

Klein: UFL Chance to Learn
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Maj. Gen. Dennis Klein, the wartime Chief of Staff with Eighth U.S. Army, summed up the Ulchi Focus Lens 2001 Exercise as a great success so far. He stated this year's UFL is one of the most successful and interesting exercises among four previous he had participated in.

"This exercise is a chance to get be able to learn how to execute our responsibilities as Army Service Cooperate Command," said Klein.

Klein said UFL 2001 was designed to exercise operations and the ability of Eighth U.S. Army to operate as an ASCC. He explained this exercise could not have been as successful without the combined efforts and relationship between Republic of Korea, U.S. Reserve forces and the Eighth U.S. Army.

"There's a very strong relationship between Eighth U.S. Army and Republic of Korea Army," Klein said. "Particularly Second ROK Army here in Daegu and Eighth U.S. Army worked very closely together. We cannot achieve the goal of Eighth U.S. Army without the assistance of SROKA".

During the early stage of the exercise, he had difficulties to deploying together with brand new staffs. It was not an easy task, but brand new generals, officers and NCOs have been able to bring them altogether and be able to work as a team.

"We managed to do a very good job. I'm very pleased with results," he said. "I'm watching that everyone experiences successes"

Lastly, Klein thanks all the soldiers of Eighth U.S. Army for their outstanding job. They make sure that Eighth U.S. Army is trained and ready to fight.

"During this exercise, all soldiers of Eighth U.S. Army were very diligent to make sure that they were prepared. I cannot run this headquarters staff without the soldiers of Eighth U.S. Army. Everybody plays a key role".