For the past five years, Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding has been holding International Symposium on a Culture of Peace. For this year, the theme “Intercultural Understanding and Human Rights Education in the Era of Globalization” was selected in line with the UN World Programme of Human Rights Education (2005-2014), Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture of Peace related to the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), and the Recommendation Concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974). The event was held from 25 to 27 October 2006 at Hoam Convention Center, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

From this endeavor, I am proud to say that recommendations to promote human rights sensitive intercultural education, culture sensitive human rights education and an educational approach responsive to the needs of the migrants were formulated which was the key objective of the symposium. Likewise, through this initiative, we were able to develop and strengthen support networks and working partnerships across the region especially in the field of human rights.

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the keynote speaker, presenters and participants. The success of the symposium was not made possible without all their enthusiastic and active participation.

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As such, by organizing this symposium, APCEIU would like to reaffirm its commitment to promulgate Education for International Understanding towards a Culture of Peace.

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