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Letter of Invitation

We cordially invite you to the 3rd ASEM Forum that is scheduled to take place on November 16-17, 2011 at Bexco in Busan, Korea. The theme for this year's event is "Green Growth and Cooperation in Fisheries and Aquaculture" in regard to the needs of carbon reduction in response to climate change, one of the major global issues. There will be three sessions – two sessions on November 16 and one on November 17.

In 2008, the 1st ASEM Forum was held in Yantai, China with the theme of "Trade and Investment in Marine Fishery" which produced meaningful results. In 2009, the 2nd ASEM Forum was held in Brussels, Belgium with the theme of "Towards Enhanced Cooperation and Better Understanding of Marine Fisheries" and was able to provide a valuable opportunity for participants to experience a diversity of fisheries products through the Seafood Exhibition. We sincerely hope to achieve our goals and be able to continuously produce outstanding results in this year's event.

As Asian economy is rapidly growing, global consumption of fisheries is increasing as well. To meet the global demand fishing pressure has increased and this has led to the destruction of marine ecosystem and overfishing. Against this backdrop, the 3rd ASEM Forum aims to provide an opportunity to initiate in-depth discussions on international cooperation in mitigation of climate change impact on fisheries, green growth and eco-friendly aquaculture and to seek ways to pull our efforts worldwide for sustainable fisheries.

We would be truly honored by your attendance at the 3rd ASEM Forum. This event will give you an opportunity to interact with other participants in discussions on this year's theme. Please confirm your attendance not later than October 24, 2011. Additional details will soon be informed by e-mail. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us using the information below.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the 3rd ASEM Forum in Busan, Korea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized Korean characters, likely reading 'Lim Kwang-soo'.

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