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Dear colleagues,

I am very glad to invite you again in 2018 to the **'Global Challenge of Youth with Disabilities'** which began with an aim of enabling young professionals with disabilities to build their capacity to become international leaders.

The program used to offer the opportunity only to Korean youths with disabilities to go abroad to learn about policies and supports for people with disabilities in other countries. Since 2008, it has invited youths with disabilities in Asia-Pacific, so called **'Korea Team'**, to undertake a field study in Korea.

For the last 14 years, through this program a number of Korean participants explored different countries to accomplish their assignments. Also a lot of international participants visited and had a fruitful time as **'Korea Team'** members in Korea. This is a historical miracle that cannot be easily found in our society. It is a miracle made by all the participants who confidently faced the disabilities of their own and others with passion to go out into the world.

Especially, since 2015, it has been a great opportunity for youth with disabilities in Korea and Asia-Pacific to promote their friendship and share the issues regarding disabilities by participating **'Dreamteam camp'** and **'Conference of Youth with Disabilities'**. In addition, it contributes to bind Korea and Asia-Pacific together in cultural aspect by visiting KBS, the mainstream of K-wave.

I hope this program gives a great opportunity for young professionals with disabilities in Asia-Pacific to contribute to realizing the rights of persons with disabilities not only in their own

countries but also throughout the world.

Thank you very much.

With best regards,

Dr. In-kyu Kim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'In-kyu Kim', enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

President, RI Korea