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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs Minister Cho on the visit of professional Korean golfer and Korean government personnel to Philippines.

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Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to thank you for your cable of January 14 appointing me as chief delegate to the 12th Session of the ECAFE which will be held from January 24 to February 14 at Bangalore, India. It is a great honor for me to represent Korea at the important international conference which concerns directly the economic welfare of our people. I will do my best in carrying out your instructions. As your order came on such a short notice, all the necessary arrangements are being made in a hurry and I plan to board the PAA on January 19 for Hongkong where I expect to meet the other three delegates for consultations preparatory for the ECAFE session. With their cooperation and advice, I hope to write a brief for presentation before the plenary session, as is generally required.

Thailand Minister Chitti Suoharitakul, Chargé d'Affaires of the Thai Embassy, Manila, will be the principal representative of his government to the United Nations Commission on Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, and he will visit Korea occasionally.

The Nationalist Government of Taipeh has approved the appointment of Narciso Ramos as the Philippine Ambassador to Taiwan. Ramos, who was Minister to India until his recent promotion, replaces former Minister to Taiwan Manuel Adeva who has been promoted as Ambassador to Thailand.

The Philippine Government agreed to accept an offer to buy 20,000 tons of Burma rice in exchange to 20,000 tons of sugar to Japan in a three way switch whereby Japan exports to Burma heavy machinery. The Burma rice is quoted \$100 plus freight from Burma to Manila per ton.

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Lone professional Korean golfer Yeun Duk Soon arrived here several days ago and he seems very much confident of winning a prize, if not the first prize. Mr. Hai Rim Kim, Director, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Home Affairs and Mr. Hyun Choo Shin, Director, Bureau of Public Works, Seoul, together with other two engineers, arrived here on Sunday morning to observe the road construction and ICA projects in the Philippines. They came here as guest observers at the expense of the Philippine ICA Office and they plan to stay here for about a month. As our chancery knew nothing of their arrival, no one from our Legation went to meet them at the airport where the Philippine and American ICA officials were on hand to welcome them. I would appreciate if we would be informed of the arrivals of public officials of our Government beforehand, so that we would not be placed in an embarrassing position.

Enclosed herewith is a list of diplomatic missions and consulates stationed in Manila and you will note that the Japanese Mission is established on the basis of an embassy after the peace treaty is concluded between the Philippines and Japan. Vietnam Minister Cao Thai Bao states that whenever an opportune time comes, the Diem Government will propose to raise its Legation to embassy status.

Sincerely yours,


YOUNG KEE KIM

The Honorable Chung Whan Cho,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Seoul, Korea.

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Embassies:

Australia, China, France, Holy See, Indonesia, India, Italy,
Mexico, Pakistan, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom and United
States of America.

Legations:

Argentina, Austria, Denmark, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden,
Vietnam, Japanese Mission. (German Legation will soon be established)

Consulates General or Consulates:

Canada, China, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland,
United Kingdom, United States.

Honorary Consulates General or Consulates:

Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador,
El Salvador, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Israel,
Lebanon, Mexico, Nicaragua, Sweden, Thailand, Uruguay, Venezuela,
Monaco.