ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This work would not have been completed without the constant encouragement and invaluable intellectual guidance from Dr. Swaran Singh who helped me along at every stage. My debt to him is immense. I am also indebted to Professor Varun Sahni, for his encouragement and help. My colleagues at the Centre for Japanese and North East Asian Studies, including the Visiting faculty, Dr. Kim Seok Bong provided much needed and uncomplaining support and co-operation.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not extend my sincere gratitude to the Korea Foundation for having made it possible for me to spend two months in Seoul as a Research Fellow which enabled me to meet experts and collect material for my thesis. I also owe a lot to Professor Lee, Chung-Min of Yonsei University and Prof. Paik, Haksoon of The Sejong Institute for their scholarly inputs and encouragement.

My heartfelt thanks to the staff of Seoul National University Library, the Library of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Kyungnam University, Yonsei University Library in Korea, the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis and American Centre Library for having provided me access to their books and primary documents crucial to my work.

My family, both immediate and extended, was immensely helpful by being patient and in providing insights at crucial moments. My husband, in particular, surprised me in both respects. My sons helped with computer related issues when they were 8,000 miles away.

New Delhi
Date

Vyjayanti Raghavan