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**Greeting from Syngman Rhee on Tenth Anniversary
of the Eighth Army**

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Summary:

Syngman Rhee sends congratulations for the tenth anniversary of the Eighth United States Army's birth.

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THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SALUTES THE EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY ON THIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS BIRTH. ACTIVATED AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON JUNE TENTH, 1944 ESPECIALLY FOR SERVICE IN THE PACIFIC THEATER, THE EIGHTH ARMY MADE MORE THAN SIXTY AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS IN MOVING FROM NEW GUNEA TO THE PHILIPPINES AND IN PREPARING FOR THE ASSAULT ON JAPAN. IT LANDED IN JAPAN AUGUST 30, 1945 AND CAME TO KOREA EARLY IN JULY 1950 TO TAKE A LEADING PART IN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. UNDER GENERALS EIGHELBERGER, THE LATE WALTON H. WALKER, GENERALS RIDGEWAY, VAN FLEET AND TAYLOR AND NOW UNDER ITS DEPUTY COMMANDER GENERAL CLARKE, THE EIGHTH ARMY HAS UPHELD THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE. DURING THE KOREAN FIGHTING TWENTY UNITS FROM UNITED NATIONS COUNTRIES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. KOREA ALWAYS WILL BE GRATEFUL TO THE EIGHTH ARMY, WHICH HAS SHED BLOOD ON KOREAN SOIL TO CREATE A PERMANENT TIE. WE ARE HAPPY TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY. SYNGMAN RHEE.