

GALA DINNER

Thierry de Montbrial, Chairman and Founder of the WPC

There is a reason why our Korean friends thought that it might be a good idea to have the meeting of the WPC in Seoul. This is precisely that they understand the relevance of the European Union.

Jin Roy Ryu, Chaiman and CEO, Poongsan Group, Republic of Korea

I was in Monaco last year and we discussed hosting this conference in Korea, because it is the World Policy Conference. How can you call it the World Policy Conference without having one in Asia? I am so happy that everything worked out.

Yim Sung Joon, Senior Advisor at Lee International IP & Law Group

In 2008, I was approached by Thierry to give my thoughts to him regarding his notion of launching a global governance process. I immediately thought of Korea's foreign policy goal to expand beyond the wall of the Korean Peninsula and North East Asia, and Thierry's notion could converge in this process. Therefore, I consulted with my Government and President Lee sent his special envoy to the first World Policy Conference, which was held in Evian.

Miguel Angel Moratinos, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain

Europe has interests and a place in the world, to defend and to share certain ideas, values and principles that need to be maintained in the world. We need you for that and we need the WPC.

H.R.H. Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Chairman of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS)

I am not going to repeat what my friends said about plaudits to Thierry and his staff, because they definitely deserve them, but we are also expecting a lot from them in the future as well. Please join me in not only applauding them but also in hoping that in the future, we will have many more contributions.