BUCKINGHAM PALACE

15th May 2009.

Your Excellency,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 6 April. Her Majesty was very pleased to have the opportunity to meet you and your wife during your visit to London earlier this year.

The Queen received with pleasure your kind invitation to visit the Republic of Korea. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have fond memories of Their visit to your country in 1999. So it is with sadness that due to existing overseas commitments, it will not be possible for The Queen to accept your invitation in the near future.

The Queen has asked me to convey to you Her warmest wishes for the health and happiness of the people of the Republic of Korea.

Yours sincerely

Doug King
Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen

President Lee Myung-bak
Republic of Korea