

## **Welcome Remarks**

Dear participants, I am very happy to see the KIAS Workshop on Cosmology and Structure Formation is happening once again in 2024. I'd like to deeply thank you for coming all the way to Gyeong Ju. It must have been a great challenge for foreign participants, in particular.

It has been 20 years since this workshop was first held in 2004. During this period cosmology has changed and there have been a lot of new findings and understandings in extragalactic astronomy. Over the past 20 years the initial participants have aged together, and new faces have joined with brilliant ideas and fresh energy. It was my special privilege to witness this healthy evolution with you all. And now we met once again.

To make this 20th anniversary of this workshop special we are holding the workshop outside KIAS for the first time. I hope you enjoy the beautiful autumn season of Korea and the atmosphere of Gyeongju, the capital of the Silla dynasty, where astronomical activity was very high since more than two thousand years before. I also hope this workshop gives academic stimulation to all participants and initiates new collaborations between the participants as it has done so during the past 20 years.

Thank you.