



It gives me great pleasure to send this message to be published in our web page as the President of AKOFE.

The membership of Association of KOICA Fellows in Sri Lanka(AKOFE) mainly consists of senior public servants who have undergone training in their respective fields, in South Korea through scholarships granted by the Korean Government. This was formed 15 years ago with the main objectives of effectively utilizing the knowledge and skills gained in Korea for nation building efforts of Sri Lanka, promoting friendly relations between the two countries and serving the less privileged. The membership now stands over 600.

AKOFE receives financial grants for these activities from the Korea International Corporate Agency (KOICA) which was formed in 1991 as a Government Agency of Korea with the prime objective of maximizing the effectiveness of Korea's aid grant program for developing countries.

The objectives of AKOFE relates to three stake holders i.e. KOICA which is the donor agency, general membership of AKOFE and the aid recipients. The main objectives of AKOFE this year are

- To undertake development programs aimed at needy communities and groups to enhance their social and economic conditions.
- To disseminate information on activities undertaken by AKOFE among the public and thereby enhance the image of KOREA
- To build up a forum for the membership of AKOFE to enable them to interact, share their views and socialize to bring about closer contact and fellowship among them.

In line with the objectives some of the activities expected to be carried out in the current year are a concessionary health package for AKOFE members from one of the leading private hospitals in Colombo, developing a website of AKOFE ,and the development

projects in the areas of education, health and child-welfare, depending on the availability of resources.

As the current president of AKOFE, I express my deep appreciation for all past Presidents and the Executive Committee members of AKOFE for their invaluable service and sacrifices made towards great achievements during the last 15 years. Also special mention has to be made on KOICA for making funds available and providing continues guidance. In conclusion I take this opportunity to thank H.E Won Sam Chang Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Sri Lanka, Mr. Cho,Kyu-Chan, Resident Representative and Mr. Kim Keung-il, the Deputy Resident Representative of KOICA for the invaluable guidance and cooperation extended to AKOFE. Finally I extend my sincere thanks to the fellow Executive Members of AKOFE for the cooperation always extended and the general membership for placing the confidence in me.

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President of AKOFE