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President

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Dear President Lee:

With great pleasure I join in celebrating the 50+1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs. On behalf of the current and former trustees and staff of the Population Council, I offer our heartfelt congratulations and warm best wishes on this special occasion.

The Population Council was honored to collaborate with KIHSA and with its predecessor organizations, the National Family Planning Center and the Korean Institute for Family Planning. The research and training activities implemented by staff members from NFPC, KIFP, and the Population Council achieved great impact. One example of this rich and influential history is the surveys of knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to fertility and family planning that were first undertaken in Korea and, over time, became a model that was widely adopted by other countries.

We are especially proud that, beginning in the early 1960s, the Population Council's fellowship program helped to train a cadre of world class Korean researchers who added substantially to the knowledge of population, health, and development programs and policies in Korea and elsewhere. The Council staff in Korea were privileged to learn first-hand from their Korean colleagues and from the research they conducted together; many others around the world learned from the publications of KIHSA and its predecessors.

The Population Council's experience in Korea and the transformation of Korea's economy and society over the past 50 years have influenced the Council's collaboration with organizations in other countries. Korea's success offers a framework for development and an inspiration to leaders seeking to improve the lives of their fellow citizens. The history of the Council in Korea demonstrates the benefits of international partnerships.

My colleagues and I applaud KIHSA's many accomplishments and extend our best wishes for another 50+ years of influential activities.

Sincerely,

*Julia Bunting*