



## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

MICHAEL A. NUTTER  
Mayor

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Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS)'s Summer Symposium and ICAS Dinner. Philadelphia is home to many diverse ethnicities including Korean-Americans. Our metropolitan area is proud to hold the fifth largest population of Korean-Americans in the country—approximately 80,000 people.

This year marks the 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States. During this period Korean immigrants have faced and overcome many challenges including language and cultural barriers, education shortfalls and obstacles to employment. Today, Philadelphia's Korean-American citizens are successfully represented in all areas of business, academics, arts and science, sports, and public service.

The Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS) is a non-profit, non-partisan, private educational and research organization established in Pennsylvania in 1973. For the purpose of forging relationships, furthering cooperation and supporting the development of the Korean-American community, ICAS began hosting their Summer Symposium and Dinner.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I wish you a productive and successful symposium and urge you all to use this time to reflect on your culture's rich heritage and worthy accomplishments.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.A. Nutter".

Michael A. Nutter  
Mayor