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**A Message from First Lady Yumi Hogan**

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to provide this congratulatory letter welcome you all as you gather in celebration of the World Federation of Korean Inter-Married Women's Association (World KIMWA)'s 15th Annual Convention-"Recalling and leaping up"- in Seoul.

Through this celebration in "Recalling and Leaping Up," we not only acknowledge and commend your former officers and members for their continued and tireless efforts and sacrifices, but we also pay tribute to the legacy of the late Mrs. Chon S. Edwards who had dedicated herself for promoting the Korean Inter-married Women's rights and voices through founding and developing the organizations of the Korean Inter-Married Women in the United States of America.

Mrs. Edwards' vision and strong leadership laid the ground work for the establishment of the World-KIMWA and its success from the beginning. Her passionate work in establishing of the Korean American Women's Association of the USA in 2004, based on the experiences of founding the very first Korean Inter-Married Women's Association in Washington D. C. in 1963 has been instrumental for establishing a global organization of the Korean Inter-Married Women in the World.

Thanks to World-KIMWA 7th President Rev. Dr. Naomi Rogers and to all members whose hard work and dedication have made this exceptional event possible for "Recalling and leaping up" World-KIMWA a stronger and vital Women's Global Organization that contributes many diverse humanitarian works.

As a mother and grandmother myself, I truly appreciate the selfless work you all continuously do to support your own communities and the communities around you. Best wishes for continued success at this year's conference and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yumi Hogan'.

Yumi Hogan  
First Lady