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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

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1. At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines His Excellency Yong Shik Kim, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, made an official visit to the Republic of the Philippines from 22 to 24 August 1972.

2. During his visit, the Korean Foreign Minister paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines who decorated him with the Ancient Order of Sikatuna, rank of Datu, in recognition of his efforts to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two nations and his work in promoting international relations. The Foreign Minister had useful talks in a friendly and cordial atmosphere with the Honorable Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, and other high-ranking officials of the Philippine Government on matters of common interest. The Foreign Minister called on the Vice-president of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives .

3. The Foreign Minister expressed his admiration for the remarkable economic progress and political stability which the people of the Philippines have achieved under the able leadership of His Excellency President Marcos.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs, on the other hand, paid tribute to the rapid economic and social development attained by the Korean people under the dynamic leadership of His Excellency President Park Chung Hee.

4. The Foreign Minister expressed, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Korea, his sympathy for the Filipino people over the heavy losses of human lives and properties caused by the recent floods and typhoons in the Central Luzon and Greater Manila area.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in turn, extended also the sympathy of the Government and people of the Philippines for the loss of life and property wrought by the torrential rains in the central part of Korea.

Each expressed his confident hope for the speedy recovery and rehabilitation of the damages suffered therefrom.

5. The Foreign Minister and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs reviewed the current situation in Asia and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and common concern of their two countries. The two Foreign Ministers agreed that closer consultations should be held between the two Governments to cope with the fast-changing international situation.

6. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs reiterated his appreciation for the successful completion of the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of the Asian and Pacific Council hosted