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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Chusok Holiday Safety Message

1. Chusok, Korea's most celebrated holiday, is the time when Korean families travel to their hometowns to share a holiday feast and honor their ancestors by holding memorial services at family gravesites.
2. Traditionally, more than 30 million Koreans travel the highways during Chusok. Traffic is always extremely heavy before, during and after the holiday and delays of many hours can be expected on any roadway, even for short trips. Certain expressway interchanges may be completely closed. The Korean Road Traffic Safety Authority reported that there were 2,114 traffic accidents with 81 fatalities and 696 injuries during last year's holiday period.
3. To protect personnel from unnecessary road driving risks, USAG Y will increase the road condition to "RED" during the Chusok Holiday Period (28 September thru 2 October 2012 are inclusive travel days). Special emphasis must also be given to the use of seatbelts and protective equipment for motorcycles, as well as the dangers of mixing alcohol with driving.
4. Leaders will conduct a pre-holiday safety briefing for their personnel prior to Chusok and the topics to be addressed should focus on alcohol abuse, unique hazards associated with driving in Korea, requirement to use seat belts, hazards of drinking and driving, using caution in sports and recreational activities, aware of the existing geo-political climate, and use of the buddy system especially when patronizing off base establishments.
5. Last year, the USAG Y personnel successfully avoided accidents and injuries related to the Chusok holiday by planning and alertness. I extend my personal best wishes to everyone for a joyous holiday while also asking each to be safe. "Safety Never Takes a Day Off"

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