The Honorable Susan C. Schwab  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Schwab:

In connection with the signing on this date of the Korea-United States Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached by the Governments of the Republic of Korea and the United States during the course of negotiation of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement.

The Parties recognize the importance of preventing illegal copying and distribution of copyrighted works on university campuses and providing effective enforcement against book piracy. Therefore, consistent with Korea’s May 2004 Master Plan for IPR, Korea agrees to continue to increase its efforts to improve awareness of copyright infringement activities and book piracy on university campuses and reduce illegal reproduction and distribution of copyrighted works. In furtherance thereof, Korea agrees to take the following actions as soon as possible, but no later than six months after entry into force of the Agreement:

1) Continue to implement policies that work to promote the use of legitimate materials by students, lecturers, bookstores, and photocopy shops on university campuses, and develop and implement further such policies, if necessary. Within this framework, seek cooperation and information from all universities, and consider the need for follow-up action;

2) Enhance training activities within Korea on book-piracy enforcement, thereby raising awareness among enforcement personnel of illegal book printing activities as well as commercial scale operations of illegal reproductions of copyrighted works;

3) Enhance enforcement activities with respect to underground book piracy operations; and

4) Develop and pursue public education campaigns to raise general awareness among the public sector of illegal book printing activities as well as commercial scale operations of illegal reproductions of copyrighted works.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Sincerely,
Kim, Hyun-chong

[Reply Letter Forthcoming]