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8:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME
John J. Hamre, President & CEO, Center for Strategic and International Studies
Changkeuk Moon, Vice Publisher & Chief Editor, JoongAng Ilbo
William J. Toppeta, President, MetLife International

9:30 PANEL 1: THE DIMENSIONS OF KOREA’S AGING CHALLENGE
Moderator
Yonghyun Kim, Deputy Minister, Office for Aging Society & Population Policies, Ministry of Health & Welfare

Speakers
Shinae Jeon, Director General, Social Statistics Bureau, Korea National Statistical Office

Richard Jackson and Neil Howe, Director and Senior Associate, Global Aging Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies
“Korea and the Challenge of Global Aging: Findings of the CSIS-MetLife Study”

10:45 CONTACT BREAK

11:00 PANEL 2: GOVERNMENT’S ROLE IN RETIREMENT SECURITY
Moderator
Sangkyun Kim, Professor of Social Welfare, Seoul National University
Speakers
Hyungpyo Moon, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Development Institute
“The National Pension System: Sustainability and Options for Reform”

Yongha Kim, Professor of Economics, Finance, & Insurance, Soonchunhyang University
“The National Pension System: The Case for Fundamental Restructuring”

12:15 LUNCHEON

13:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Simin Rhyu, Minister of Health & Welfare, Republic of Korea
“Prospering While Aging: New Strategies for Confronting Korea’s Aging Challenge”

14:00 PANEL 3: BROADER POLICY CHOICES FOR AN AGING KOREA
Moderator
Stuart B. Solomon, President & CEO, MetLife Korea
Speakers
Jaeryong Woo, President & CEO, Korea Fund Ratings
“The Imperative of Raising Private-Sector Retirement Savings: Overcoming the Regulatory and Financial Market Obstacles”

Hanam S. Phang, Senior Research Fellow and Director, Labor Market Research Division, Korea Labor Institute
“Korea’s New Corporate Pension System: Progress and Next Steps”

Randall S. Jones, Senior Economist, Economics Department, OECD

Hyunsook Yoon, Professor of Social Welfare, Hallym University
“Caring for the Elderly: The Crucial Role of Family in an Aging Korea”

15:45 CLOSING REMARKS
Richard Jackson and Neil Howe, Director and Senior Associate, Global Aging Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies