

REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Korean-America Friendship Society Dinner, May 8, 2000

- Proud to have had the southeast chapter of the Korea-American Friendship Society here with us on campus this evening. Honor to succeed my colleague, President Chace of Emory University, as chairman.
- Especially honored to have Consul General Ryu with us this evening, and look forward to his help and advice as Georgia Tech endeavors to begin a program in Korean language and studies.
- Georgia Tech aspires to become more international in our orientation and to expand our capability to educate our students to be world citizens.
- In March, Georgia Tech's Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs hosted a historic meeting with the high-level North Korean delegation that had just completed official negotiations with the U.S. government in New York.
- Tech's role grew out of its ongoing nine-year effort to foster cooperative regional security in Northeast Asia. Participants are South Korea, Russia, Japan, China, and Mongolia. March meeting first time North Korea participated since 1992.
- Might seem like the long way around to go by way of Atlanta and New York to cross the DMZ between South and North Korea, but North Korean delegation's willingness to engage experts outside of government on U.S. soil could signal a more cooperative future in the region.
- Next stage of this Tech effort to encouraging Northeast Asia dialog including North Korea is planned for the Fall in Beijing.
- Our active participation in the Korea-American Friendship Society is another expression of our partnership with you in taking down international barriers and promoting global friendships. Pleased to have been your hosts this evening. Looking forward to working together in the coming year.