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Deepak Obhrai to Attend Inauguration of South Korean President; Travel to Vietnam to Pursue Human Rights Agenda

On February 25th Parliamentary Secretary Deepak Obhrai, will accompany the Governor General of Canada His Excellency David Johnston, to the inauguration ceremony of the South Korean President-elect Park Geun-hye, who is the first woman to be elected as President of South Korea.

From South Korea, Mr. Obhrai will travel to Vietnam from February 26th to 28th where he will pursue an agenda on human rights issues regarding recent actions taken to stifle the exercise of rights and freedoms, such as the conviction and sentencing to lengthy prison terms of activist bloggers for peacefully exercising their democratic rights. Mr. Obhrai has spoken to this situation many times in Parliament calling upon Vietnamese authorities to “respect all of their international obligations, including freedom of expression, and to release those who are imprisoned for peacefully expressing their opinion.”

The Parliamentary Secretary will bring these long-standing concerns to the attention of relevant authorities to discuss the situation and to reinforce Canada’s position of strong support for the protection of freedom of expression in Vietnam.

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