Dear Colleagues in Higher Education in North America:

Happy Lunar New Year!

As you may be familiar with, the Korean-American University Professors Association (KAUPA) was established in 1986, and is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary organization whose membership includes professors, research scientists, post-docs, academic administrators of Korean origin working at a higher education institution in the U.S. and Canada. KAUPA is a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian organization. Its main purpose is to facilitate cooperation and participation among its members to share mutual interests in scholarly, professional and social activities related to higher education in and between North America and Korea as can be found from the attached By-Law.

KAUPA has been maintaining the online directory of Korean and Korean-American professionals in higher education in North America. The information in the database has been collected mainly through online search of published material. We tried to be accurate and upto-dated. However, some of the information may not be accurate, but you may be able to correct the information in the database by logging into our database by clicking this link.

We also want to encourage you to become a member of KAUPA, if you have not joined. In order to become a member, you need to register and pay the annual membership fee of \$25 via Paypal at <u>our web site</u>. The member will have a full access to the database and will receive a <u>printed copy of the 2012 directory</u>.

Since the beginning of this year, the KAUPA leadership has been transferred from Prof. Sunwoong Kim of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee to Professor Kang-Won Wayne Lee (http://egr.uri.edu/cve/meet/klee/) of the University of Rhode Island (URI). We appreciated Prof. Kim's dedicated service to KAUPA and Korean-American Societies. Thank you and looking forward to working with you more closely soon.

Sincerely yours,

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