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Dear Ms. Ruwanthi Elwelagedera:

The OECD/Korea Policy Centre will host, in collaboration with the International Labour Office (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), a social experts' meeting on the 19 and 20 of November 2008, in Seoul, Korea. We are very pleased to invite you to participate in this event. A draft agenda for the meeting is attached to this letter.

The aim of the meeting is two-fold. First, we will review a draft report "Society at a Glance (SaG): ASIA Edition" prepared by the OECD/Korea Policy Centre, which reviews Social Indicators in Asia, and we will discuss the outcomes. This publication (which will be sent to you in advance of the meeting) offers a concise but comprehensive, quantitative overview of social trends and policy developments in Asian countries, modeled upon "Society at A Glance – OECD Social Indicators".

Second, we will review improvements in social protection statistics in Asian countries, share country experiences, and discuss future plans for joint ADB/ILO/OECD data collection on social expenditure, financing and recipients. This work follows up to three important international work on social protection statistics: i) the ADB Social Protection Index, which was discussed at last year conference; ii) the ILO Social Security Inquiry, which collects national data and scheme-level administrative data on social security around the world; and iii) the OECD Social Expenditure database (SOCX), which monitors trends in social expenditure at the aggregate and changes in the composition of social expenditures.

Please, refer to the OECD/Korea Policy Centre's webpage (http://www.oecdkorea.org/social/sp_sa_main_eng.asp) to learn more about the social policy activities of the OECD/Korea Policy Centre.

Please, contact Theresa Cha (E-mail: theresa.cha@gmail.com, phone: +82-2-3299-1227, or fax: +82-2-3299-1230) to confirm your participation and for further information on logistics.

We look forward to seeing you in Seoul.

Yours, sincerely,



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The Third Experts Meeting on Social Indicators in Asia Society at A Glance (SAG) Asia

To be held in Seoul, Korea

19 NOVEMBER, Starting at 9.00 and ending at 18.00

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Wednesday 19 November 2008

Chair: Dr. Willem Adema, OECD

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.15 1. Welcome

Representative from the Ministry
for Health, Welfare & Family
Giwon Cho, Programme Director
Health and Social Policy,
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09.15 – 10.30 2. Framework and overview of Social
Indicators in Asia

For reference:

- Part I, Chapter 1, OECD/Korea
Policy Centre SAG Asia
- Part II, SAG Asia

Maxime Ladaique, OECD
Theresa Cha, OECD/Korea Policy
Centre

10.30–11.00 3. Measuring Well-being and poverty
reduction: an Asian perspective

For reference:

- Part I, Chapter 2, SAG Asia

Jongwook Won, KIHASA

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*



11.30 – 12.30	4.	Country experiences and general discussion	
12.30-13.30		<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 14.00	5.	Evaluating the quality of poverty reduction delivery system <i>For reference:</i> - Part I, Chapter 3, SAG Asia	Jongwook Won and Seokpyo Hong, KIHASA
14.00 – 16.00	6.	Country experiences – Poverty delivery systems	Countries' presentations (TBC)
16.00 – 16.20		<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.20 – 17.00		Country experiences – Poverty delivery systems (Continued)	Countries' presentations (TBC)
17.00 – 17.30		Comments by countries and general discussion	
17.30-18.00		Improving social indicators for poverty reduction analysis in the Asian region: an agenda for the future	Seokpyo Hong, KIHASA Willem Adema, OECD Florence Bonnet, ILO Axel Weber, ADB
18.00		<i>End of the first day meeting</i>	



**Joint ADB/ILO/OECD Korea Centre
Technical Workshop on Social Protection Data
(Expenditure, Financing and Recipients)**

To be held in Seoul, Korea

20 November - Starting at 9.00 and ending at 12.30

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Thursday 20 December

Chair: Dr. Willem Adema, OECD

09.00 – 09.10	Introduction to the technical workshop	Director Cho, OECD/Korea Policy Centre
09.10-10.00	Recent developments in Social Accounting: - OECD Social Expenditure database (SOCX) - ILO Social Security Inquiry - ADB Social Protection Index	Willem Adema, OECD Florence Bonnet, ILO Axel Weber, ADB
10.00 – 10.30	Recent country developments and results	2/3 countries
10.30 – 11.00	Improving data collection on: - Social expenditure and financing - Recipients - Coverage measurement	Maxime Ladaique, OECD Florence Bonnet, ILO
11.00 – 11.30	General discussion on national practices, methodological and other refinements to improve data quality, comparability, standards.	
11.30 – 12.00	Future plans on joint ADB/ILO/OECD data collection on social expenditure, financing and recipients	Willem Adema, OECD Axel Weber, ADB Florence Bonnet, ILO
12.00 – 12.30	General discussion and agreement on next steps	