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Seoul, Korea 9:00AM October 11, 2011 – On the first day of the World Knowledge Forum, American Politician and media personality Sarah Palin delivered a keynote speech about freedom, technology, and how individuality will solve the world's economic problems.

“Seoul and Korea are an illustration of what new technology has been able to provide,” Ms. Palin said as she began her remarks complementing Korean economic growth. She spoke about how the country's recent economic success was a tribute to the hard work, character, and determination of the Korean people.

“I declare that knowledge is such a wonderful thing,” she said, but countered moments later, “Knowledge, is not the only thing. It can be used for unspeakable evil... Ideas have consequences. Ideas can propel people to nobility. But they can also motivate people to acts of evil,” she said in reference to dictators in the Middle East and North Africa. “Knowledge must be used for a noble cause.” Ms. Palin stressed that virtue and morality is a must for all members of society, especially those in government, in order to serve the greater good.

Ms. Palin then said the expansion of social media outlets and technology were a catalyst for liberation and regime change, and should remain as such.

“We are living in a bottom-up world,” Ms. Palin said as the lecture shifted to how technology has changed the world. She credited innovators and entrepreneurs as the driving forces behind this media, and chastised large companies and bureaucracies for not fostering more growth. Ms. Palin stated that large companies are finding it more difficult to compete with smaller companies because they lack the ability to innovate as efficiently.

Ms. Palin talked about her special needs son, and his ability to use his iPad and interact with technology. She also spoke of how technology and less bureaucracy made her older son's service in Iraq better as he was able to see more junior officers make decisions without relying on “headquarters” for commands.

Ms. Palin countered these positive points with her discussion of governments' current activities around the globe. “Government seems to be going in the opposite direction,” Ms. Palin stated, citing examples of communist China, stateism in Latin America, and government expansion in America. She cautioned that government elites of these places are acting against the will of “the people.”

“The political elite want the world to become top-down,” she said. “Crony Capitalism,” she calls it, only allows the elite and friends of the elite to prosper. Ms. Palin stated, “When cronyism thrives, innovation, prosperity, and freedom suffer because small innovative firms get shoved outside.”

She offered solutions to the economic crisis by limiting government and restoring trust to freedom and individuals. She said, “Only by empowering the individual will our economies be rescued.”

She implored a rising Asian sphere to continue to rely on capitalistic market fundamentals, cooperation and competition with American companies, and warned against taking on too much debt.

During the closing question and answer session, Ms. Palin spoke about her role in American politics, and stressed that she will continue to help drive discussion in our country and not underestimate the power of the people.