

## Impressions on the Centennial Seminar of Korean Railroad



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Congratulations on the success of the Centennial seminar. I am much pleased to be invited to the memorable seminar and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Korean members' hospitality.

My main impressions for this visit to Korea are as follows :

- Necessity of development of railroad transportation Railroad transportation has been recognized to be friendly to environment and I think, considering the overpopulated situation and traffic jam on roads in Seoul, railroad network should be more enriched with respect to its mass transportation capacity.

- Expectation to collaborative research Some European railroad members attended the

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seminar and presented some future aspects of railroad transportation based on their research results and experiences, in which they emphasized importance of the collaborative research. The agreement of collaborative research between KRRI and RTRI of Japan, which realized on August 30, 1999, would be expected for the activation of research and development and its fruitful results.

- Acceleration of fundamental basic research Through the seminar, research and development were recognized to be indispensable for the advancement of railroad. Particularly, basic research for breakthrough seems to be keenly accelerated because of existence of many difficult subjects to be coped with.

- Active power of Korean railroad members I felt the energy and spirit of Korean research members in the seminar and other meetings which made me believe the prosperity of Korean

railroad and at the same time, roused me to my further efforts to manage fundamental research in Japan.

Lastly, again, thank you, President Lee Heon-

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