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| (Amount of Grant) | US$ 13,450 | € 9,771,72 |
| (Expenses)        | US$        | € 9,578.75 |
| (Balance)         | US$        | € 192.97 |

(Please describe the following in detail, use as many pages as needed.)

1. (Conference Host &Conference dates)
   The conference was hosted by Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) University in Almaty (http://www.kimep.kz/en/). KIMEP is one of Kazakhstan's leading universities headed by Dr. Chan Young Bang, a Korean-born economist. KIMEP was the preferred cooperation partner in Kazakhstan as it stands for already established close exchange with Korea including staff recruited from the Korean and international scientific community.

   The conference participants stayed at Hotel Kazakhstan (http://www.kazakhstanhotel.kz/en/). The hotel is located close to KIMEP, which made it convenient to change between conference venue and hotel.
The organizers could make use of special rooms rates agreed between KIMEP University and Hotel Kazakhstan.

The conference was held from 25 – 28 March 2015.

2. (Appraisal): (Outline of Activities, Activities completed, Comparison between Plan and Outcome, Future Plans, etc.)

Activities:
The conference “Transformation and Economic Development in South and North Korea and Mutual Learning from Central Asia” was organized in five panels and a final discussion round. The participants of the conference were invited scholars and experts, session chairs as well as interested guests such as the representative of the Korean consulate in Almaty and scholars from various institutes. The president of KIMEP University Prof. Dr. Bang officially opened the event and participated in the entire conference.

The conference was framed by joint dinners and lunches for the conference participants and included an organized city tour through Almaty.

KIMEP University contributed to the success of the conference not only by providing the conference venue but also by covering coffee breaks, one lunch and organizing the microbus for the city tour. The collaboration with KIMEP University was a great success.

A positive effect for exchange among the participants was obtained by accommodating the international guests in the same hotel, which gave additional opportunities for talks.
Objectives of the conference:

Objective I: The conference was meant to bring together experts on institutional transformation issues from Korea, Western Europe, and Kazakhstan.

- The organizers were able to compile a well-balanced group of scholars and experts from Kazakhstan, Korea and Western Europe. In doing so, the presentations and discussions benefited from the wide diversity of perspectives and approaches.
- The organizers intended to include also perspectives from the practical field. Two practitioners from Korea enriched the conference discussion by providing good examples of practical cooperation between Kazakhstan, South and North Korea. Despite the outspoken wish and intensive efforts to invite representatives of Korean firms in Kazakhstan to share their experiences of doing business in Central Asia, this aspect was left uncovered.
- The conference provided opportunities for various formal and informal exchanges between the participants fostering a deeper mutual understanding.

Objective II: This workshop brings together the unique development experiences of South Korea since the 1960s and Kazakhstan since 1990 and discusses mutual lessons, in particular with respect to North Korean potential economic development after opening.

The conference program strictly followed the guiding idea laid out in the proposal by
- Outlining the general characteristics of the developmental models in Korea and Kazakhstan (session 1)
- Comparing central economic features in both countries (session 2)
- Identifying lessons-learnt on the firm-level (session 3)
- Comparing these experiences with contemporary developments in North Korea (session 4) and
- Discussing against this background the prospective future research agenda(s) (session 5).
The final discussion round collected and elaborated upon the general conclusions of the various panel discussions.

Objective III: The conference was poised to have a positive impact on the awareness of Korean studies and the global Korean experience in Central Asia. It contributes to the development of Korean studies in Central Asia, in a pivotal country and a pivotal university, with rich experience in economic transition and an international staff.

- The organizers advertised the conference online (relevant internet portals, website) and offline and made the event public among the key target group by directly inviting all relevant institutes and universities in Kazakhstan to participate.
- In particular at KIMEP University due to the extensive and intensive involvement of KIMEP’s staff, the awareness of Korean studies and the potential and prospects of a deeper understanding of the Korean development for Central Asia’s transition could be raised.
- Due to the successful advertisement of the conference the organizers got in contact with the „Korea Communication & Research Center” (http://www.koreaverband.de/ko/) based in Berlin, Germany, which showed interest in the results of the conference.
- The awareness for Korean studies and the Korean development experiences will also be increased by future activities of the organizers.

Future Plans

- The organizers are currently elaborating the most suitable format to publish the results of the conference.
- PFH Goettingen conjointly with KIMEP University will implement a three-years research project supported by VolkswagenFoundation, which seeks to capitalize upon the experiences of the Korean ‘developmental state’ to analyze contemporary state activism in Kazakhstan and other post-communist countries. In doing so, the awareness for the potential of the Korean development experiences in the region will also be raised.
3. (Financial Statement): please see separate document

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4. (Documentation):
   (Proceedings or publications, all original receipts, and Related Materials on the Conference)

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5. (Signature)

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