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Anti-Communist Youth and Students Conference,
Remarks by Ki-Pong Lee

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Summary:

Speaker of the House Lee Ki-Pong praises the Anti-Communist Youth and Students Conference for helping to "encourage and unite all youths and students of free countries in Asia."

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Dear Friends from freedom-loving countries in Asia,
I should first tell you that I have no adequate words to express my gratitude for your noble and momentous achievements in bringing up the effective anti-Communist movements in Asia, for you are now assembled here in Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea, in order to hold this historic Conference of Asian Youths and students Anti-Communist to talk the most vital and pressing problems of the time.

I understand that this great conference aims at an organized and effective body of anti-Communist youths and students in Asia, deriving its principle and spirit from the Chinhae Conference attended by President Chiang Kai-shek of the Republic of China and President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea in August of 1949, and two subsequent Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist Conference in June of 1954 and in March of 1956. Primary purpose of this Youths and Students Conference is, therefore, to help encourage and unite all youths and students of free countries in Asia in a common goal to improve mutual understanding as well as to promote cultural exchange and, above all to effectuate an organized joint movements for anti-Communism, under the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League Charter. I am strongly convinced that you, upon whom the future of Asia is dependent, will make an epoch in the solemn movement for anti-Communism through this conference.

Dear representatives of youths and students from the Republic of China, the Republic of Philippines, the Republic of Viet-Nam, Hong Kong, Macao and Youth and students of this country are very zealous as resolute warriors of anti-Communism, and hand in hand with you, for the maintenance of peace in Asia. Youths and students of Korea are greatly honored by your participation in this Conference and owe a special debt of gratitude to you for your heartfelt support which made this conference very successful. No one will be more appreciative than I do of the fact that it is the youths who fought and are ready to fight for the glory of their countries and for the great cause of world. It is in the light of this fact that I believe anti-Communist front in Asia will doubly be strengthened by your active roles.

The world situation we are now facing is very serious; indeed this is the very situation in which ferocious Communists are menacing international peace and security, while those who are not waked up from the illusion of coexistence are still trying to appease the Communists. Now is the time every youth and student in Asia should become aware of that real strength of free world lies in unity, and that there can be no enduring peace for any nation while other nations suffer oppression and threat by diabolic forces of Communists. I trust that our common goal can eventually be realized by your tireless efforts and that this conference will set up an indelible landmark in our vigorous march toward anti-Communism and international peace, as well as welfare of mankind.

I wish for you the guidance of Almighty God in your glorious task which should always be successful for the sake of all freedom-loving peoples in the world.

Ki-Pong Lee
Speaker of the House
Of Representatives,
Republic of Korea