



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MATERIALS FOR KOREA

*Editor's note: The following letter was received by the ASTD National Office. We are publishing it and Mr. Kenneth Rittenhouse's response in the event other ASTD members might want to respond to Mr. Kim.*

Dear Sir:

You might have heard about the sudden hotel fire here in Seoul by which the blessings of the Christmas Day were totally shattered. It turned everything into ashes over night. And the most shocking result of the fire was the loss of four colleagues in our company. Of course, none of the materials which I have developed over the years for our training program was left. It was such a painful experience that I was just lost for a few days, not knowing what to do first. However, man was created in such a way that he learns lessons and courage even from so horrible a catastrophe.

If I did not lose the courage to start everything from the beginning, it was only due to the fact that I still have authorities like you who would render the possible help for the earliest recovery of the materials for training and development program of our company.

I would like to ask your favor to send me the catalogues of the training materials of your organization as soon as possible at your convenience.

And could you kindly send me information about other materials which you can collect?

I shall be very much obliged to you, if you are kind enough to send any of the materials free of charge.

I am looking forward your kind reply and immediate reaction to my appeal.

And I extend you New Year's greeting with my best wishes.

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Dear Mr. Kim:

We were distressed to learn of your company's tragic fire.

We have assembled a modest collection of training references which are being shipped to you this week. We are also taking the liberty of publishing your letter in the *Training and Development Journal* to inform our membership of your loss.

We admire your courage in facing this tragedy and we wish you success in your rebuilding program.

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