Pleased to be here; thank the Consul General for opening his home to the Korea America Friendship Society. Honored to be your chairman.

Although Georgia Tech is a state university, it has always attracted students from outside Georgia, and we have been attracting international students for almost 100 years.

Over the past 25 years or so, have been deliberately expanding our international reach:
- Began with an architecture program in Paris for more than 25 years ago.
- Established a campus in Metz, France 13 years ago.
- Now have a working partnership and presence in Singapore with the National University of Singapore.
- One of two institutions in the United States to have a European Union Center, funded by the European Union.
- Department of Modern Languages now School of Modern Languages, developing joint degrees with international affairs.
- Expanding study abroad opportunities with goal of 50 percent of undergraduates participating.
- 22 percent of our student body is now international.

Founding of Ivan Allen College 10 years ago gave us an opportunity to further enrich our international reach. Created Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, and established the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy, which has developed a very strong focus on Northeast Asia.

Already offer Chinese and Japanese language studies, and moving toward Korean: last summer 2 GT students attended Seoul National University to study Korean, and next summer director of DISTP will take the intensive Seoul National Korean language program.

Beginning exchange program this year with Seoul National University.

On the policy side, Georgia Tech was part of 7th Plenary Conference of the Senior Expanded Panel of the Limited Nuclear Weapons Free Zone for Northeast Asia, which was held in Seoul earlier this month.

Will begin a series of events next spring to commemorate the Korean War, with the final event in May 2003, marking the anniversary of the end of the war.
Georgia Tech wants to continue to develop study opportunities and policy expertise in Northeast and Korea in partnership with Korean organizations and institutions, both here and in Korea. We appreciate the help and support of the Korea-America Friendship Society in this endeavor. Look forward to continuing and expanding our friendship.