



Parliamentary delegation from Republic of Korea calls on Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

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A Parliamentary delegation from Republic of Korea led by Mr. Lee Hack-Young, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea called on Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh in the Parliament House today.

During the meeting Shri Harivansh stated that India and the Republic of Korea are strong and progressive democracies and share a robust tradition of parliamentary exchanges. He observed that regular dialogue and interaction between the two Parliaments have contributed significantly to strengthening the India-Korea Special Strategic Partnership.

Highlighting the multi-dimensional nature of bilateral cooperation, Shri Harivansh stated that India and the Republic of Korea share close partnership in areas such as trade and investment, defence, culture and people-to-people relations, based on their shared commitment to democracy, rule of law, global peace and prosperity.

Referring to the historical and cultural linkages between the two countries, Shri Harivansh noted that India and the Republic of Korea are connected through the matrimonial alliance between Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya and King Kim Suro of Gimhae, which reflects the deep-rooted civilisational ties between the two nations.

He further observed that it is a matter of pride that in 2011, the Government of the Republic of Korea installed a statue of Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in Seoul to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary. Shri Harivansh recalled that Gurudev Tagore had written the poem 'Lamp of the East' in 1929, paying tribute to Korea's glorious past and its promising future, which continues to be fondly remembered by the Korean people.

Shri Harivansh expressed satisfaction over the steady growth in bilateral trade and investment flows and noted that bilateral trade has reached approximately USD 27 billion. Referring to the presence of Korean companies in India, he observed that Hyundai, Samsung and LG have become household names in the country.

Highlighting the role of Parliamentarians in translating shared vision into concrete action, Shri Harivansh assured the visiting delegation of his full support in strengthening parliamentary cooperation. He expressed confidence that sustained dialogue and exchanges would help realise the full potential of India and Republic of Korea relations and wished the delegation a pleasant and fruitful stay in India.

Smt. Rekha Sharma, Shri Muzibulla Khan, Dr. Parmar Jashvantsinh Salamsinh, Members of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Shri P. C. Mody Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha, other senior officers of Rajya Sabha Secretariat and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) were also present on the occasion.



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