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Francesca Rhee**

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Summary:

Minister Kim briefs Mrs. Rhee on the Japanese Asian development plan, Philippines' attempt to bid for the SEATO post of Secretary-general, and Philippines' membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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Your Honorable Madame,

I wish to thank your Honorable for the letter No.60 which I received during the week and I sincerely hope both Your Honorable and His Excellency are continuously keeping good health and many happy hours day after day.

In regard to Manila exposition which is scheduled to open on 30th. of November next, the Sydney Fair articles have already arrived here during the week. Also our Foreign Affairs Ministry informed us the balance of the fair fund of some \$1,200 will be soon transferred from Sydney to here beside \$2,000 to \$2,500 the additional exposition fund directly from the Ministry.

The Chinese people and the Japanese authorities here, we are informed, are planning to build a large exhibition halls cost about \$20,000 to \$30,000 each. But to us already the time was too late so we are planning to build a small exhibition house with Korean style display house with the cost of about \$2,000 and then we will display all the Korean articles in it. The Korean secretary, Miss Pak here will chiefly help to display beside we will try to get a few more local girl employees from here to help Miss Pak. Of course they will all wear the Korean costume and demonstrate our articles to the fair visitors.

During the week, on Monday I paid a special visit to the Legation of Norway here and expressed the sympathy of mourning on the sad occasion of their king's death. On Tuesday the Secretary of Defence paid his return courtesy to our Legation. During our friendly conversation he said to me that he can never forget the way the Japanese treated the Filipino people during the Pacific War and he further said we two new democratic countries must help each other and work together to achieve our common goal. Then in the afternoon I called on Minister de Castro of Foreign Affairs here to find out the information on the Philippines membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which our Foreign Office asked me to find out. But I am informed the Philippines had no time to ratify it from the Congress in time so it is still not a full member at this time. On Friday I paid courtesy call to the Senate President Hon. Rodriguez and he said that he will do all best to help Korea whenever it requires. In the afternoon I called on the American Minister Mr. Smith at the American Embassy here. He told me he had a fine spending of his time in Korea in 1953 for the economic assistance program there. On Saturday we were invited by the Philippines Women's University here to their music Festival Evening which was quite interesting. During the week Mrs. Kim also paid her courtesy visit to the wives of Mexican Charge'de Affairs, the Italian Ambassador, the Argentine Minister, the Defence Secretary and the Australian Ambassador.

The few interesting news here during the week are:

- I. It is said no government department here has yet taking any interest in reviewing and studying so-called the Japanese \$500-million Asian

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development Plan. The National Economic Council here said they have not received such plan for reviewing yet.

2. It is said the Philippines now considering the chance of winning its bid for the SEATO post of Secretary-general. It is said the possible candidacy would be either the present Foreign Affairs Secretary or the Philippines Ambassador to ^{the} United States.
3. The first Pakistan Ambassador has arrived here during the week to open its new Embassy here.

With all sincere good wishes, kind regards and esteem,

Your Honorable's loyal servant,

