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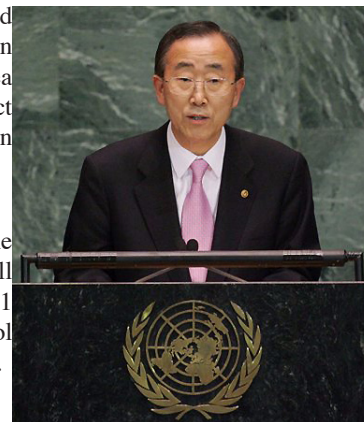
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## Ban Ki-Moon Selected To Lead U.N.

*UN News  
Wire Report*

Applauding in acclamation, the United Nations General Assembly appointed Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon of the Republic of Korea as the world body's next Secretary-General on Oct 13, to succeed Kofi Annan when he steps down on 31 December.



Smiling, waving and nodding to the members of the 192-nation body, the man who will become the world's top diplomat for five years on 1 January, was escorted by the UN Chief of Protocol through the Assembly central aisle to the podium.

Addressing the assembled delegates, the Secretary-General-designate, who will be the UN's eighth chief and the second from Asia, pledged to carry out reforms, building on Mr. Annan's legacy.

"My tenure will be marked by ceaseless efforts to build bridges and close divides. Leadership of harmony not division, by division not instruction, has served me well so far. I intend to stay the course as Secretary-General," he said.

Mr. Ban referred to his own reputation of modest demeanor. "Asia is also a region where modesty is a virtue. But the modesty is about demeanor, not about vision and goals. It does not mean the lack of commitment or leadership. Rather it is quiet determination in action to get things done without so much fanfare," he declared.

"This may be the key to Asia's success, and to the UN's future. Indeed, our Organization is modest in its means, but not in its values. We should be more modest in our words, but not in our performance."

Mr. Ban noted that the road towards peace, prosperity and dignity for all has many pitfalls. "As Secretary-General, I will make the most of the authority invested in my office by the Charter and the mandate you give me. I will work diligently to materialize our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of humanity and for the peaceful resolution of threats to international security and regional stability," he said.

Underlining the efforts to reform the UN, he declared: "Let us remember that reform is not to please others, but because we value what this Organization stands for. We need reform because we believe in the future. To revitalize our common endeavor is to renew our faith not only in the UN's programs and purposes but also in each other. We should demand more of ourselves as well as of our organization."

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