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## CONFERENCE NEWS

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# Fire of the Past, Fire of Future

The 6th International Wildland Fire Conference: the First in Asia!



The 6th IWFC officially kicked off yesterday with participants from around the world. The very first conference to be held in Asia attracted interests of both domestic and international organizations. At the Exhibition Hall, the official opening of the exhibition was held in presence of invited guests and local people from Gangwon Province. The opening ceremony started off with welcome remarks from the Minister of Korea Forest Service. In his statement, Minister Shin called for strengthened international cooperation. The humorous governor of Gangwon

Province delivered welcome remarks. Now, everyone knows it's PYEONGCHANG, not Pyeongyang! The Secretary-General of the United Nations sent a welcome message emphasizing the importance of wildland fire management in achieving the newly adopted Sustainable Management Goals (SDGs). The Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea and the UNISDR also conveyed their congratulatory messages. After an array of speeches, participants enjoyed an energetic, powerful performance of the Painters Hero.

