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Summary:

In this draft, Choi Duk Shin thanks the government of Ceylon for their support of South Korea's admission into the Colombo Plan.

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Excellency,

It is with pleasure that I have to inform you that my Government has noted with great appreciation the sympathetic sentiments which you have expressed to our people and country, and I would like to assure you again that we Korean people have the same sympathetic sentiments toward your great Nation and peace-loving people.

I wish to thank you sincerely for your consideration in suggesting that Ceylon propose the admission of Korea to the Colombo Plan Organization at the Annual Conference which will be held in Saigon during October of this year.

Once again I wish to inform Your Excellency that my Government will co-operate with and contribute to the activities of this Organization which has the aim of co-operative economic development in Asia.

We are confident that the majority of the members will agree to our admission of this organization, but we would be most appreciative if you would use your good offices to obtain the cooperation of the member nations on our behalf to include assurances of Indonesia, India and other countries that they will raise no objections to your proposal.

We sincerely thank Your Excellency for your sympathetic regard for our interests.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Choi Duk Shin
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of Korea to Vietnam

His Excellency
Mr. Stanley de Zoysa
Minister of Finance
Ceylon