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### Remarks by the Campus Principal

#### Sounds of Korea 2016

A Cultural Event hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Trinidad and Tobago

Daaga Auditorium, UWI St. Augustine Campus  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 | 5:30pm

#### Salutations

- Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Trinidad and Tobago, Your Excellency Doo-young Lee
- Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Mrs. Beverly Reid-Samuel
- Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Jae Lark Park
- Other Staff Members of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Trinidad and Tobago
- Colleagues of The UWI St. Augustine Campus
- Other Specially Invited Guests, Students, Members of the Public
- Members of the Media
- Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

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## Introductory Remarks

- Good evening!
- I am extremely pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the staff and students of The UWI St. Augustine Campus and the regional University of the West Indies for this special cultural event entitled, “*Sounds of Korea 2016*” which will feature different aspects of traditional Korean music and dance, hosted under the auspices of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Trinidad and Tobago.
- My remarks this evening will be brief as I know that we are all eagerly anticipating the start of performances by the Korean Traditional Music Association of America (KTMAA); but as I have this opportunity, I’d just like to emphasize a few quick points.

## UWI STA & Korea - Building Relations

- First, allow me to extend a special welcome to the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Doo-young Lee who is no stranger to The UWI St. Augustine Campus! Your Excellency - thank you for allowing The UWI St. Augustine Campus to share in this wonderful event through engaging our Office of Institutional Advancement and Internationalization and our

Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA), and of course your decision to host this event on our Campus. The UWI St. Augustine Campus share a very cordial relationship with the people of Korea through your Embassy and hosting events like this can only help to strengthen our friendship and relations.

- Let me also say that for those of you who may not be aware, in September 2012, The UWI St. Augustine Campus was extremely pleased to welcome its first ever student from Korea in **Ji Hwan Park**, who was the first national to apply to The UWI. He was admitted to read for a Sociology degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences. In addition, we are also very pleased that just recently The UWI St. Augustine Campus signed an MOU with the Korea Foundation through the Embassy of Korea regarding the employment of a foreign lecturer to begin the teaching of the Korean language right here on our Campus at our Centre for Language Learning (CLL) who is expected to join us in October. In the short to medium term, the addition of Korean language and culture will allow the CLL to deliver a Minor in East Asian Studies with Mandarin, Japanese and Korean language and culture. Through these initiatives, ladies and gentlemen, I am certain that we in Trinidad and Tobago will glean a better understanding of the culture and people of Korea, and thus will lead to strengthening the friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries!

- This brings me to my final point. Universities are not only about academia, they are also about getting to understand cultures, societies, traditions and the diversity of nations and the world! We now live in a global village where we are not only connected through information and communication technologies, but we are also interdependent. Thus, no longer can geographic distance separate our people. We at The UWI St. Augustine Campus therefore welcome this opportunity to host this cultural event, “*Sounds of Korea 2016*”, which I am certain will be a learning experience for our students, our staff and the wider public of Trinidad and Tobago!

### Closing Remarks

- So with those brief remarks; let me say that I see this event as a great opportunity to strengthen the ties between our countries and institutions. Ambassador – we thank you for this and we do look forward to further collaboration! I extend best wishes to you and your team for a most successful event, and I encourage all of our visitors to enjoy the performances!
- I thank you!