

## Congratulatory note from Governor Seongtae Lee of the BOK

For the past quarter century, the SEACEN Centre has not only provided high-quality training programs to central bankers, but contributed greatly also to strengthening exchanges and cooperation among Asian countries and to deepening their understandings of each other's economies and cultures.

The SEACEN has prospered, with the number of its member countries increasing from only 7 at the time of its inception to 16 now, thanks to the devoted efforts of all staff at the SEACEN Centre and to the active participation of member countries.

In the future, the role of the SEACEN Centre will become all the more important in the Asian region, which is leading world economic growth. I have no doubt that the status of the Centre will grow further as a result.

On behalf of the Bank of Korea, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the SEACEN Centre. I hope the friendships between our member countries will last forever.