

President Litokwa Tomeing  
Brief Remarks  
Presentation of Credentials  
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Your Excellency,

First of all, on behalf of the Marshallese people and their government, our warmest welcome to Your Excellency and Madame Nam-jin on your initial visit to our humble shores.

The relationship between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Marshall Islands has been a longstanding one. Today, this special friendship continues on as evident by the small, but meaningful community of Koreans here in the islands. In addition, the economic partnership between Marshalls Energy Company (MEC) and SK Networks is ongoing.

My heartfelt appreciation to South Korea and SK Networks for the considerations provided in supplying fuel to the RMI, especially in light of our ongoing fuel issues.

I am confident that your meeting tomorrow with the MEC Board will be fruitful as we seek to find better ways to strengthen the economic partnership.

Your Excellency, I look forward to working closely with you in the upcoming weeks and months as we seek to further solidify and expand this special friendship.

With these few words, Your Excellency, I am pleased to accept on behalf of the people and government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands your letter of credence.

In closing, please convey our warmest greetings and best wishes for the New Year to His Excellency President Lee Myung Bak and the people of South Korea.

Please accept, Sir, this token of our appreciation and high hopes that you will find your way back to our humble shores frequently during your tour of duty. Thank you.