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Policy Environment and Task to Recover Society Enthusiasm in 2018 to let the youth dream

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1. Address of Korea in 2018

Korea seems to get astray from the beginning of 2018. We are trapped in the events of the past and do not proceed, while other nations are doing their best in order to take the advantage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. In the mean time, we are intoxicated by the magic of all-Korea team of Winter Olympic Game, and lost the direction in the dream of enjoying sports in Olympic. Dramatically we secured the holding ticket for Pyongchang Winter Olympic after three trials. All the nation has given full support to make the Olympic successful. Festive

mood have been heightened as the Olympic is approaching. All of a sudden the participation of North Korea began to be discussed, and it changes Pyongchang Olympic Game from national festival to political event. North Korea will dispatch 46 athletes for 5 games only, but send 370 members of art troupe and cheering team. It is abnormal and ridiculous.

All-Korea team will be organized for Women Ice Hockey, and athletes from South Korea and North will attend at the opening and closing ceremony with so-called Korean Peninsula Flag, International

Olympic Organization (IOC) decided. Some members of women ice hockey team may lose the chance of playing at the Olympic after hard training of four years, and many of youngsters of 20' and 30' expresses their emotion of pity. Furthermore, many people criticizes and blames the role and action of Korean Government and free participating ticket for North Korean athletes. Government accepted incredible number of art troupe and cheering team, and decided to pay the full expense of transportation and staying for them. Korean people do not feel happy. In spite of this situation North Korea decided to display Armed Forces Parade just one day before Pyongchang Olympic. In the face they show the smile of peace by an art troupe, while demonstrate military power in the back. In this situation the Government argues that every action is inevitable for the peace. What South Korea got from the North after we gave them favor and benefit in the past, people are asking. Previously we agreed to organize all-Korea team and to use Korean Peninsula Flag, but our concession could not ease the tension between two Koreas. They bombed Yeonpyeong island by artillery, attacked navy ship Cheonanham by torpedoes, developed nuclear bomb and experimented missiles. Instead of peace and easing tension, they threatens us with asymmetrical military power of nuclear bomb and missiles.

2. Let's prepare for post Pyongchang Olympic

From now on we have to foresee the situation after Pyongchang Winter Olympic. Tension between South and North may be eased by Winter Olympic, but it may end up abruptly. North Korea may request to recognize them as a nuclear power, and this may lead to bad effect on South-North relation and member states of six-party talk. If the North experiments missiles, the level of tension will be heightened and punishment of sanction against

North regime will be strengthened. At present the North regime has hardship in securing hard currency by sanction of United Nations (UN). To overcome this obstacle they will try to make use of our Government. In this process they may try to initiate feigned peace and direct talk with the United States. But this may not be easy.

Our relationship with the US Government may not be smooth after Pyongchang Winter Olympic. Joint Military Exercise is pending after postponement. Renegotiation of Korea-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) shall be discussed in full scale. The US government already initiated Safe Guard to impose high custom duties on washing machine and solar cell and module of Korean origin. Korean Government may sue the US in World Trade Organization (WTO), but noise has been heard in Korea-US relation from the beginning of the year. Relationship of diplomacy, security and defense with neighboring countries is expected to be knotty. Relationship with China may be maintained status quo with no improvement. Relationship with Japan does not show any sign of improvement due to the execution of Comfort Women agreement.

Prospect of domestic issues is not bright, either. Regional autonomy election in June and controversy about constitution amendment may deepen so-called siding friction and heighten conflict and unstability of the society. In every corner of the society we may see the aftermath of minimum wage, elimination of irregular employment, corporate tax increase and strengthened regulation for big companies. Communication problem with common people may be debated. Government has amicable communication with support groups, but is said to be poor in the capability of communicating with common people and accepting them.

3. Newness is required to come

We live in Low-Trust Society. We do not believe

each other. Mistrust against other generation group is serious. Youngsters do not believe old generation, olds do not believe young generation. People do not believe in any institution of the society including parliament and government. They do not believe policies. These phenomena are shown in the controversy about closing of bitcoin exchange and in the response of young generation of 20' and 30' about organizing all-Korea team for Winter Olympic. Many of the government policies were reversed after announcement. Government announced to stop the construction of Sinkori Nuclear Power Plant No. 5 and No. 6, but reversed the decision after Public Opinion Committee voted. THAAD system was deployed as original plan after wasting lots of time. Policy to ban English class at kindergarten went astray. Policy to close Special Purpose High School made the real estate price soar in Gangnam area.

Today we live without enthusiasm. In the society we can not find any place with full enthusiasm, and it makes people bored. People has been requesting political reform incessantly, but the political circle does not flinch. Political winner persecutes loser. This makes the vicious cycle repeat to turn. Economy goes on shrinking tendency. Companies are eager in the investment overseas, but reluctant in domestic investment, because business environment inside the country gets worse due to corporate tax increase, tougher regulation and pro-labor policy. Society is also doom and bleak. Youngsters talk of abandonment and frustration instead of challenging to the future, which is witnessed by saying of 3-abandonment generation, N-abandonment generation and Hell-Joseon, etc. With all these we can not proceed into the future. Something has to be changed.

Newness is required to come. We need new paradigm to open new era. This requires the transformation of system, environment and even human being. Human being has to be transformed

first. Old generation has to present and demonstrate the value and vision of Republic of Korea and establish environment of free society in order that young generation may visualize and materialize their dream. By this way we can cut off the bindings of the past and proceed to the era of Fourth Industrial Revolution.

In order to proceed into the future by overstepping the past, we must finalize and finish so-called old-faults-elimination of last year. We have to give up obstinacy and arrogance of saying that only I am right, but maintain the attitude of generosity and acceptance. We must spread individual freedom to motivate development and expand communitarianism to integrate the society. We should develop "communitarian liberalism" as a directive value for the future.

4. Republic of Korea requires Great Reform to Reestablish the Nation

It is estimated that we reached the goal of US Dollars 30,000 of per capita GDP last year, which was made in 12 years after 20,000. Republic of Korea became the 7th member of 30-50 Club of per capita GDP (30 thousand) and Population (50 million). We should not stay at this stage but to step over to advanced country. It is required to have social system and national consciousness of advanced country norm. We should formulate social norm based on rule of law and sound moral and national consciousness with careful consideration and spirit of acceptance. We must maintain socio-economic system of industrialization and democratization in our consciousness, but upgrade this system in accordance with the knowledge-led era and the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We must prepare strategies and industrial policy for job creation and against cliff of working population. We have to be aggressive in regulation improvement. Overall negative system should permit any activities

first and then regulate afterwards. This has to be practiced with regulation sandbox system. Welfare policy has to be changed. By establishing 5-year New Society Development Plan, we have to change popular gratuitous system to working welfare. For all of these the government has to be restructured. In order to encourage openness, sharing and competition we have to execute great reform of National Reestablishment by reducing government interference and introducing autonomy, creativity and diversity.

Hansun Foundation has been proposing government philosophy of “communitarian liberalism” as a directive value of the nation in order to construct this type of nation. “Communitarian liberalism”

harmonizes liberalism as development dynamics and communitarianism as a principle of national integration. It can be a solution for present problem of excessive democracy and hypo-democracy. The Foundation has been proposing national strategies of advancement and reunification together with relevant tasks of policy, and suggesting to execute those toward the world with people and history.

In 2018 Hansun Foundation will formulate and propose policy alternatives to stimulate the vitality in the society. One of the alternatives is organizing of environment where young generation lead the country. With youngsters on the front they can lead the Fourth Industrial Revolution for the future and construct Korean Peninsula on sustainable base. With young generation on move with hope Republic of Korea shall be born again as an activated nation, leaving abandonment and frustration behind.