

Welcoming Remarks

by

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Consul Han, Prof Jung, Prof Ching, Prof Cheng, honorable guests and colleagues, and students,

Good afternoon. On behalf of CityU, I welcome all of you to this ceremony celebrating the launching of an Indexing Project Database. The project is called “Discovering East Asian Culture by Indexing Korean Classics”.

The collaboration of the Korean Classics Indexing Project involves Korea, the US, and Hong Kong. The participating parties have worked tirelessly and creatively for the last three years to bring this project to fruition. By leveraging the specialties and expertise of each collaborator, the project was able to overcome many hurdles. This indexing project database is equipped with deep indexes that will provide valuable and easily retrievable materials for worldwide researchers and scholars in Korea, the US and China. This cross-regional project also acts as a bridge between Chinese scholars and Korean cultural and historical resources; and as a link between today’s readers and the ancient resources produced in classical Chinese.

At CityU, we advocate “Discover & Innovate @ CityU” which aims to embed the culture of Discovery & Innovation into the fabric of the CityU community. You may be aware that CityU has adapted the infinity symbol used in mathematics. We want the sign to convey that just as there are no boundaries or borders in an infinite universe, there are no limits on what we can achieve at CityU.

Let me also take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the support of the Korean Consulate and Consul Han. I would like to congratulate all the participating parties. I hope this model of collaboration will thrive and advance cross-cultural communication and cooperation in other areas as well. Let me also thank our University Librarian, Steve Ching, for his role in the successful stewardship of this initiative.

I hope all of you will enjoy this afternoon’s programmes.