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Obesity is a worldwide issue. Indeed, it has not touch only our country: the whole world is involved by this crisis. The rate of growth is actually increasing. According to the OMS, one year ago, there were over 1,9 billion over the age of twenty who were concerned and the number of obese person will take off: in 2030, there will be approximately 3,3 billion of people affected. It's a cause of death, which cannot be circumvented.

Obesity in Republic of Korea:

To start with, our country considers that a person is obese if his BMI (Body Mass Index) is superior to 25 whereas the OMS sets its obesity threshold at BMI higher than 30. This has been said; the number of obese took off really quickly in the last twenty years. In 1998, there was approximately 25% of obese population against an alarming amount of 30,8% in 2010. The situation is serious; the rate does not stop increasing. Moreover, men are the principal targets of this issue: statistically, when men start their professional career they definitely neglect sport. Unfortunately, that is not the only cause of obesity; smoking is one of the most important. Indeed, 66,3% of the population smoked in 2007 and even if it is decreasing thanks to the more expensive cost of the cigarettes, approximately 50% still smoke nowadays in our country. Further more, according to our authority, more and more people are having diseases linked to overweight as hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular disorders as CVA (Cerebrovascular accident). It is now a major health problem that the Republic of Korea and the entire world must deal with.

In addition, according to the World Obesity Federation, 20% of Korean children are suffering from overweightness or obesity which one of the biggest threat for their health. It's an alarming number; which must be fought for the future of our nation and its well-being.

To sum up with this predicament, our country does really lament the fact that the nation is suffering from this threat. Last but not least, it is affecting the economical growth because a lot of workers are enduring health problems.

The Republic of Korea against obesity:

Our State has in mind the importance and the threat that represent overweightness including obesity. Thus we have decided to establish healthy food programs to stem the issue. Then, we get farther by using technology. Indeed, in collaboration with Samsung, we have been able to reduce the amount of obese people by selling connected watch with our android system (The Samsung gear S2). Our country truly believes that technology can save our future by simple projects like that we can save people.

The aim of the health programs is to encourage people to eat less or at least more properly and to have a well-balanced diet and more physical activity. Our nation is willing to put the current rate of obesity down and to give the nation a better shape and a better purpose for the future. Moreover, thanks to our Samsung TV, we can diffuse programs and TV campaigns against the junk food.

In addition, we believe that the technology of Samsung will help our people going over this healthy threat. Moreover, our country is willing to help other nations facing up this worldwide issue by exporting our Samsung technology.

All in all, the Republic of Korea keeps up with the thought that we can get through this predicament by simple ways and each country must act against obesity in order to protect its people from this danger and to keep them safe. Our government is ready to assist other state in difficulty and thinks that each nation has its responsibility in that worldwide problem.