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Dear Fellow KSEA Members:

It has been a great honor for me to serve KSEA as the 49th president. The entire experience was new as we started our term in July 2020 at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and navigated KSEA over the past year through such an unprecedented time. With the outbreak of Covid-19, businesses that were not held in the 48th admin were moved to the 49th admin, giving us double, and even triple, of what had been our normal workloads. Nevertheless, I am very grateful that we, the 49th KSEA leadership, have done such an outstanding job and made such tremendous efforts in doing what we could with what we were faced with. It is these incredible people who have made it possible to do what had been thought to be impossible when we first began.

I would like to thank you all and express my sincere appreciation to the UKC 2020 Organizing Committee, EC/DC members, standing committees, and local chapter presidents. Along with this, I would like to extend my gratitude towards the HQ staff members, AM Yoon, FM Han, and ITM Park, as the 49th business and operation would not have been possible without them. Their tireless effort and dedication, while working day and night, made it possible for the 49th admin to successfully serve the KSEA members and next generation. My special thanks go to Dr. Kang-Wook Lee, former president of KSEA (2008-2009), who has served as presidential advisor for me. He has helped me in many ways to make wise and well-balanced decisions and proved to be invaluable in his contributions and efforts for KSEA. I am glad—and unsurprised—to see that he has been selected for “Outstanding Contribution to KSEA Award” this year.

Now, I welcome the new KSEA leadership who will work together in the KSEA 50th admin led by Dr. Brian Park. While things are beginning to improve in terms of Covid-19 with the induction of the vaccine, it remains a reality that there is still a way to go before we can relax in all aspects of society. Amid this reality, however, we are excited to mark and celebrate the 50th anniversary of KSEA with a special event. As this is a time when the efforts and dedication of the leadership of the 50th administration are needed, it will be a challenging time for all. The 50th administration leaders are the ones who will not only lead the celebration of the KSEA's growth over the past 50 years, but also set the stage for years to come. I have faith, however, that the 50th KSEA admin will build a good and firm foundation for this new chapter of KSEA.

I have no doubt that KSEA—as the most premier organization in the US representing Korean-American Scientists and Engineers—will continue to succeed and grow with the dedication and combined efforts of leaders and members alike. I sincerely appreciate your love for KSEA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Soolyeon Cho". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Soolyeon Cho, Ph.D.
The 49th KSEA President