

# **Chairperson's Statement on Participation in Overseas Voting for the 18th Presidential Election on Dec. 19, 2012**

Dear respected overseas Koreans!

I sincerely thank the 222,375 of overseas Koreans who registered as overseas voters or overseas absentees despite all the difficulties to participate in this presidential election and vote.

Your interest and passion will be the driving force that develops our country into a world-class nation.

Now the overseas voting period to elect the 18<sup>th</sup> president of Korea is near at hand.

The overseas Koreans who have finished overseas voter registration or overseas absentee application can vote at each of the overseas polling stations every day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Dec. 5 through Dec. 10, within the period of 4-6 days the Overseas Voting Committee appoints.

Because there is not much room at the overseas polling stations, there could be some inconvenience when you are voting.

But we hope you will maintain order as a citizen of democracy.

I think the importance of the presidential election requires no emphasis.

I believe you know well the political situation in Korea.

Based on the circumstances of the election so far, each and every one of your votes can be the decisive vote that directly influences the success or failure of each presidential candidate.

Therefore, shouldn't we exercise our precious right to vote?

I know you have many difficulties, but please keep your attitude of mind when you registered as an overseas voter or an overseas absentee.

I truly anticipate and hope you will vote for this presidential election.

I wish all overseas Koreans health and happiness.

Thank you.