 100-856
 - Tel: 82-2-2230-3310
 - Fax: 82-2-2230-3720
 - Website : www.shilla.net

- Venue for the General Assembly: Dynasty Hall, Shilla Hotel

Website(www.ipss.or.kr)

1. The official website of the Third IPSS General Assembly is www.ipss.or.kr.

2. Key information about IPSS (charter and joint communiques of the Inaugural Assembly and the Second General Assembly) is available on the website.

3. Changes to the schedule for the Third General Assembly, optional events and useful information for delegates will be posted on the website. Delegate registration and hotel reservation services are also available online through the website.

□ **Agenda**

1. Role and experience of each parliament in establishing legal and institutional infrastructure to promote social services
2. International labor migration and protection of human rights: improvements in laws and systems and international cooperation
3. Promoting the employment of the physically challenged and vocational training: examining systems in each country and international cooperation
4. Other agenda presented at the Executive Committee

□ **Speaking Procedures**

1. The speech by each chief delegate shall be no longer than 5 minutes. We kindly ask each delegation to send a copy of the text of this speech in advance by e-mail (ipss@assembly.go.kr) or by fax.
2. Under the chairmanship of the IPSS President, for each topic, a single keynote speaker shall make a summary presentation (15–20 minutes) followed by a panel discussion by two panelists (10 minutes) and a debate (3 minutes).

□ **Program**

Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Remarks
Day 1 Wednesday 22 August	-18:00	○ Delegates' arrival and registration	Hotel lobby
	16:00- 18:00	○ First Executive Committee meeting 1. Decision on business plan and conference modalities 2. Nomination of IPSS president and vice-presidents 3. Consideration of the next IPSS host country	Small conference room at Shilla
	18:00- 20:00	○ Welcome dinner hosted by the President of the 3rd General Assembly Preparation Committee	<i>Subject to change</i>
Day 2 Thursday 23 August	09:00- 09:45	○ Opening ceremony 1. Opening remarks by the President of the 3rd General Assembly Committee 2. Welcoming remarks by the Speaker of the Korean National Assembly (tentative) 3. Congratulatory remarks by the Minister of Labor 4. Report on progress to date 5. Photo session	Main conference room at Shilla
	09:45- 10:00	Coffee Break	
	10:00- 12:00	○ First plenary session 1. Decision on business plan and conference modalities 2. Election of IPSS president and vice-presidents 3. Election of executive committee members 4. Addresses by chief delegates	Main conference room at Shilla

	12:00– 13:30	○ Lunch	
	13:30– 15:00	4. Addresses by chief delegates (<i>continued</i>)	Main conference room at Shilla
	15:00– 15:15	Coffee Break	
	15:15– 18:20	○ Discussion of Agenda ·Agenda item 1: Role and experience of each parliament in establishing legal and institutional infrastructure to promote social services ·Agenda item 2: International labor migration and protection of human rights: improvements to laws and systems and international cooperation ·Agenda item 3: Promoting the employment of the physically challenged and vocational training: examining systems in each country and international cooperation	Main conference room at Shilla
	16:30– 18:00	○ Second Executive Committee meeting 1. Deliberation on the draft Joint Communiqué 2. Selection of the next IPSS host country	Small conference room at Shilla
	19:00– 20:30	○ Dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Korean National Assembly (tentative)	
Day 3 Friday 24 August	09:00– 10:00	○ Second Plenary Session 1. Decision on the next IPSS host country and dates 2. Acceptance speech by the representative of the next IPSS host country 3. Adoption and signing of the IPSS Joint	Main conference room at Shilla

		<p>Communiqué</p> <p>4. Closing remarks by the President of the 3rd IPSS General Assembly</p>	
	10:00– 12:30	○ Visit to the Incheon Free Economic Zone	
	12:30– 14:00	○ Luncheon hosted by the Mayor of Incheon	
	14:00–	<p>○ Optional events</p> <p>1. Visit to Migrant Worker Center in Korea</p> <p>2. Visit to Social service Centers</p> <p>3. Visit to Samsung Electronics</p>	
Day 4 Saturday 25 August		<p>○ Cultural program</p> <p>○ Departure of delegates</p>	

□ Participants

Parliamentarians from sovereign nations who have insights into and an interest in social services

□ Executive Committee Meeting

1. Pursuant to Article 13 of the IPSS Charter, the Executive Committee shall consist of the chief delegates from the following nine nations that were represented in the Executive Committee of the Second General Assembly held in Seoul in 2005.

- Canada
- Hungary
- Italy
- Republic of Korea

- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Sudan
- Saudi Arabia

2. The chief delegates named above as members of the Executive Committee are invited to participate in the Executive Committee meeting from 16:00 to 18:00 on 22 August (Wednesday).

□ **Registration**

1. Delegates to the Third IPSS General Assembly shall refer to the General Information enclosed herein and either complete their registration online through the IPSS website(www.ipss.or.kr) or fax the registration form to the IPSS Secretariat no later than **Friday, 20 July 2007.**

□ IPSS Secretariat

- Address : National Assembly
International Affairs Bureau, American Affairs Division
1 Yeouido-dong, Yeongdeungpo-gu
Seoul, Republic of Korea 150-701
- For further information on agenda, program, invitation, etc. please contact: Ms. Chung Hae-kyung
or Ms. Kim Chi-young
 - Phone: 822-788-2057/2760/2268
 - Fax: 822-788-3247
 - E-mail: ipss@assembly.go.kr
- For inquiries regarding delegate registration, accommodations, arrival or departure, please contact Ms. Karen Kim or Ms. Choi Hee-joo
 - Phone: 822-3462-2525
 - Fax: 822-3402-0589
 - E-mail: ipss@ioconvex.com

- Website: www.ipss.or.kr

2. The registration desk will be open in the Shilla Hotel lobby from 09:00 on 22 August until 12:00 on 23 August.

3. A name tag shall be distributed to each delegate at the registration desk. Participants are kindly requested to wear these name tags throughout the Assembly for their own security.

Accommodations

1. The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and event sponsors shall cover accommodations expenses (room and board) for two representatives from each delegation (two MPs or one MP and one accompanying staff member; an MP may be accompanied by his/her spouse) for the period from 22 through 24 August. The Secretariat has reserved a block of rooms at the Shilla Hotel. Delegates planning to attend the Third IPSS General Assembly are required to complete the hotel accommodation reservation form enclosed herein and either reserve online through the IPSS website or submit the form directly to the Secretariat.

2. Expenses for all additional hotel services beyond simple room and board, such as room upgrades, international phone calls, mini bar and room services, shall be the responsibility of the delegates themselves. Any further information required may be requested on the online hotel reservation form on the IPSS website or on the hotel reservation form sent to the Secretariat.

Optional Events

1. On Friday, 24 August, after a visit to the Incheon Free Economic Zone and luncheon with the mayor of Incheon, the following optional events have been arranged: a visit to the Migrant Worker Center in Korea; a visit to social services centers; a visit to Samsung Electronics (Suwon plant, near Seoul:

www.samsung.com). In addition, a cultural program is prepared on 25 Aug. Please indicate the optional event of your choice when filling out the enclosed registration form.

Enclosed: Optional event program

2. A detailed schedule for the optional events and a cultural program will be announced at the IPSS website at a later date.

Transportation

The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and event sponsors shall provide transportation to all official events and optional events, as well as shuttle service between the hotel and the airport. To ensure convenient and timely services at the point of arrival and departure, delegates are asked to provide exact dates, times and flight numbers for their arrival and departure on the online registration form or the enclosed registration form, and to submit this to the Secretariat. Delegates are advised to immediately inform the Secretariat in the event of any change to their original itinerary.

Official Languages

1. The official languages of the Third IPSS General Assembly shall be English and Korean.

2. Simultaneous interpretation for languages other than the official languages of the General Assembly will not be provided. We ask delegates that would like simultaneous interpretation of their own national language to notify the IPSS Secretariat in advance in order to ensure adequate interpretation booths are reserved.

☐ Documents

1. Official documents shall consist of a program, an agenda, agenda reports, and a list of delegates.
2. All official documents shall be distributed to the delegates upon their registration and will also be updated on the official website of the Third IPSS General Assembly.

☐ Visa

Delegates that require a visa to enter the Republic of Korea must have the appropriate visa issued by the Korean Embassy in their respective country prior to entry. All inquiries concerning the procedure for obtaining a visa should be directed to the Korean Embassy.

☐ Precautionary Inoculation and Medical Services

There are no particular inoculations mandated by the Korean government for foreign visitors entering Korea. Emergency medical services shall be available at the hotel medical center, and each delegate is responsible for any other medical expenses during their stay.

☐ Weather

The temperature in Seoul in August ranges from 19° to 27° Celsius.

☐ Currency and Credit Cards

Major international currencies can be exchanged at banks in and around the hotel, and all major credit cards are widely accepted in Seoul.

Voltage

220V/60Hz

Enclosed

1. Registration form
2. Hotel reservation form