I. President’s Message

President’s Farewell

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of KAFA:

Well, it’s been fun. I don’t think and wouldn’t say that we have achieved a great deal over the last year. But as I retire from my duty as your president, I do recall that it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for me.

No, I have not been able to fully attain all those “lofty” goals I set at the beginning. But of course, my excuse is that many of those goals are set for us to pursue over a long run. Yet, through the turmoil of the great tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, KAFA has been able to make some progress.

First and foremost, I am glad and grateful that KAFA has been officially registered as a legally empowered and protected incorporation under the U.S. law during my term. Professor Chong-Soo Pyun at Memphis took the whole initiative and single-handedly accomplished this project. For that I think KAFA should be forever grateful. Thanks a million, Professor Pyun!

Also noteworthy is the progress we made in our website project. I know it still needs to be further upgraded and refined. Also, as you know, a project such as this has to be an on-going project. Nevertheless, we have made a big stride on this front thanks to the great help and expertise of Professor Ha-Chin Yi of Texas State.

The “Team of Ten” led by Professor Yong H. Kim of Cincinnati deserves our recognition for their efforts to expand and update our membership base. Thanks to their service, my e-mailing list now shows over 170 names and addresses covering North America, Korea, and elsewhere.

My special thanks go to all the members of KAFA Advisory Council and Executive Board for providing me with valuable advices, directions, and encouragement. Boy, I needed them! I also thank all the members and supporters who have paid their membership dues, made special financial contributions, and participated in KAFA-sponsored/affiliated conferences and symposia.
I’m sure I forgot some people who deserve mention. So my apologies for any oversight in this regard. But I should never forget to thank our beloved, most competent, outgoing Secretary General, Professor Hoje Jo of Santa Clara University. Again, I cannot thank Professor Jo enough for his dedicated service and contribution toward our organization during the last three years.

I have no doubt that I leave KAFA in most capable hands of our new officers – President Bong-Soo Lee of Florida State University, President-Elect Moon-Hyun Song of San Diego State University, and Secretary General Sam-Young Chung of Long Island University. Thanks gentlemen and best wishes.

It is my sincere hope that the quality of mutual concern and support for fellow scholars, researchers, and professionals will ever remain a distinguishing characteristic of KAFA. So, I encourage you to continue to address your ideas, concerns, and questions for furtherance of our organization.

Again, it was an honor for me to serve this wonderful organization as president. I thank you for the opportunity and wish all of you a productive career ahead.

S. J. Chang
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois
II. KAFA NEWS

A. Two KAFA-FMA Session

2005 FMAI Meetings – Hyatt Regency of Chicago
Special Sessions Presented by
The Korea-America Finance Association

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Global Competiveness of Korea's Finance
Friday, October 14, 8:30 - 10:00
The session will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Korea’s finance in relation to
corporate governance, securities markets, banking structure, derivatives market,
government policy-making and supervision, financial human resources, foreign currency
policy, and finance research and education.

Moderator
S J Chang, Illinois State University

Panelists
Heungsik Choe, President
Korea Institute of Finance
Young Jin Kim, Professor
Seoul National University
Hyoung-Tae Kim, Vice President
Korea Securities Research Institute
Taeho Bark, Professor
Seoul National University
Daehong Jaang
Hallym University

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Current Issues in East Asian Financial Markets
Friday, October 14, 10:15 - 11:45
This session will discuss the current issues in financial markets in East Asia -- China,
Japan, Singapore, and South Korea -- addressing the issues of foreign currency, chaebol
and keiretsu as well as government roles in financial markets in these countries.
Moderator

Bong Soo Lee, Univ. of Houston

Panelists

Kazunori Suzuki
Chuo University

Jia He, Professor
Chinese University of Hong Kong

Cheol S Eun
Georgia Tech

III. KAFA Board and Annual Business meeting/dinner

A. 2005 KAFA Executive Board Meeting

3:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2005

Grand Suite #3, East Tower Gold Level, Hyatt Regency of Chicago

I. Opening

II. Old Business

Incorporation and Registration
Membership and Funding Status
Association Activities
Others

III. New Business

Future Activities
By-laws Review
Others

IV. Adjournment
**B. 2005 KAFA Annual Business Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2005

**Garden Buffet Restaurant**, Chicago**

I. Opening Remarks
   Secretary General

II. Introduction of Officers, Members, and Guests
    Secretary General

III. Reports on the Association Activities
    President
    
    Joint Academic Conference with KFA et al.
    Joint Symposium with KDI/KAEA
    KAFA Incorporation
    Fund Raising
    Information Exchange
    KAFA Website
    Membership Drive
    Best Research Paper Award
    Recognition of Outgoing Officers
    Others

IV. Financial Reports
    Secretary General

V. New Businesses and Announcements
   New President
    
    Introduction of New Officers and Greetings
    Calls for Papers for the 2005 KIF and KSRI Symposia
    Guest Comments (KBI President and others)
    Resolutions of Executive Board Meeting
    Others

VI. Adjournment
    New Secretary General

**Garden Buffet Restaurant**, Chicago
Address: 5347 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625
Phone: (773)728-1249

Depending on the traffic, it may take anywhere between 30 to 45 minutes from Hyatt to the restaurant.
C. Special membership dinner and lunch

*Good people at the Finance Department of Korea University invite all KAFA members to a dinner, Thursday, October 13. The name of the restaurant and the address will be announced at the FMA meeting.

*Good people at the Finance Department of SKK University invite all KAFA members to a luncheon at 12 noon, Saturday, October 15 at the following restaurant.

Great Street Restaurant at Renaissance Chicago Hotel
One West Wacker Drive (Wacker and State)
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 795-3333

IV. Call for Papers for KAFA’s Joint Conferences with Institutes in Korea

A. Call for papers for the 2005 KSRI-KAFA seminar

There will be a KSRI-KAFA joint symposium on Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

The main theme is Recent Advances in Corporate Finance, and specific topics include:

* financing choice
* issuing securities
* dividend policy
* venture financing
* corporate control and corporate governance, and
* security design

The paper submission due date: October 17, 2005.
Please submit the paper to: new president-elect, Prof. Song, Moon H. of the KAFA (moon.song@sdsu.edu)

B. KIF-KAFA joint symposium on Friday, December 16, 2005

The Korea Institute of Finance (KIF) has invited KAFA and KAEA members to join the annual joint conference. The theme of the conference is "Financial intermediation function in Korea." Weakening financial intermediation function is now one of the hot issues in Korea, and research in both macro and micro aspects on the financial intermediation are welcome. Other general topics related to asset pricing, banking, and corporate finance will be considered.
The paper submission due date was Sep. 15 to moon.song@sdsu.edu
If you have a further question, the details can be addressed to Dr. Jae-Youn Lee in KIF at leejy@kif.re.kr.

V. Publications

Following is a list of recent publications by KAFA members. Only those provided to the KAFA office by the authors are listed here.

E. Han Kim, "To Steal or Not to Steal: Firm Attributes, Legal Environment, and Valuation," *Journal of Finance*, June 2005, with Art Durnev


Kyojik "Roy" Song, S. Johnson, and JC Lin, Dividend Policy, Signaling, and Discounts on Closed-End Funds, Forthcoming at *Journal of Financial Economics*

Kyojik "Roy" Song and S. Rauterkus, Auditor’s reputation and equity offering: The case of Arthur Andersen, Forthcoming at *Financial Management*


VI. Member News

Professor Suk Kim at the University of Detroit Mercy and McFarland & Company in North Carolina have agreed to publish a new refereed journal, "North Korean Review," three times per
year, whose inauguration issue will be published in Summer 2005. For details, please visit Professor Kim's website at <www.mich.com/~kimsuk>.

VII. Announcement

A. Best paper Award

We started our KAFA Best paper Award from this year. This year’s winner is Prof. Sung, Jae Young at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A plaque of the Best Paper Award and $1,000 will be awarded to Prof. Sung at KAFA annual business meeting.

B. Position Announcement

Korea Banking Institute
POSITION NUMBER ASSIGNED: P179
DATE OF POSTING: 9/6/2005
TYPE/TITLE OF POSITION: Associate/Professor
ANTICIPATED START DATE: February 1st, 2006
SALARY RANGE (optional):
CONTACT PERSON: Young O. Ha
FINANCE SPECIALTIES DESIRED:
   Corporate
   Investments X
   Insurance
   Financial Markets X
   Real Estate
   General Finance

PLANNED FMA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:
   FMA - Yes X
   FMA - No
   FMA - Possible
   FMA Representative(s): Hyung Moon Kang
   SFA - Yes
   SFA - No
   SFA - Possible
   SFA Representative(s): ASSA - Yes
   ASSA - No
   ASSA - Possible
   ASSA Representative(s):

KDI School of Public Policy and Management
POSITION NUMBER ASSIGNED: P156
DATE OF POSTING: 8/23/2005
TYPE/TITLE OF POSITION: Professor of Finance
ANTICIPATED START DATE: Negotiable
SALARY RANGE (optional): Negotiable
CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Byungyoon Lee (bylee@kif.re.kr)
FINANCE SPECIALTIES DESIRED:
  Corporate  
  Investments  
  Insurance  
  Financial Markets  
  Real Estate  
  General Finance  

PLANNED FMA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:
  FMA - Yes X  
  FMA - No  
  FMA - Possible  
  FMA Representative(s): Dr. HeungSik Choe, Dr. Byungyoon Lee  
  SFA - Yes  
  SFA - No  
  SFA - Possible  
  SFA Representative(s):  
  ASSA - Yes X  
  ASSA - No  
  ASSA - Possible  
  ASSA Representative(s):  

Korea Institute of Finance
POSITION NUMBER ASSIGNED: P189
DATE OF POSTING: 9/12/2005
TYPE/TITLE OF POSITION: Research Fellow
ANTICIPATED START DATE: Negotiable
SALARY RANGE (optional): Negotiable
CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Byungyoon Lee (bylee@kif.re.kr)
FINANCE SPECIALTIES DESIRED:
  Corporate  X  
  Investments  X  
  Insurance  X  
  Financial Markets  X  
  Real Estate  X  
  General Finance  X  

PLANNED FMA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:
  FMA - Yes X  
  FMA - No  
  FMA - Possible  
  FMA Representative(s): Dr. HeungSik Choe, Dr. Byungyoon Lee  
  SFA - Yes  
  SFA - No  X  
  SFA - Possible  
  SFA Representative(s):  
  ASSA - Yes  


Korea Securities Research Institute
POSITION NUMBER ASSIGNED: P158
DATE OF POSTING: 8/23/2005
TYPE/TITLE OF POSITION: Research Fellow
ANTICIPATED START DATE: 1 Jan. 2006
SALARY RANGE (optional): Competitive
CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Noh, Hee Jin (hjnho@ksri.org)
FINANCE SPECIALTIES DESIRED:
   Corporate X
   Investments X
   Insurance
   Financial Markets X
   Real Estate
   General Finance X
PLANNED FMA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:
   FMA - Yes X
   FMA - No
   FMA - Possible
   FMA Representative(s): Dr. Noh, Hee Jin
SFA - Yes
SFA - No X
SFA - Possible
SFA Representative(s):
ASSA - Yes
ASSA - No X
ASSA - Possible
ASSA Representative(s):

SKK GSB Sungkyunkwan University
POSITION NUMBER ASSIGNED: P068
DATE OF POSTING: 7/6/2005
TYPE/TITLE OF POSITION: Assistant/Associate Professor of Finance
ANTICIPATED START DATE: 15-Aug-06
SALARY RANGE (optional): Competitive with U.S. plus free housing and children's tuition for international schools in Korea.
CONTACT PERSON: Dr. Jae Ha Lee
FINANCE SPECIALTIES DESIRED:
   Corporate X
   Investments
   Insurance
   Financial Markets
   Real Estate
   General Finance
**PLANNED FMA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:**
- FMA - Yes
- FMA - No
- FMA - Possible

**FMA Representative(s):**
- SFA - Yes
- SFA - No
- SFA - Possible

**SFA Representative(s):**
- ASSA - Yes
- ASSA - No
- ASSA - Possible

**ASSA Representative(s):**

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**C. Other KAFA Announcement**

*We need more active participation of currently inactive finance professors and/or PH.D. students for KAFA involvement. We strongly encourage you to introduce KAFA to your colleagues for their new membership. We appreciate Prof. Kim, Yong H at the Univ. of Cincinnati for his continuous efforts to introduce KAFA to potential KAFA members.*

*Please bring your most recent business cards at the FMA meeting. This time, we would like to update our membership directory that is currently quite outdated. We need a volunteer possibly from an executive board member to perform that task.*

*Please pay your annual membership dues, or preferably, be a life-time member by paying one time dues of just $300.*

*If you are currently a Ph.D. student and are presenting a paper at FMA, please let Hoje Jo know such that KAFA can subsidize your travel budget. In addition, if you know other PH.D. students who are presenting papers at FMA, please also inform Hoje Jo. However, we do not subsidize a session chair or a discussant.*

*All KAFA and potential KAFA members are strongly encouraged to attend the business meeting on Oct. 14 (Friday) evening.*