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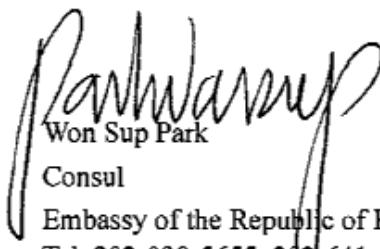
Dear Mr. Gains,

As I told you over the telephone yesterday, last week our Embassy sent an official message to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Justice, and Customs Office at the Incheon International Airport with the request that U.S. participants in the forthcoming IETF meeting in Seoul should be allowed to enter into and depart from Seoul without encountering any trouble on the grounds of their not possessing visas.

In the message, our Embassy also mentioned that it judged that the U.S. participants would not be necessarily required to obtain visas to attend the IETF meeting in view of the stipulation that a U.S. citizen can stay in Korea up to 30 days without a visa for the purpose of travel and transit.

Also, as you requested, I have the pleasure to herewith enclose my personal letter to customs officials at the Incheon International Airport requesting them to kindly cooperate in permitting U.S. participants to visit Seoul. In case that a U.S. participant encounters unexpected trouble at the airport, I think that he can present the letter to the pertinent customs official.

With my best wishes,

  
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오는 2004.2.29-3.5간 서울 롯데호텔에서 제59차 IETF(Internet Engineering Task Force) 회의가 개최되며, 동 회의에는 약 140여명의 미국인이 참석할 예정입니다.

당관에서는 동 회의가 인터넷 전문가들의 순수한 기술관계 모임이고, 또한 비영리적 성격의 행사임을 감안, 미국측 참석자들이 30일 무사증(관광, 방문 등 목적) 입국 허가규정에 따라 별도의 비자없이도 방한할 수 있다고 판단하고 미국측 참석자들에게 이를 안내하였습니다.

따라서 동 서신을 소지한 미국인들이 회의참석차 입국하는데 어려움이 없도록 적극 협조하여 주실 것을 요망드립니다.

IETF 회의와 관련하여 문의하실 사항이 있으실 경우에는 동 회의를 주관하고 있는 한국정보통신협회(Telecommunications Technology Association)측의 노기문(Kee Moon Roh, 031-724-0075 또는 011-1735-1161)씨를 접촉하여 주시기 바랍니다.

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