

# Welcoming Address

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Good morning, distinguished speakers, invited speakers, presenters, English teachers from home and abroad, colleagues, and the members of the Global English Teachers' Association (GETA), it is my great honor to welcome all of you to the 2011 GETA Annual Conference.

The theme of this conference is "Extensive reading and listening: Why, What, and How?" All of us who work in the field of English education get together to share new ideas and insights on this theme. I would like to express my special gratitude to our plenary speakers, Professor Tom N. Robb and Professor Ingrid Zwaal. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the speakers from all around the country who have come all the way here to share their ideas with us.

My greatest thanks go to Chosun University and President of Chosun University, Dr. Hojong Jeon for providing us with these facilities and administrative support. I greatly appreciate all the paper presenters, moderators and discussants who came from near and far to share their knowledge and skills. I also would like to thank all the participants for attending this conference.

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I sincerely hope and believe that this year's conference will provide you with new ideas and insights on English language teaching and learning as well as extensive reading and listening in the English language. Thank you very much.