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Speech on the Opening Ceremony

Wang Shan*

Good morning, distinguished guests and dear friends, welcome to Liaoning University. September is a season of harvest and hope, and today in Northeast Asia Forum, we are to reap the fruits of academic achievements and enjoy the pleasure of great success. Accordingly, on behalf of Liaoning University, I bid all the present guests the heartiest of welcomes.

From this year on, Northeast Asia Forum will be a yearly international academic meeting hosted by Liaoning University, and supported by Shenyang Municipal Government and Liaoning Provincial Government. The theme of the Forum will be the history, the present situation and the development trend of the politics, economy and culture of Northeast Asia, the all-round cooperation and coordination in Northeast Asia, and its influence to global development. Based on profound theoretical research and evidence analysis, the Forum will focus on current issue, carry out academic exchanges between Chinese and foreign scholars, and advance the all-round substantial cooperation in Northeast Asian region.

Well, again, let me, on behalf of Liaoning University, express our hearty congratulations to the opening of the first session of Northeast Asia Forum.

Nowadays, the main trend of the world is peace and development, and economic globalization and regionalization have been accelerated. Globalization and regionalization are the unity of opposites, while regionalization is usually the leading path to globalization, and consequently, the research on the issue of regionalization becomes vitally important to the development of a state. As we all know that the regionalization trend of Northeast Asia has become an important component part of global regionalization, and has been attached

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more and more importance by other countries in the world, especially in Asia. After the Cold War, the international situation and the relationships in Northeast Asia have been improved a great deal, which has promoted the exchanges of economy, culture and personnel in this region. The traditional economies and cultures of Northeast Asian countries connects and complements each other, which provides convenience for the cooperation among Northeast Asian countries. And objectively, the cooperation enhances the academic researches on Northeast Asia and the countries in this region, and advance the development of the economies, cultures and other fields.

Liaoning Province is located in the south of Northeast China, and in Northeast Asia Bohai Sea Economy Circle, on the edge of Europe-Asia Continental Bridge, and it is the gateway to the world. Its unique geographic position makes it maintain close connections with other countries of Northeast Asia. Liaoning University is a major national university of Northeast China, with complete academic disciplines and abundant academic personnel, and it leads the nation in the research on Russia, South Korea, the DPRK and Japan. With its geographic and academic advantages on the research on Northeast Asia, Liaoning University has the responsibility to make a contribution to the development and the cooperation between Northeast Asian countries and other countries in the world, here we are honored to provide a platform for researchers, government officials and businessmen to exchange experiences and conduct all-round research on peace and development in Asia. This platform can exhibit the fruits of the research on the peace, stability and economic development trend, and provide theoretical basis for probing into the possibility of multilateral economic cooperation in Northeast Asia, and determining the way and the mode of economic cooperation. We are confident that with the establishment of Northeast Asia Forum, the academic exchanges and development among Northeast Asian countries will be further improved; more concern about Asian issues will be attached, and the peace and development of Asian countries will surely be promoted.

Now, the implementation of the strategy of reviving old industrial bases in Northeast China brings us an unprecedented opportunity to take part in the Northeast Asian cooperation, and reinforces Liaoning Province's function as a bridge in taking part in the cooperation among Northeast Asian countries, and

heightening the necessity and urgency of the research on Northeast Asia.

We will try our best to make the Forum a characteristic and high level academic assembly, offer intellectual and theoretical support for the peace and development of Northeast Asia through academic exchanges, and make a contribution to advance Northeast Asian all-round cooperation and the friendship among Asian people.

Finally, let us wish Northeast Asia Forum of this year a great success!

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Yang Fuchang*

Mr. Chairman, experts and scholars, ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank Liaoning University for the gracious invitation and give me the opportunity to discuss the peace and development of Asia with so many experts and scholars. I believe that all of us will benefit by a lot of high-class speeches and exchanges of different views in the meeting. Allow me on behalf of China Foundation of International Studies to extend my congratulations on the opening of this forum.

Asia is not only a continent of vast territory, large population, diverse nationalities and different creeds, but also one with abundant labor forces and resources, massive market capacities and fast economic growth. It attracts the entire world for its development and changes, influencing the world positively. We can know more about Asia through the following four characteristics.

Firstly, it is the birthplace of human civilization. Among the four ancient civilizations in the world, three of which are in Asia. They are China, India and Iraq. Another is Egypt and part of it is in Asia. Their splendid civilization had influenced the development and progress of the whole world.

Secondly, it is the cradle of the four major religions. Buddhism originated from South-Asia, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam originated from West-Asia. It shows that the Asian regions had had a rather advanced social development.

Thirdly, it has vigorous development of economy. In Asia, Japan has already been the second world-economic entity. Besides that during 1960s and 1970s, the Four Dragons of economic growth appeared. They are Singapore, South Korea, Hongkong and Taiwan.

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At the end of the lase century, there was a hot topic that the economic reform in China and India made a great progress. An important element cannot be ignored in Asian economy that is oil resource in western Asia. According to the statistics, the oil reserve in the whole world is 156.7 billion tons, of which 63%, 99 billion is in Western Asia. Central Asia is also rich in oil reserve. Energy resources are the essential condition for sustained development in each country. It goes without saying Asia have the important status in the field of energy supply.

Fourthly, Asia is the birthplace of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and Ten Principles in the Bandung Conference. These two principles were born more than half a century ago, one in 1954, the other, which Chinese premier issued the joint statement on visiting India and Burma in 1955; the first Asian-African Conference held in Bandung, Indonesia. They are considered as norms which both coordinate the relationship between countries in Asia and in Africa, maintaining the rights and interests in the face of two overlords. These principles lay emphasis on respecting for sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs, peaceful coexistence and equality in all countries.

These significant international relation theories are coherent with the UN Charter; consequently, they posses great vitality. The theories could not only guide the relations among all the countries at the same time, but possess the potential significance nowadays.

The Asian countries make full use of the above advantages, uniting together, seeking the mutual development and at the same time playing more and more important role in the international affairs. American Pre-Secretary of State, Kissenger, said: "The center of the international politic is moving towards Asia, and almost all of the major countries will adjust their roles. " Some people even consider the twenty-first century as the Asia-Pacific century, for which the relevant countries are preparing their resources arrangement including politics, economy, military, culture, etc. in order to cope with the patterns that have already changed and will change. However, the situation of international affairs usually change not according to people's will. The relations among countries go up and down, and conflicts exist everywhere, so does Asia.

Firstly, the nuclear issue of DPRK affected the security and stability of

Northeast Asia, causing the whole world attention.

Secondly, the tension between Japan and the countries that were persecuted during the World War II such as China and Korea still remains.

Thirdly, like the other places of the world, Asia is not safe. Many Asian countries are attacked by the violence, which affects and impedes the development of society and economy.

Fourthly, because of the unbalanced development in Asian, some countries economy grows slowly, still confronting great difficulties.

In order to solve the above problems and change the present state, Asian countries are making effort to make the continent more developed and more attractive. The first thing to do is to build up a good political atmosphere. Based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, Asian countries should respect each other. To clear up the conflict between Japan and the other Asian countries concerned, we must treat historical issues sincerely instead of distorting the fact. Secondly, we should enforce economic cooperation and make progress together. Thirdly, we have to build up a new concept of safety and maintain the regional peace. The idea of supremacy and the ideology of the "cold war" period should be rejected.

Asian issues will be discussed in this forum. The experts and scholars who participate the forum will find it a good opportunity to communicate. I think the forum is helpful to solve the above problems.

China Foundation of International Studies is a civilian organization aiming at international studies and academic communication. In this Foundation there are a number of experts of international issues, 80% of whom are retired ambassadors and councilors. The foundation often holds seminars on some focus issues and the directors are sometimes invited by other academic organizations to attend seminars and deliver speech. Being a university of long history, Liaoning University has made contribution to the studies of international issues, especially the Northeast Asian issues. China Foundation of International Studies is going to make academic cooperation with Liaoning University.

In conclusion, I wish the forum a complete success.

Thank you all.

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Speech on the Opening Ceremony

Kim Jae Youl*

Dear Honored Guests and scholars,

It is a great pleasure for me to participate in this Northeast Asia Forum. Undoubtedly, this conference is of great significance on the background of the reconvocation of Six-Party Talks.

Since 2002, Korea Foundation of Advanced Studies has sponsored much to Asia Research Center in China, and has held a series of forums, but this is the first time to hold such a forum in the Northeast area of Asia. At present, Asia plays more and more important role in the world, therefore, more and more attention has been put on the Asian Issues. The area of Northeast stands a special geographical position, and has close relationship with the other countries in the Northeast Asia. As the only research center in the Northeast area that sponsored by the Korea Foundation of Advanced Studies, Liaoning University has been itself to the communication and cooperation with the other Northeast Asian countries, and has established good partnership with these countries.

As an academical conference, this Northeast Asia Forum aims to establish a platform for the communication and interaction between the government officials, scholars and entrepreneurs. I believe that convoking such forums will enhance the attention to the Asian issues and promote peace and development of Northeast Asia.

Finally, I wish Northeast Asia Forum of this year a great success !

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* Kim Jae Youl: Secretary General of the Korea Foundation of Advanced Studies.

Speech on the Opening Ceremony

Zhang Xilin*

Dear Honored Guests,

Good morning! First, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all those present at the Northeast Asia Forum the warmest welcome and convey to you the most gracious greetings from People's Congress of Liaoning Province, and offer warm congratulations on the successful opening of Northeast Asia Forum at Liaoning University! The successful holding of Northeast Asia Forum offers a platform to communicate and interact for experts specializing in Northeast Asia studies, government officials and entrepreneurs of different countries, and the research achievements based on this platform are sure to benefit the construction and the development of the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China. Developing old industrial bases such as that in the northeastern part of China is an important historical task when our nation builds a comparatively well-off society in the new era, and has many economic and political benefits. It contributes to the concert development of regional economies, especially. the sustainable, fast and sound development of the whole national economy, pushing forward the readjustment of the distribution and structure of the national economy, better adapting to opening-to-the-outside-world situation after we enter WTO, and keeping peace of our society. Consequently, developing the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China has become an important strategy of our nation in the new era.

At present, with the ripe conditions, it is time to quicken the pace of developing the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China, which offers good political, economic, and cultural basis for the successful holding of Northeast Asia Forum. Through Northeast Asia Forum, we hope to integrate

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the reform and development of the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China into the sphere of global economic development, learn advanced experience within and without, open up new paths and be bold in making innovations, so as to make the full development of the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China come sooner. I would like to extend my warmest welcome and deepest gratitude to friends within and without to contribute to the construction and development of the old industrial base in the northeastern part of China.

Finally, I wish Northeast Asia Forum a great success on behalf of the People's Congress of Liaoning Province!

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Speech on the Closing Ceremony

Cheng Wei*

My respectable ambassador, ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning !

With the joint efforts of the representatives and the working staff, the North East Asia Forum 2005 will be closed successfully.

The North East Asia Forum 2005 lasts for two days, in the sessions about 30 representatives gave excellent speeches and the topics concerned about economy, education, culture, current situation, security and cooperation, enterprises, agriculture, the issues closely related to peace and development of Asia. The speeches are presented from a brand-new angle, ideas are sharp and thought-provoking. It not only demonstrated the careful thought given by the representatives to the commonly-concerned Asian issues, it also demonstrated the responsibility we shared for our homeland, for the whole Asia and for the whole world. Though the Forum didn't last long, the content is rich. There is a saying in Culturology, which is the fulfillment in intensive cultural moment. The Ancient Chinese people describe the moment as "Witness history and contemporary in one second, understand the whole world in one moment". We experienced an unforgettable and pleasant mental journey together.

Ever since 2002, the Korean Advanced Studies Foundation has been supporting the Asian Research Centers in China, which has been contributing to the peaceful and sustainable development of the whole Asia. Nowadays, as Asia is playing a more and more important role in the world, the contribution becomes more valuable. Liaoning University, as the only research center in Northeast China is supported by the Korean Advanced Studies Foundation, also benefited greatly from the contribution. The fact that the Forum of 2005

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is held in Liaoning University will also greatly promoted the research on Asian issues by Liaoning University.

The whole human beings look forward to peace, seeking for development. The past Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping ever stated that "development is the crucial principle". However, the whole world is not peaceful; differences, contradictions, conflicts, disturbances and regional wars, all of which have been pushing the issues of development and peace to confront those who cared about the fate of the whole human beings, that no one can be excused. While, communication, talk, understanding, cooperation make us friends, brothers and sisters. I think everyone must have heard this old saying, that is, "man of honor can coexist harmoniously while enduring the differences" and we are seeking to find a broad road for the peaceful development in our heated discussion and the contradiction of our different interpretations.

The Chinese traditional Mid-Autumn Day is coming; the bright moon will be lightening all the neighboring countries. All the Asians who welcome the sunrise and sunset everyday should bring along more brightness and happiness to the world with its own peace and development. A great Korean poet of the 17th century Pyon-yin kim described in his beautiful poem, which also expressed all our wishes—— "Let us cease fire for thousands and husbands of years and farm our lands, dig our wells and sing our fork songs."

Let us wish the brighter future of Northeast Asia Forum.

And wish you all good health and happy family.

Thank you.

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The Congratulation Speech

The Northeast Asia Forum (2005)
Preparation Committee Chairman Mr. Zhang Xiling
Executive Chairman Mr. Cheng Wei

At this great moment of the opening of the Northeast Asia Forum, I am sincerely to express my congratulation.

The opening of this Forum will afford a number of opportunities for the academic exchange and the mutual communication between the scholars, politicians and the Entrepreneurs around the different Asian countries. It also will exert large contributions for the mutual understanding, economic cooperation, and peaceful development to the different countries in Asia.

As the host of this Forum, Liao Ning University, it is a synthetic university that has comparative strong academic strengths in Asia. And I am very pleasure to express my esteems to Liao Ning University for they make the great efforts to the holding of this Forum and wish them increasingly vigor and boom in the future.

At last, I sincerely hope the 2005 Northeast Asia Forum will achieve a satisfactory success.

Wish Liao Ning University getting prosperity in the furture.

Murayama Tomiichi
The Japanese former premier administrator
6th September 2005

Keynote Speech on NAF

Stanislav A. Muravskiy*

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Consulate General of Russian Federation in Shenyang, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Cheng Wei for inviting me to take part in this conference, organized by Liaoning University, and extend my best wishes to all guests presenting at today's conference.

The First "China Northeast Asia Conference" is a wide tribune for scholars, administrators and businessmen to discuss political, economic and cultural issues of regional development.

I believe that by no other means except by working together we can expand on our regional partnerships, and I look forward with great anticipation to seeing this promising future unfold for the betterment of all our countries.

A fact of holding the conference in Shenyang is a best demonstration of role of the city as a center of education, economy, culture, science and technology of North-Eastern China and sign of attention of local leaders and communities to future development.

Finally, I would like to wish the full success the conference.

Thank you.

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* Stanislav A. Muravskiy: Consul General of Russia in Shenyang.

Keynote Speech on NAF

Tong Ki Woo*

First of all, thank you for inviting me here tonight, and I feel very honored to have a chance to give a keynote speech to all of you. Also, I'd like to say thank you to the people who have been involved in making this conference possible.

I believe it would be great if people from all around the world got together more often, and shared their opinions and ideas on various subjects through not only political meetings but also this kind of academic conference.

The countries, which are located in Northeast Asia, seem to have similar cultural backgrounds, but unlike European countries, it can be dangerous to categorize them into one single bloc due to their distinctive geographical and cultural features. Since their senses of geographical and cultural identities are so strong, it can be a very naive and romantic idea to consider the Northeast Asian countries as having one single nature. However, no one can deny the trend of the world becoming smaller for everyone's mutual benefits.

You all might be aware that the end of the Cold War has brought huge political and economic upheavals and the Northeast Asian area has not been an exception. Now, because of the contribution of China's rapid growth and Japan's role in the world economy, this area has emerged as one of three major world markets along with Europe and North America. But, at this moment, I would like to point out one thing, which is the dark side of the stunning economic growth in this region. There are still conflicts to be solved by the efforts of countries involved, such as tension on the Korea peninsula, land disputes between China and Japan, and between Korea and Japan, and rooting out the vestiges of Japanese colonialism. Without settling the problems I

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mentioned, it is not going to be easy to conduct heart to heart collaborations; moreover, it is going to be an obstacle to accomplish development and peace in this region. One thing I know for sure is that it is impossible to solve the conflicts by one nation's effort. I believe that international cooperation is the only way to solve the problems and create mutual benefits.

The new concept of the peace and the prosperity in this region should start from trust in each other and from reaping the wisdom of the history of overcoming antagonism and conflicts, and I believe it should evolve into making education and culture networks between the countries.

We, educators, can be a leading group through collaborations between universities and other educational institutions. It is establishing a playground where we can be together to communicate for sustainable development and a brighter future. By increasing the number of sister universities, hosting international conferences, visiting and training programs, a human network can be formed and the network will be the basis of sharing and enhancing common interests about the Northeast Asian knowledge and culture.

Despite each nation's distinctive characteristics, it is true that we have shared values and cultures rooted in Confucianism, such as educational systems and social values. Based on this experience, I believe now it is time to establish networks of education, knowledge and culture.

Yeungnam University is considered the most active university in Korea in terms of international cooperation with universities in China. I am sure that this effort will help students understand Chinese culture and people; furthermore, they will be good bridges to communicate with China for further collaboration.

As president of a university, I hope it would be wonderful if a regular forum is established in which we can discuss the histories and the cultures of the Northeast Asia, and specific programs for better understanding of each country. Furthermore, we can discuss cooperation between universities in Northeast Asia and make nongovernmental exchanges more dynamic. For instance, in order to keep peace and prosperity in this area, co-development of liberal arts courses, cultural experience programs, such as field trips to historically important places in Northeast Asia, and language learning programs could be good viable methods.

With the cooperation of governments and relevant ministries in each country, in the future, I hope educational institutions will be established in each region for the purpose of nurturing Northeast Asia experts and also textbooks and curriculums can be co-developed and managed by an associated committee in these institutions.

Before I close, I would like to say thank you to the people coming from great distances, and people behind the scenes that really make it happen.

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