Congratulatory Remarks

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I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to City University of Hong Kong on the occasion of its inauguration of Korean Classic Series Indexing Database.

Korean Classic Series Indexing Database is a project which City University of Hong Kong has collaboratively undertaken with Jeju National University, Kyungin Publishing Company and University of California, Berkeley for about three years. This project provides comprehensive and in-depth indice of authors and titles with links to the full-text image of the book series Han'guk yŏktae munjip ch'ongsŏ《韓國歷代文集叢書》, a 3,000-volume set of series comprised of works written in classic Chinese by Korean authors during the period from 7th century to early 20th century. They are invaluable materials for Korean studies as well as for East Asian studies. I sincerely believe that the project would surely help bring the detailed content of the ancient Korean anthologies to today's readers with its Chinese, Romanized and Korean index.

The Korean Consulate General makes every effort to promote bilateral relations between Hong Kong and Korea. In particular, the year 2012 is meaningful as it marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Korea. I hope the newly completed Korean Classic Series Indexing Database initiated by City University will also contribute to deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between peoples of Hong Kong, China, Korea as well as other countries and regions.

Last but not least, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Professor Steve Ching, University Librarian of City University and all those scholars who have made strenuous efforts for the project to come true.