

**DLA Disposition Services**

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**New site consolidates support in Korean peninsula**

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Employees say it was a beautiful, sunny day April 1, as a new Defense Logistic Agency facility was dedicated in Gimcheon, South Korea.

Almost \$26 million has been spent by the Korean Ministry of National Defense since the groundbreaking for the DLA Disposition Services site in early 2007. Speaking to guests at the dedication, DLA Disposition Services Director Twila Gonzales noted how the new site helps fulfill agency goals for enhancing support and good stewardship.

"Today's consolidation strategically locates us between two future hub zone sites at Camp Humphrey and Taegu," Gonzales said. That's important because being in the right place aids our effort to support warfighters and save taxpayer dollars."

In fact, the ceremony's program noted that the new facility offers 117,513 square feet of covered warehouse space; 484,468 square feet of outside storage space; and 9,484 square feet of administrative space. The nearby railroad facilities also allow property to be easily shipped and received, which the staff believes will save significant dollars and manpower for DLA as well those using the facility.

Reflecting on the changes since support began in Korea, Gonzales assured the audience that while the organizational structure and the way DLA Disposition Services does business may have changed over the past 40 years the core mission -- "to support the warfighter and protect the public by providing excellent worldwide disposal management solutions" -- has remained constant. Gonzales also praised the workforce transferring from the old facilities, American and Korean alike, for their "untiring dedication and sacrifice...It is people like you who are leading the way as we transform ourselves into the high performing organization our troops deserve."

Christine Dustin, Environmental Branch chief at Gimcheon, remembers how the "South Korean and U.S. flags were flying gently in the breeze along with flags representing the dignitaries." Dustin said that all of the employees from Pusan and Bupyong were able to celebrate a move that day "that had been over 10 years in the making."

For more information, please see the next issue of the DLA Disposition Services *World* newsmagazine



**Congratulatory flower arrangements and official flags flank the podium as DLA Disposition Services Director Twila Gonzales addresses the guests at Gimcheon's dedication April 1.**



**By special appointment, DLA Disposition Services Director Twila Gonzales signs the turn-in documentation for the first line item of property to be received at Gimcheon on this historic day.**



**Dignitaries join DLA Disposition Services Director Twila Gonzales (right center) as the red ribbon is cut to officially open the new site. Pictured with Gonzales (from left to right) are Sam Adkins, Construction Division chief; Col. Kathleen A. Gavle, U.S. Army Garrison-Daegu commander; and Gimcheon City Mayor Pak, Bo Saeng.**

