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Sang Joo Kim
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RE: ICAS Summer Symposium

Dear Mr. Kim:

On behalf of the 13,000-member Philadelphia Bar Association, I extend congratulations on the occasion of your 2012 Institute for Corean-American Studies Summer Symposium, "The Korean Diaspora: Challenges Facing the Korean-/ Asian-American Community."

Unfortunately, I will be in Chicago at meetings of the National Conference of Bar Presidents on August 4th, so I am unable to accept your kind invitation to speak at the *ICAS* Summer Symposium.

I am very glad to hear, however, that your Symposium will recognize Korean-Americans for their many contributions to our society.

The power of diversity has progressed over the centuries. We are making progress, but we must do better. I believe diversity of our people is one of our nation's greatest strengths, because it gives us access to the best that all cultures have to offer.

In particular, Korean-Americans have become a major part of our society, and that has brought us a wealth of knowledge, values and productivity.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is the oldest association of lawyers in the United States and, for centuries, we have promoted justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. That has often involved protecting the rights of minorities and educating the public about the virtues of diversity. So from one great organization to another, I wish *ICAS* the very best and thank you for honoring Korean immigrants and their descendants.

Sincerely,

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