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KORO Office Opens - Working Group Identifies Problems and Solutions

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TAEGU -- The US Army, Installation Management Korea Regional Office (KORO), opened in Seoul last week on Yongsan's South Post.

Although the office's humble beginnings in Faith Hall will only house a few individuals in the onset, Dennis Ackers, Deputy, KORO Transition, says, "We will be rapidly adding people and remodeling the remainder of the building as space becomes available."

Dozens of staff representatives joined in a peninsula wide video teleconference in the afternoon and early evening of June 11. Maj. General Barry D. Bates, commanding general 19th Theater Support Command, headed the six-hour conference, which included commanders and key staff members. The conference brought procedures, processes, and thoughts into the open and began discussions and the development of detailed functional area milestones in preparation of the October 1, 2000 changeover. The conferences will be a biweekly process in order to ensure that Transformation Installation Management remains an open progression with essential information sharing with commanders.

The 19th TSC has added an information section to the command's worldwide website. The site, located at <http://www-19tsc.korea.army.mil/tim/home.htm> offers visitors the latest news releases, Weekly TIM updates, Questions and Answers, and a links to the Transformation Installation Management and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management websites.

Most of those involved with TIM acknowledged that there remain many unanswered questions related to the transformation process, but, Bates says, "Identifying those questions and discussing the challenges they represent puts us on the path to finding the right answers and best solutions for managing installations in Korea."