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Nat'l Assembly Speaker Kim Jin-pyo gives celebratory speech at opening ceremony of 20th World Korean Business Convention



Hello. I am Kim Jin-pyo, the speaker of the National Assembly of South Korea.

I would like to congratulate you all on the opening of the 20th World Korean Business Convention. My appreciation goes out to President Kim Seong-gon of the Overseas Koreans Foundation; Kim Doo-gyum, mayor of the Ulsan metropolitan city; President Chang Dae-whan of Maekyung Media Group; and the chairperson of the 20th World Korean Business Convention, Kim Jeom-bae.

Many Korean businesspeople have come back to their mother country for this event. I know that many have not been able to participate thus far due to cancelations or reductions from the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year almost 1,000 people have come from 48 countries. On this fair fall day, I would like to welcome you to your mother country. I welcome all of you with open arms.

It is not an easy matter, living as an overseas Korean. The cultures, languages, laws and systems are all unfamiliar. We also face baseless bias and discrimination. The difficulties are truly unimaginable in their magnitude. You are all people who have overcome that barrier. You have been a huge help to your mother country, South Korea. You've brought the words "Made in Korea" to all parts of the world and at times aided the exports of Korean businesses.

The Korea of today can only exist because you were there to help. Your individual success stories comprise the history of our nation. Korean businesses and overseas Koreans are the civilian diplomats of South Korea, and it is the duty of the government and the National Assembly to help you. Both the ruling and opposition parties are cooperating for the establishment of an overseas Korean service. This, our great wish, is not far from being achieved. The new overseas Korean service will provide overseas Koreans with easy access to consular, legal and military services, as well as cultural promotion. The institution will also take the lead in furthering the rights and interests of overseas Koreans. The National Assembly will



Kim Jin-pyo,
speaker of the National Assembly

do everything in its power to help.


Korean businesspeople! A shadow looms over the world economy. Production, spending and investment are faltering, while interest rates, prices and exchange rates are skyrocketing. The supply network is being shaken by war and rivalry for international supremacy. Energy and food crises are on the horizon. We must prepare and prepare well.

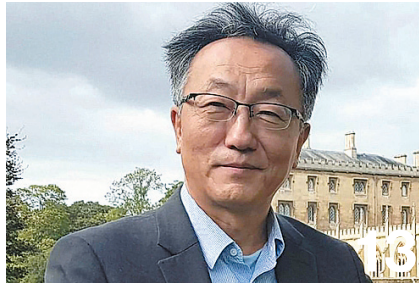
Please don't give up. Your mother country has your back. We have overcome colonial rule and the devastation of war to create an economic superpower that ranks within the world's top 10. We have transformed into a democratic country that respects freedom and human rights. With K-culture, we have grown into a cultural

superpower that influences the entire world.

I meet you overseas Koreans whenever I venture overseas as the speaker of the National Assembly. Many people tell me they are proud of their mother country, and that it feels like having someone trustworthy at their back. This is true. South Korea will always be there to support you. Please become our nation's trusty partners as well.

This year marks the 20th year of the World Korean Business Convention. Over the past 20 years, around 60,000 people have participated in this business festival. It has created 5 trillion won (US\$3.7 billion) in business consultation value and led to the creation of jobs for 6,000 people. These results are truly incredible. I'm told that around 1,000 people, counting only young adults, have found quality jobs overseas through this event.

The World Korean Business Convention is a platform that promotes growth for overseas Koreans and their mother country alike. I pray that this 20th convention will be the impetus for even greater growth. I once again offer my congratulations on the 20th World Korean Business Convention, and may your business ventures be successful. While you are here, I hope you will be able to enjoy the beauty of your mother country to the fullest. I cheer for you all. Thank you. 



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20th World Korean Business Convention opens in Ulsan

2,000 people in attendance, including Korean businesspeople from 48 countries, and workers from small and midsized businesses in Korea



The 20th World Korean Business Convention, a “business coexistence festival” where Korean businesspeople from across the world gathered, was held from Nov. 1 to 3 at the Ulsan Exhibition and Convention Center (UECO).

The World Korean Business Convention, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, opened with the slogan “20 Years of Great Korean Business: Embracing the World” and opened its doors to around 2,000 participants, including businesspeople from 48 countries, as well as South Korea. Counting the citizens of Ulsan and ordinary visitors, the event attracted around 4,000 people. During the event, people expanded their business networks and held business activities to aid the overseas expansions of small and midsized businesses. Programs were active throughout to support corporate exhibitions, one-on-one business meetings, and interviews for youth internships and other job opportunities at Korean businesses.

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Seong-gon (president of the Overseas Koreans Foundation), Kim Doo-Gyum (mayor of Ulsan), Kim Jeom-bae (chairperson of the event), Kim Ki-hwan (chairperson of the Ulsan Metropolitan Council), and Lee Seung-yeon

(vice president of the Korea International Trade Association). Also gracing the event were Shin Dong-bin (CEO of Lotte Group), with his special connection to Ulsan, as well as Song Yong-dok (co-CEO of Lotte Group), Han Young-seuk (vice chairman of Hyundai Heavy Industries), Yeo Geon-yi (head of the central headquarters of the Republic of Korean Residents Union in Japan) and Guk Seung-gu (president of The Federation of Korean Associations, USA).

The event included a silent tribute to the victims of the Halloween crowd crush in Itaewon, Seoul, an opening speech by OKF President Kim, a speech by the Chairperson Kim and a welcome speech by Ulsan Mayor Kim. There was also a video message from Kim Jin-pyo, speaker of the National Assembly, as well as a celebratory message from Foreign Affairs Minister Park Jin. A special video from the deceased Shin Kyuk-ho (honorary president of Lotte Group), the most honored Korean businessperson from Ulsan, was also played for the audience.

“This year’s event symbolizes the next 20 years,” OKF President Kim said in an opening speech. “I hope that this year’s event will come to symbolize 20 years of new growth for our citizens and Koreans abroad.”

Kim Jeom-bae, president of AI Kaus Overseas Trading Association (Oman) and chairman of the convention, said: “Korean businesses have been the backbone of the Korean economy for the past 20 years. They have served as a bridge to allow the mother country to spread across the world. The Korean business network will keep alive the free trade that is currently threatened by the global economic crisis.”

Prior to the convention’s opening ceremony, a corporate exhibition opening



ceremony was also held, in which around 130 corporations and institutions took part. After the main opening ceremony, a Korean business forum, seminars on business issues and industrial trends, and other events were held in the afternoon.

On Nov. 2, a kickoff ceremony of the Korean Business Advisory Council, a startup pitch contest, the Leading CEO Forum and an online Korean business forum for youths were held. The Korean Business Advisory Council, composed of business experts from various fields, will utilize their networks to offer practical aid to Korean businesses seeking to expand abroad.

The kickoff ceremony for the Korean Business Advisory Council, which was created to enhance the professionalism of overseas Korean businesses, as well as small and mid-sized businesses inside South Korea, was held in the morning that day. The council consists of 40 experts of various fields that have a deep understanding of global trends and overseas business, including Kwon Sun-ki (president of the China-Asia Economic Development Association), Henry Bang (CEO of G6 Global) and CEO Ja Myeong. He gave a lecture titled “The Path to NASDAQ” and shared know-how on going public with over-the-counter stocks in the United States. In the startup pitch contest, six startup companies promoted their products and businesses to potential investors.

On the final day of the event, a general meeting of economic bodies was held in addition to an awards ceremony for the startup pitch contest. The review committee consisted of members of the Korean Business Advisory Council and individuals connected to venture capital enterprises worldwide. Promedius received the grand prize, and the Golden Crow took the top prize. Proxi Healthcare and Intosky also received excellence awards. These startups received 20 million won (US\$14,960) in prize money, and Promedius and Golden Crow were invited to next year’s convention.

Export consultations to the order of 51.7 billion won; Korean businesses hire 70 young interns

The COVID-19 pandemic had prevented the event from opening normally for the past three years. This year’s event is deemed to have shed new light on the identity of Korean businesses and created tangible accomplishments, such as export consultations and the recruitment of young interns. Out of the business exhibitions, customs and trading skill sessions, distribution buyer sessions and one-on-one business meetings, 455 individual export arrangements were created. This equated to \$359,700,000 in value. Four memorandums of understanding with overseas Korean economic bodies were also signed.

Young Korean adults participated in interviews for internships, and 70 of



them were recruited by 59 Korean businesses from 48 countries. An online forum to support their expansion into overseas job markets also attracted much attention, drawing 13,000 views.

The closing ceremony consisted of a highlight reel, a presentation of Korean business scholarships, a promotional video of next year’s venue, a presentation of the Korean business flag and a speech from Ha Ki-hwan (CEO of Hannam Chain in the U.S. and the next convention chairperson).

“The World Korean Business Convention will be departing on a new journey after its past 20 years, including its first opening at an overseas location next year,” OKF President Kim said in his closing speech. “The goal of Korean business isn’t simply economic success. Please take an active part in creating a healthy, happy Korean community and contributing to the prosperity of mankind.”

Next year’s World Korean Business Convention will be held from Oct. 11-14 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Orange County, California. [\[창\]](#)

- 1 The 20th World Korean Business Convention is held at the Ulsan Exhibition and Convention Center on Nov. 1.
- 2 Participants of the World Korean Business Convention pay tribute to the victims of the Itaewon Halloween crowd crush.
- 3 Representatives of nominated companies from the startup pitch contest stand on the stage for the closing ceremony of the 20th World Korean Business Convention.
- 4 Ha Ki-hwan, chairperson of the 21st World Korean Business Convention, waves the Korean business flag at the closing ceremony.

HANIN 2022 held successfully in Incheon

333 Korean community leaders from 64 countries attend ‘to enhance solidarity with mother country’



HANIN 2022 was held in an online and offline hybrid format at the Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon from Oct. 4-7. At the event, 333 Korean community leaders from 64 countries gathered to discuss the furthering of the global Korean community's interests and enhance their solidarity with their mother country. This year's convention, held under the slogan "Great Koreans Return from the World," was co-hosted by the Incheon metropolitan city, which was the first starting point of overseas emigration, in celebration of the 120th official anniversary of Korean immigration.

Present at the opening ceremony were Yoon Jae-ok (head of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee of the National Assembly of Korea), Kim Seokki (head of the Overseas Koreans Commission at the People's Power Party), Lee Jae-jeong (head of the Overseas Koreans Commission at the Democratic Party), Kim Seong-gon (president of the Overseas Koreans Foundation), Yoo Jeong-bok (mayor of Incheon) and Kim Deok-ryong (president of the World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce).

From overseas, 260 people, including the joint chairpersons of the event Yoo Je-heon (president of the

Association of Korean Residents in Europe) and Yoo Young-joon (president of the Association of Korean Residents Latin America), heads of Korean associations around the globe, and executives of Korean association collectives from various continents and regions participated in the offline event, while 73 more took part remotely.

"Our people have a unique humanitarian spirit," President Kim Seong-gon said in his welcoming speech at the opening ceremony. "I hope that you will all remember this, so that you may become 'beautiful global Koreans' who are respected in your countries of residence while also rendering aid to your mother country."

This was followed by a keynote lecture by Harry Kim (former mayor of Hawaii County) titled "Who Are We and Where Are We Headed?"

'Korean association leaders should employ their leadership to enhance solidarity of overseas Korean community': Park Jin

A welcome luncheon hosted by Foreign Affairs Minister Park Jin followed the opening ceremony. In a speech, Park evaluated the role of Korean associations in the development of the overseas Korean community and South Korea, and thanked them.

"I ask that Korean association leaders utilize their leadership so that the associations can become focal points for greater solidarity in the overseas Korean community," he said.

He explained the new government has sought to turn crisis into opportunity by executing key global goals in a complex security environment, seeking to contribute to global peace and prosperity, not just on the Korean Peninsula and in Southeast Asia.

"Work to establish an overseas Korean service, which is a national goal and the wish of the overseas Korean community, is well under way," Park said.

This year's HANIN held regional agenda discussions for 10 regions, including the United States, Europe, Canada and Asia, under the theme "Beautiful Koreans: Beautiful Public Diplomacy Together with 7.32 Million Overseas Koreans." Case studies of excellence in Korean community management were presented as well. The Korean Association of Cambodia, which founded the Raonjena Multicultural Children's Choir to cultivate the identities of children from Korean-Cambodian multicultural families, was selected as the most excellent example. A governmental talk also took place in which the Department of Justice, the National Election Commission and other government agencies took part. The Military Manpower Administration and other relevant institutions opened promotional booths as well.



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Proposition for government restructuring, including new overseas Korean service, presented to overwhelming applause

On Oct. 6, Interior Minister Lee Sang-min presented a government restructuring proposition at the government complex in Seoul, which included the establishment of an overseas Korean service. All Korean association leaders present at the event cheered in response. The proposal stated that the functions previously performed by the Overseas Koreans Foundation, such as overseas Korean exchanges and collaborations, network vitalization, education of overseas Korean youth and cultural promotion projects, would be unified. Consular, legal, military and other services that are currently scattered across various divisions were also to be provided through collaboration after the new structure took effect.

“We had to visit various institutions to deal with overseas Korean affairs, but now we can access one unified service,” said Yoo Je-heon, president of the Association of Korean Residents in Europe.

“It has been over 10 years since we requested an exclusive government agency for the establishment of overseas Korean policies and the protection of the rights and interests of the overseas Koreans,” said Kim Jeom-bae, president of the United Korean Association in Africa and Middle East. “Our wish has finally come true.”

The heads of Korean associations explained that the functions of the new institution had to be clearly defined, and that overseas Koreans should not be left out of the process of establishing the institution.

‘Calling for establishment of overseas Korean service in capital area’

On Oct. 7, the final day of the event, the heads of Korean associations held a general meeting to state their resolve for active public diplomacy in their respective countries of residence. They also passed a resolution that called for the establishment of an overseas Korean service in the capital area. The resolution called for improvements to the overseas voting system, including the introduction of mail and electronic voting, and supported the holding of the 2030 World Expo in Busan.

During the closing ceremony, the joint chairpersons of the event, Yoo Je-heon (president of the Association of Korean Residents in Europe) and Yoo Young-joon (Association of Korean Residents of Latin America) received certificates of merit. For the joint chairpersons of the next event, Kim Byung-jil



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(president of the Federation of Korean Associations in the USA) and Yeo Geon-yi (head of the central headquarters of the Republic of Korean Residents Union in Japan) were selected.

“With the decision to establish an overseas Korean service, there will be many changes to overseas Korean policies and support,” OKF President Kim said. “It’s a great opportunity to showcase what overseas Koreans are capable of, and the most important thing is for us all to come together.” [\[창\]](#)

- 1 Foreign Affairs Minister Park Jin gives a luncheon speech on Oct. 5 in celebration of the 16th Korean Day after the HANIN 2022 opening ceremony at the Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon.
- 2 Kim Seong-gon, president of the Overseas Koreans Foundation, gives a welcome speech at the opening ceremony of HANIN 2022.
- 3 Participants of HANIN 2022 watch the stage during the opening ceremony.
- 4 A representative presents the results of regional discussions at HANIN 2022.

18th World Convention for Women in International Marriages opens in Seoul

Women who settled overseas through international marriages gathered recently to study their role as civilian diplomats and share their multicultural experiences with their mother country. World-KIMWA hosted the 18th World Convention for Women in International Marriages from Oct. 13-15 at the GLAD Hotel in Yeouido, Seoul.

Around 200 guests were present at the opening ceremony, including approximately 130 members from the United States, Australia, Germany and five other countries, as well as outside guests. World-KIMWA is an organization of Korean women in international marriages with 34 branches in 16 countries and around 5,000 active members. It holds a world convention each year to increase solidarity between the members and aid multicultural families.

World-KIMWA also gave a donation to the Yeoncheon Multicultural Center in Gyeonggi Province the same day. Certificates of merit were handed to advisers Cheon Sun-bok, Eun Young-jae, Jeong Kyeong-ok, Jeong Myung-yeol and Jeong Naomi, who are former presidents of World-KIMWA.

“Women in international marriages have always taken a leading role as civilian diplomats linking their countries of residence to their mother country,” said Moon Jung-gyun, president of World-KIMWA, in her opening speech. “In this year’s event, we will discover public diplomacy roles amid the COVID-19 pandemic and help multicultural youth to grow into talented people.”

Kim Hyun-sook, minister of gender equality and family, wrote a congratulatory speech recited by Min Hye-kyung, chairperson of World-KIMWA.

In it, the minister said, “I thank you all for being active as Korean women worldwide in the society of your countries of residence and expanding the connections of the Korean people.”

“Korean women who have married internationally and their families are a valuable human resource who will allow South Korea to reach global success,” said Kim Seong-gon, president of the Overseas Koreans Foundation. “We will continue to provide support to allow the organization to grow.”

Present at the opening ceremony were Kim Young-geun



Participants of the 18th World Convention for Women in International Marriages pose for a photograph at the opening ceremony at the GLAD Hotel in Yeouido, Seoul, on Oct. 13.



Overseas Koreans Foundation President Kim Seong-gon (7th from L) and participants pose for a photo at the opening ceremony on Oct. 13.

(president of the World Korean Network), Cho Rong-je (chairman of the Overseas Koreans Forum) and Jung Young-guk (president of the Korean Information Center).

Participants of the event attended a keynote speech by Sohn Seon-hong, the former consul general in Hamburg, titled “The World as One, the Public Diplomats of World-KIMWA” on Oct. 14. They then discussed the best ways to perform public diplomacy. Kim Yeong-sun, professor at the Convergence Institute for Multicultural Studies at Incheon University, gave a lecture titled “A Study of the Lives of Female Korean Emigrants.”

On the last day of the event, World-KIMWA visited the Yeoncheon Multicultural Center and held a mentoring event for multicultural youth and foreign wives. [\[창\]](#)

‘We must utilize the 2 million families in international marriages’: Min Hye-kyung, chairperson of World-KIMWA

‘International marriages are on the rise. We need a network to utilize the Korean people as an asset’

“Around 500,000 Korean women are married to foreigners, and their families number around 2 million if we count their husbands and children. We need more policies to use them as assets of the Korean people.”

Min Hye-kyung (69), chairperson of World-KIMWA who participated in the 18th World Convention for Women in International Marriages held in Seoul, said in a press interview on Oct. 15: “South Korea has grown into an advanced country. If we’re to progress any further, we must expand our connections with overseas Koreans who are our allies overseas.”

World-KIMWA is an organization of Korean women in international marriages with 34 branches in 16 countries and around 5,000 active members. It holds a world convention each year to increase solidarity between the members and aid multicultural families.

“It is Korean women in international marriages and their families that are not very well known despite very much being overseas Koreans in their own right,” Min said. “The official statistics provided by the government state that there are a total of 7.32 million overseas Koreans, but this excludes most families created via international marriage. They live multicultural lives and usually don’t have a chance to be active in a Korean community, meaning that they are usually unnoticed.

“But these people still feel themselves to be ‘civilian diplomats’ and put a lot of care into teaching their children about Korea,” she emphasized.

She worked at Korean Air after graduating from Hanyang University. She then moved to Los Angeles, California, to continue her studies in 1982. She married an American in 1986 and settled down in San Francisco. She operated a Korean restaurant and a Japanese restaurant for 30 years before closing them permanently due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She now operates a real estate development agency.

“Because I am in an international marriage, it wasn’t easy for me to connect with the Korean community,” she said. “World-KIMWA shares similar experiences and a common identity, making it a place where people can feel at home. I feel a duty to share my experiences living in an exemplary multicultural family overseas with



Min Hye-kyung, chairperson of World-KIMWA, gives a press interview on Oct. 15.

those in my mother country, and that is why I hold this event every year in Seoul.

“Our members have the passion for education that most Koreans have, and most of their children are talented individuals with important roles in society,” she continued. “My children, my husband, and even my in-laws are well-acquainted with Korean culture and have amicable feelings toward it. The lack of a network connecting them to South Korea is preventing them from becoming allies and supporters.”

She explained that because most of the members are in their 50s and above, their main focus is on the discovery of young talent; with their lack of capacity, she urged the government to provide support.

“Unlike before, more and more Korean women are entering international marriages,” she said. “If we can make a network bringing them together from their current scattered state, the result will greatly benefit the Korean people.” 장

Hanbok Day gains prestige in U.S.; state representatives wear ‘hanbok’ for event

Second celebration of Hanbok Day in New Jersey; Fort Lee joins ranks of cities celebrating the day

The renown of Hanbok Day, which celebrates traditional Korean clothing, “hanbok,” has recently spiked. A Hanbok Day event was held on Oct. 16 at the Fort Lee Community Center, which is regarded as a hub of economics and culture in New Jersey, the United States.

The state of New Jersey was the first American state to pass a resolution declaring an official Hanbok Day. The first celebration of Hanbok Day last year was held at a park in the small city of Tenafly in the northern region of New Jersey, but this year the venue was moved to a larger city, Fort Lee. The event itself was bigger as a result.

Fort Lee, famous for having the largest Koreatown in the eastern U.S., joined the ranks of four other U.S. cities in declaring Oct. 21 to be Hanbok Day. Oct. 21 is celebrated as Hanbok Day in Korea as well.

At the event was U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer, who serves New Jersey. He wore the costume of a Joseon king. U.S. politicians unable to take part in the event sent congratulatory messages.

“Korean Americans have gone beyond simply enhancing diversity; they are playing a crucial role in enriching American culture,” Robert Menendez, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Democratic Party, New Jersey), said. “We must teach history to younger generations.”

Menendez is a major official who places much importance on alliances with South Korea and other countries, and opposes the high-handed diplomatic policies of China.

There was much interest from Korea in the event as well.

“This Hanbok Day ceremony held in New Jersey is extremely meaningful,” Gyeonggi Province Gov. Kim Dong-yeon said in a congratulatory message. “I am grateful (to the state of New Jersey) for acknowledging another country’s culture and celebrating it.”

The Cultural Heritage Administration and the Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation also supported the event by providing historical research regarding hanbok, among other things.

The role of the Asian American Youth Council (AAYC), based in




U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer (R) wears the costume of a Joseon king during a Hanbok Day celebration in Fort Lee, New Jersey, on Oct. 16.



Koreans and locals celebrate Hanbok Day in New Jersey on Oct. 16.

the eastern U.S., was key to making the event in New Jersey possible. The AAYC was shocked by the news that China had been claiming ownership over kimchi and hanbok, and held a rally in Tenafly, New Jersey, early last year, making the establishment of Hanbok Day in the U.S. possible. They then proceeded to convince the governor of New Jersey to celebrate Hanbok Day on the state level.

“Many politicians and educators wore hanbok to the second celebration of Hanbok Day, making it much more meaningful,” AAYC President Brian Jon said. “We will continue to spread this movement worldwide until Korean hanbok becomes a household name.” 

World Institute of Kimchi publishes ‘All About Kimchi’

‘The book has information every citizen of the country where kimchi originated should know’: professor Seo Kyoung-duk



“All About Kimchi”

Koreans have a special place in their hearts for kimchi. They can eat an entire bowl of rice with kimchi alone, and they make sure to eat kimchi even with instant noodles. Kimchi can be added to every kind of food to add a new twist. There are countless foods made with kimchi, including kimchi stew, kimchi fried rice, kimchi pancakes and kimchi “ramyeon.” Ever since recent research revealed that kimchi can help alleviate symptoms of COVID-19 and worldwide interest in the food spiked, Koreans have been busy talking about kimchi with every foreigner they meet, explaining that kimchi is not only healthy but delicious.

But how much do we really know about kimchi, a food that was created by our wise ancestors thousands of years ago? How exact are our explanations?

In order to answer such questions, the World Institute of Kimchi (Chair Chang Hae-choon), a national research body, published “All About Kimchi,” which contains scientific, historical, cultural and industrial information about the dish.

The book is an accurate and friendly guide to the world of kimchi, including the various research conducted by the World Institute of Kimchi, recent talking points regarding kimchi and the status of the growing kimchi industry. The book also gives detailed explanations of the present and future of the food, which is now known worldwide.

In part one, “The Science of Kimchi,” the book delves into the secret behind the fermentation process of kimchi and its health benefits. Part two, “The History of Kimchi,” and part three, “The Culture of Kimchi,” describe the history and cultural significance of the dish, respectively.

Part four, “Kimchi and the Industrial Economy,” and part five, “The Taste of Kimchi,” reveal the secrets behind the globally appealing taste and the state of the current kimchi industry.

“This book has all the information that Koreans need to know,” said Seo Kyoung-duk, a professor at Sungshin Women’s University, who is the global public relations ambassador for the institute. “It will become a must-read for all Koreans.”

In 2013, UNESCO registered “Kimjang, making and sharing kimchi in the Republic of Korea” as a Korean Intangible Cultural Property.

“We provide new information about kimchi in this book,” Chair Chang said. “We’ll continue active research regarding the science, industry and cultural significance of kimchi, in addition to promotional activities. Our goal is to let everyone in the world know the value of kimchi.”

The book hit bookshelves and online stores on Oct. 1. [장](#)

GLOBAL KOREAN



Korean Canadian Harold Kim successfully elected town councillor of Aurora, Ontario, Canada, for third term

Holding posts of town councillor and deputy mayor, he won October local elections

Harold Kim, a Korean Canadian town councillor from Aurora, Ontario, was successfully elected to his third term in a row in the local elections on Oct. 24. Aurora is a small city located 50 kilometers north of Toronto and has a population of around 60,000. About 1,000 Koreans reside in this area.

Kim (Kim Jong-su, 53) is a city councillor and a deputy mayor who ran for the elections in Ward 6 for his third term against candidate Greg Smith, winning by a large margin.

Kim was born in Seoul and immigrated to Canada at the age of 4 with his parents (Kim Ki-yeol and Kim Shin-deok). He majored in geography at Queen's University and worked at a stock firm.

He later took on roles in research, analysis, investment, marketing and project management. He also took part in funding efforts while he was a regional manager at World Vision Canada.

He ran for city councillor for the first time in 2014 and was elected. He was reelected four years later, and through a city councillor vote he became the first Korean to become deputy mayor. Five Korean Canadians ran in local elections this year, but all of them failed to be elected, with the exception of Kim.

Cambridge professor Heonik Kwon is first Korean scholar to join British Academy

'Korean studies are the most global form of local studies'

The national academy for the humanities and the social sciences of the British Academy, with a history of 120 years, will be selecting the first Korean scholar as a fellow. This is expected to provide impetus to increase research on Korea in the United Kingdom. Heonik Kwon, a visiting chair professor at Cambridge and a world-renowned anthropologist, has been admitted to the British Academy as a fellow in light of his research record. The admission ceremony was held at the academy building in London on Oct. 4.

The British Academy, founded in 1902, consists of around 1,400 members worldwide and selects up to 52 new members each year. Cambridge University explained that five of its professors became fellows this year, including Kwon.

Kwon is a senior research fellow of social anthropology at Trinity College and is well known for his work as an empirical field researcher, approaching the Vietnam War, Korean War and Cold War in Asia from an anthropological perspective.

"I am the first Korean and Koreanology researcher to be admitted," Kwon said. "This is meaningful in that my research has been acknowledged and that I'll be able to participate in setting a direction for various Asian studies research fields, including Koreanology."

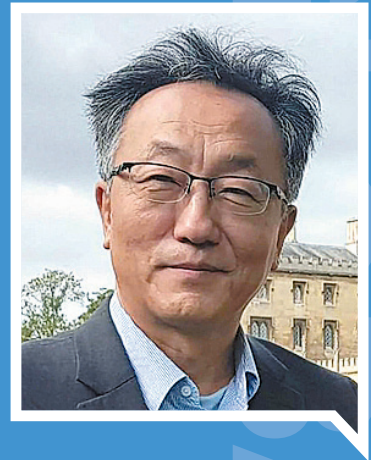
Kwon will be active in three committees regarding the humanities, Asian studies and



modern history, and participate in the allotment of national research funding, as well as deciding the direction of humanities and social sciences research.

Kwon has won a great number of important prizes around the world in the fields of anthropology and Koreanology. "After the Massacre," in which he approached the violence toward civilians during the Vietnam War in a religious and anthropomorphic light to research the culture of bereaved families, won the Geertz Prize from the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. This prize is often referred to as the Nobel Prize of anthropology. In 2009, he won the Kahin Prize from the Association for Asian Studies (an authoritative body in Southeast Asian research), as well as the Claude Levi-Strauss Award in 2019, an award named after a French anthropologist known for structuralism. In addition, he also won the Korean Kyung-Ahm Prize (2016), the Sejong Culture Award (2019) and the Palais Prize from the Association for Asian Studies (2022).

Kwon attended the Department of Philosophy at Seoul National University before transferring to the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Michigan. He went on to receive a Master's and Ph.D. in social anthropology at Cambridge. He taught at the University of Manchester, University of Edinburgh and the London School of Economics and Political Science before moving on to a post at Cambridge University in 2011. He is currently a visiting chair professor at the Department of Anthropology at Seoul National University and part of the Mega-Asia Research Project Group of the Seoul National University Asia Center.



Korean stylist in America selected to British Fashion Council's NEW WAVE: Creatives list

'It's fun to represent Korean culture in a beautiful way': Herin Choi

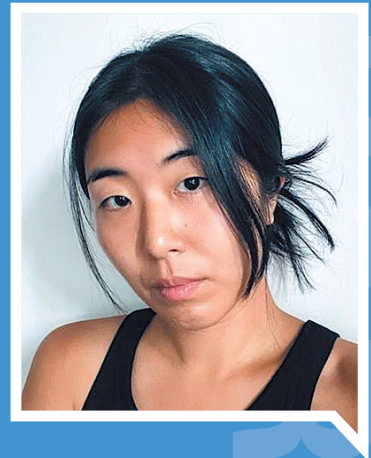
A Korean American stylist was honored by being one of the British Fashion Council's 2022 NEW WAVE: Creatives, which is a list of 50 of the most innovative and talented young people from around the world.

The list was published in October on the BFC website and fashionawards.com, and Herin Choi, a stylist who works in New York, was included on the list. The list contains "rising stars" who are considered to have potential to create new waves in the fashion and design industries.

Choi graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and built her styling career through Net-a-Porter in New York. After going freelance, she worked with Thom Browne, Nike, Apple, MAC Cosmetics and other companies. Her works were introduced in many fashion magazines, including Vogue, Vogue Korea, Teen Vogue and Allure, as well as many independent media.

Through her Instagram account, Choi described her work as follows: "Clothes tell a story and showcase personal beauty. That's why I try to focus more on people and the stories they have to tell. Korean food, Korean sayings, folklore, history and my family are all sources I try to draw inspiration from. It's very fun to represent Korean culture in a beautiful way."

She is the second daughter of Choi Hwa-seop, chairman of the board at Open Bank. 🇰🇷



Award named after Korean to be created at Illinois State University

Terry Shin contributes US\$2 million to alma mater; university creates Shin Humanitarian Award


Illinois State University, which was founded in 1857, has created an award named after a Korean. According to WIN Television, a local overseas Korean broadcaster, the new Shin Humanitarian Award is named after Terry Shin, the owner of Swagger Foods.

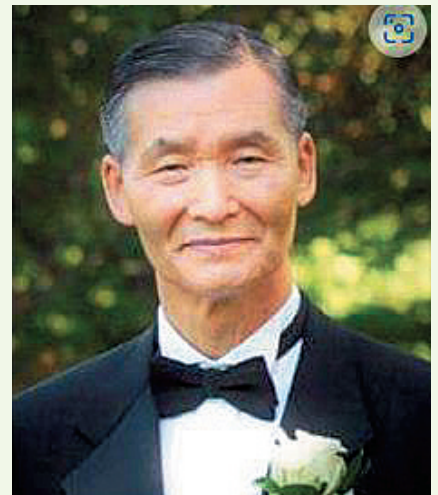
The award will now be offered to people who have set examples of humanitarian excellence, selecting leaders who show honesty and courage as they devote themselves to their communities and protect human rights, deal with environmental issues, educate the public on sex discrimination issues and help in other areas as well. Winners will also be given an opportunity to give a speech to students. The detailed plan and amount of money to be offered have not been made public.

The university decided to use the US\$2 million that Shin recently donated to his alma mater to create the award.

"I hope that we can all accept the humanitarian spirit, respecting each other and filling this world with love and peace," Shin said, explaining his reasons for the donation.

Shin hails from Masan, South Gyeongsang. He graduated from the Department of Food Science & Technology at the University of Busan and worked at Lotte Foods. In 1974, he moved to America with his wife, You H. Shin, where he worked at a lab for a food company in Chicago. After four years, he founded Swagger Foods in Vernon Hills, Chicago, and currently fulfills orders for global food giants like Kraft and Frito Lay. His company has been selected as the Supplier of the Year and received the Minority Business Award.

While running his company, he acquired a Master's and Ph.D. in food and nutrition at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He was formerly the president of the central west branch of the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) and offers scholarships to Korean students looking to study engineering or the natural sciences in college. He donated \$35,000 last year to KSEA, and established the Tai Ryang and You Hyun Shin Scholarship. He also served as the president of a Korean association in Chicago, volunteering his time for the Korean community. 



Terry Shin, president of Swagger Foods (Photo courtesy of Hankook Ilbo Chicago)



The WIN Television's broadcast shows Terry Shin donating US\$2 million to Illinois State University.

‘We will hold a Korean festival together with mainstream society’: Jeon So-young, president of South Africa Korean Association

‘Embracing the youth is important; we will create mentoring and youth camps as well’

“Korean culture is so popular that more than half of the guests at the Chuseok Festival were locals. We will expand a little next year to open a Korean culture festival that will be the talk of the city.”

Jeon So-young, president of the South Africa Korean Association, took part in HANIN 2022 held at the Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon from Oct. 4-7. Her goal is to turn a Korean culture festival into a core attraction of the city of Johannesburg.

“We resumed the festival after a two-year hiatus on account of COVID-19 and made it so people of other ethnicities could also participate,” the 44-year-old said in a press interview. “Our promotion window was short, but many people still came. It showed just how popular the Korean Wave has become.”

The Chuseok Festival, which was held at an elementary school in Johannesburg on Sept. 24, drew around 500 participants despite the pandemic.

“The biggest attraction was the traditional games from the drama ‘Squid Game,’” Jeon said. “Local Korean Wave enthusiasts who came asked for it to be held again next year, since they wanted to bring their family and friends.

“The ‘hanbok’ experience booth had long lines of locals, and the Korean food we prepared was gone before we knew it. The festival is worth expanding,” she said confidently.

Jeon was an office worker for around 10 years, after which she went to South Africa to study English and enhance her skill set. She ended up settling down. She also is the president of Topgirl Hair, a distributor of wigs and beauty products. She joined the Korean association in 2009.

She became the secretary-general, then the senior vice president and finally the president of the Korean association in March through a vote. She is the first female president and also the youngest in the South Africa Korean Association’s 32-year history.

“Gender is meaningless when it comes to volunteering,” Jeon said. “We will become the hub for around 4,000 Koreans and strive to create a Korean association in which the youth



Jeon So-young, president of the South Africa Korean Association, gives an interview.



A scene from the Chuseok Festival held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Sept. 24

participate.”

After taking office, she opened the Youth Business Forum in July as her first undertaking. It was a career and jobseeking mentoring event, in which established people from each field shared their experiences and were well-received by young adults.

She also created the South African Korean Young Adult Group.

“This will help the youth join the Korean community in a natural way,” she emphasized. “Next year we’ll open a Korean young adult camp to allow them to create a network. Volunteering is in my blood, and I enjoy every moment of it.” 장

‘Diplomacy is impossible without her’: U.S. secretary of state sheds light on role of State Department’s Korean American interpreting services division chief

‘Communication is key to diplomacy’: Lee Yeon-hyang

Antony Blinken, the U.S. secretary of state, emphasized the importance of interpretation in diplomacy and highlighted the role of a Korean American interpreting services division chief.

Blinken visited the Office of Language Services on Sept. 30 in an episode of a video series called “Walks with Tony,” in which he tours the U.S. Department of State and introduces the roles of various divisions.

“She is an essential member of our diplomatic interpretation team, and we can’t get any work done without her and her team,” he said, introducing the interpreting services division chief, Lee Yeon-hyang, who is a Korean American.

She has been a Korean interpreter for the State Department since the early 2000s, having studied at the Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation in the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. She attracted much attention as the interpreter for the summit between former President Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un, the supreme leader of North Korea.

The Office of Language Services was founded by the first U.S. secretary of state and third U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson. It provides interpretation services for the president, vice president, the secretary of state and other high-ranking officials.

Lee explained that the office currently employs around 60 full-time personnel, as well as around 1,000 interpreters and translators who are contract workers.

“We cover practically all languages,” Lee explained. “We have a big team, and we’re very proud of what we do.”

“It’s surprising that interpreters can not only convey the meaning of individual words, but the tone and emphasis as well,” Blinken said.

“In diplomacy, expressions are chosen very carefully,” Lee explained. “Diplomatic translation and interpretation have the highest level of difficulty. It’s difficult work, but it’s never boring. And it’s an amazing thing to take part as you watch history in the making.”

Entering an interpreter’s booth and watching Lee interpret in real time, Blinken said: “That is an incredible skill. We can’t do any diplomacy without interpretation.”



1 In a video uploaded by the U.S. Department of State on Sept. 30, Secretary of State Antony Blinken (L) speaks to the Korean American interpreter and interpreting division chief Lee Yeon-hyang.

2 Former U.S. President Donald Trump (C) and Kim Jong-un (L), supreme leader of North Korea, meet at the Inter-Korean House of Freedom, south of Panmunjeom, on June 30, 2019. Lee Yeon-hyang (R) interpreted for Trump.

“Communication is the key not only to diplomacy but to world peace and everything else,” Lee said. “That’s why we’re always looking for interpreters and translators. I invite people to come and take a test to become part of our team and witness world events.” [📺](#)

Kim Dong-hyeon,
Yonhap News Agency correspondent in Washington, D.C.

First Korean-style graduation ceremony held for Department of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin

“It’s time for us to part. Perhaps life will bring us together again.”

The Korean Studies Department of Freie Universität Berlin held a graduation ceremony on Oct. 14. Fifty new students of the department, who were to begin their classes the following week, professors, lecturers and other faculty members sang the song “Say Goodbye” for the departing students.

The students had also sung “Lonely Arirang” and “Loving You” for the graduates earlier. The students were grateful for this gesture and responded affectionately.

“The professors are very kind,” Katy, a graduate, said. “Please go to them with any questions you have and be sure to receive a lot of help from older students.” She wished for the incoming students to enjoy their time at the university.

The graduation ceremony was conducted in a Korean style for the first time, wherein the dean read the diplomas out loud and handed them out personally. The 14 bachelor’s and master’s graduates received diplomas written in Korean, acknowledging them for their diligent studies and were given striped shawls embroidered with the department design. They then took photos amid the audience’s applause.

Graduation ceremonies are not usually held in Germany, with diplomas simply being sent to students’ addresses. In comparison, these students were given a relatively grandiose ceremony.

“For the first time ever, new students and graduate students alike came together for a Korean-style graduation ceremony. We plan to continue this every year,” said Lee Eun-jung, dean of the Department of History and Cultural Studies and the Institute of



1 New students, professors and faculty members sing “Say Goodbye” for the graduating students at a graduation ceremony held by the Korean Studies Department of Freie Universität Berlin on Oct. 14.

2 Anna, who won an award for her master’s paper, poses for a photo at the first Korean-style graduation ceremony at Freie Universität Berlin.

Korean Studies. “This is to allow new and graduating students, who will be active in Germany and Europe, to form close connections as graduates of the same major.


“Many students seemed envious of the large entrance and graduation ceremonies of South Korea,” she added. “We did a survey, and 80 percent responded that they wanted a diploma and a graduation ceremony.”

The graduates invited their parents, and the first floor of the department building where the ceremony was held was full of people.

“I studied in Korea for a year,” said Anna, who works at a foreign trading company and wrote an award-winning master’s paper on the spread of K-dramas in Germany. “The thing I was most jealous of was the graduation ceremonies. Korean Studies was fun, but I also made a lot of good friends. I hope the new students will get along with the older students and study hard.”

At the event, Park Moon-sook, an associate professor of music and voice at the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, sang

many songs, including “On Wings of Song” by Felix Mendelssohn, “None But The Lonely Heart” by Tchaikovsky, “Sanyuhwa,” “Saetayreong,” “Suseonhwa,” “Flowery Rain,” “Ari Arirang” and “Lee Euk And Arirang.” The pianist Kwon In-hoe and the cellist Gong Yu-bin also took part in the performance.

The previous week Park, who also conducted the pieces, taught the new students the Korean language through songs. 

Lee Yul,

Yonhap News Agency correspondent in Berlin, Germany

World Assembly of Korean Associations to 'form platform to support prosperity for Koreans worldwide, as well as humanity'

The World Assembly of Korean Associations (President Shim Sang-man) declared it would create a global platform for the joint prosperity of humanity and Koreans worldwide at the first founding anniversary workshop held at the Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon on Oct. 7.

President Shim Sang-man and Senior Vice President Yoo Je-heon (president of the Association of Korean Residents in Europe) stated they would be forming a Korean association network worldwide, vitalizing public diplomacy activities for the enhancement of Korean associations' capabilities, and carrying out research and surveys to satisfy the needs of the overseas Korean community, in addition to foreign cooperation activities.

They also emphasized that they would strive to create cooperation among local governments, various institutions and Korean associations in South Korea, and that they would take the lead in the discovery and nurturing of young talent.

"The World Assembly of Korean Associations will speak for the 7.32 million overseas Koreans out there, based on the support and participation of Korean association leaders worldwide," Shim said. "In addition, we will do our best to become a trustworthy partner, always working for the betterment of overseas Koreans."

Participants held up signs that read, "May the National Assembly authorize the overseas Korean service," requesting that both the ruling and opposition parties work together to amend the law so that the long-standing wishes of the overseas Korean community can be fulfilled.

Around 200 people were present at the event, including Kim Seong-gon



World Assembly of Korean Associations President Shim Sang-man declares the assembly's vision at a workshop for its first anniversary at Songdo Convensia Convention Center on Oct. 7.

(president of the Overseas Koreans Foundation), Kim Deok-ryong (president of the World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce), the leaders of Korean association federations from various continents and Korean association leaders who took part in HANIN.

The World Assembly of Korean Associations, which was founded last October, represents the 10 Korean association federations in various continents, as well as approximately 500 regional Korean associations. The membership consists of Korean association leaders.

London Korean School celebrates 50th anniversary 'Oldest in Europe'

The London Korean School, a Korean language school on the southern outskirts of London, held its 50th anniversary celebration on Oct. 17.

"Jeong Mi-ryung, a former professor at Oxford who was a graduate student in 1972, brought nine students with her and started this school as the Children's School in England," said a representative of the London Korean School. "This was earlier than similar schools in 1973 in Germany and 1974 in France, making this the oldest Korean language school in Europe."

The London Korean School currently has 32 teachers and 300 students.

It is a nonregular school that teaches Koreans living abroad the Korean language and culture. The Ministry of Education and the Overseas Koreans Foundation provides textbooks and part of the operating fees.



Students of the London Korean School make the number 50 in the school lobby in celebration of the school's 50th anniversary on Oct. 17.

'Korean Theater! May you live forever!' shouted in Kazakhstan

The Korean Theater, located in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and headed by Kim Yelena, celebrated its 90th anniversary on Oct. 1 with a celebration and performance.

Present at the event were around 300 people, including Choi Yuri (former councilor), representatives from the Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Almaty City Hall, Koryo-saram and a delegation from Korea.

The event consisted of the recital of a congratulatory speech from Culture Minister Dauren Abayev; a speech from Shin Yuri, president of the Association of Koreans in Kazakhstan; and rewards presented to notable members of the theater.

A celebratory performance expressed the 90-year history of the theater, which started in Vladivostok, Russia, in 1932, and involved the difficulties posed by the forced immigration to central Asia in 1937 and the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

The fifth- and sixth-generation members of the theater joined veteran



Veteran Koryo-saram actors, as well as fifth- and sixth-generation actors, stand on the stage and wave back at a cheering crowd at the 90th anniversary performance of the Korean Theater in Kazakhstan on Oct. 1.

actors, including North Korean actor Kim Lim-ma, stating their resolve to "continue the shining tradition of the Korean Theater and continue our culture forever." They then shouted, "Korean Theater! May you live forever!" to loud applause.

The Korean Theater, which is the oldest Korean performing group in the entire world, was first created on Sept. 9, 1932, when Imperial Japan held sway over Korea. In the forced emigration of Koreans in 1937, they moved to Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan, passing through Ushtobe later on before settling in Almaty, where they are

now based.

The Korean Theater has performed over 300 plays, including "Chunhyangjeon" and "Heungbujeon." They have a theater team, choir, dance team and "samulnori" team, holding tours of each city in Koryo and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), in addition to engaging with theater groups in Korea.

Korean organizations in each country issue sorrowful statements about Seoul Halloween crowd crush

The World Assembly of Korean Associations (President Shim Sang-man), The Federation of Korean Associations, USA (Presidents Guk Seung-gu and Kim Byung-jik) and other major Korean organizations worldwide have issued their heartfelt messages to the victims of the recent Seoul Halloween crowd crush and offered their condolences to the families of the deceased.

In a statement issued Nov. 2, the World Assembly of Korean Associations said: "As an organization that represents approximately 500 Korean associations worldwide, we cannot contain our sorrow at the terrible disaster that has taken place on Oct. 29 in Itaewon, Yongsan, Seoul. We pray for the souls of the deceased and for the speedy recovery of the injured. To the families who have lost people precious to them: 7.5 million overseas Koreans share in your sadness, and we offer our sincerest condolences. We urge the South Korean government to quickly and thoroughly control the situation and provide solutions."

The Federation of Korean Associations, USA also offered a consolation letter, in which they prayed for the souls of the deceased and offered their commiseration to the bereaved.

"We hope that no more people will be hurt from the incident, and we will

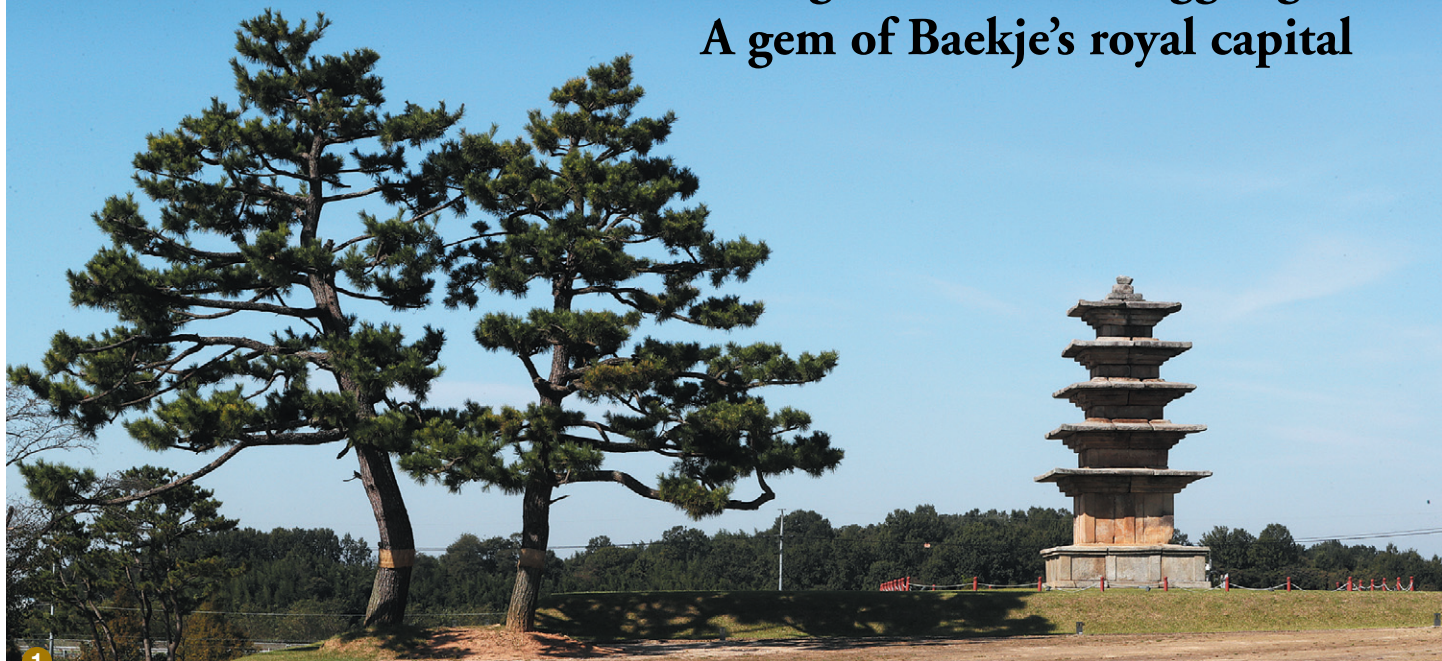


Overseas Koreans pray for the victims of the Seoul Halloween crowd crush at a group memorial altar set up by the Korean Canadian Cultural Association of Metropolitan Toronto.

take an active part in doing whatever we can," it read.

The Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, the Korea Association in Singapore, the Korean Canadian Cultural Association of Metropolitan Toronto and other Korean associations created group memorial altars in their community centers and operated them until Nov. 4. These Korean associations also put out statements to mourn the deceased and console the bereaved families.

Stone Pagoda at Mireuk Temple and Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri A gem of Baekje's royal capital



Iksan, North Jeolla Province, was named one of the “four great ancient cities,” along with Gongju, Chungnam and Gyeongju, North Gyeongsang Province, in 2004. It was also Baekje’s royal capital, following Gongju and Buyeo. Mireuk Temple, once the greatest Buddhist temple in eastern Asia, its tower and the Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri showcase Iksan’s royal splendor.

Stone Pagoda at Mireuk Temple opens new chapter in repair of stone cultural assets

The author of this article visited Mireuk Temple in Iksan on a clear, sunny day in the fall. The site, considered the largest Buddhist temple site in the east, sits cozily on Mount Mireuk and provides a quiet comfort to its visitors.

This is where the western stone pagoda of the site -- responsible for opening a new chapter in the repair of Korean cultural assets -- can be found. To the right of the pagoda lies the eastern pagoda of the site, which is an outstanding example of the wrong way to go about cultural asset repairs. The western and eastern pagodas were twin pagodas assumed to have been built with the same shape and height. Because the restoration plans and methods were different, however, they look completely different now that both have been restored and repaired.

South Korea has so many pagodas that some refer to the country as the “nation of pagodas.” Pagodas contain precious cultural heritages like “sarira reliquaries” and Buddhist scriptures, which often serve as keys to solving ancient historical mysteries. The Stone Pagoda at Mireuk Temple shows in detail how Korea’s wooden pagodas transitioned into stone pagodas.

Mireuk Temple is estimated to have been built at the time of King Mu of Baekje (600-641) and maintained up to the Joseon period in the 1600s. It was the largest Buddhist temple site in Baekje and eastern Asia among the temples whose sites have been measured. The pagoda, standing tall like a symbol of the temple, is the oldest and largest in Korea. It was repaired for 20 long years until 2019, the longest time that any single cultural asset took to repair. After the repairs were completed, the number of yearly visitors to the temple site increased from tens of thousands to over 100,000.

When the Cultural Asset Commission decided to demolish and repair the unstable pagoda in 1999, it was little more than a hunk of concrete as Imperial Japan had relied heavily on concrete to make repairs in 1915. Almost 185 tons of concrete were removed from the pagoda while it was taken apart. But such repairs did not complete the restoration as there were missing sections.

The final repairs on the Stone Pagoda at Mireuk Temple were

based on the research of experts rather than guesswork, and all kinds of scientific techniques were utilized in a slow process. A protracted repair period was inevitable as a result. Once the pagoda was restored to its original glory, it became more authentic and historic as a cultural asset. The recovery process is considered to have elevated Korea's technique in such matters to a global level.

The eastern pagoda, on the other hand, was restored in less than two years, from 1992 to 1993. At the time, the pagoda had been basically a ruin, with precious little of it left intact. The authorities and scholars, based on what research they could perform, guessed the original height and shape of the tower, and rebuilt it as a nine-story pagoda. They cut new stone during the restoration process because most of the original stone was missing. People criticized the restoration project for being hastily and carelessly carried out, and mocked the resulting pagoda as a “dead tower with artificial beauty.”

Mireuk Temple officially opened its doors in August of this year upon the completion of the project that ran from 2006 to 2022.

Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri, a place imbued with King Mu's dream of Baekje's revival

About 5 kilometers south of Mireuk Temple is Wanggung-ri, where another large Baekje historic site stands. This was where King Mu of Baekje built his palace, which was later used as a Buddhist temple after his death. King Mu was the father of Uija of Baekje, the last king of Baekje. He dreamed of a revival for the nation during his reign of some 40 years. The revival project took place in Iksan, where he was born and raised. Baekje, whose capital had been in present-day Seoul for nearly 500 years, relocated its capital to Gongju and then to Buyeo. Recent research revealed that the capital was moved once again to Iksan during King Mu's reign.

The current site only retains traces of the palace and its facilities, with only the Five-story Stone Pagoda in Wanggung-ri (National Treasure No. 289), famous for its simple aesthetics, standing intact. Only this pagoda occupies the large site. The research on the Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri began in 1989 and continues to this day. Investigations revealed an outer wall and internal structures, a first for any Baekje palace. The southern half of the palace was used for state affairs and rites, while the northern half contained gardens for relaxation.

The northern side contained a workshop that produced gold and glass, which were the greatest valuables of the time. It also houses the largest and oldest bathroom facility in Korea. It has a very scientific structure; the bathrooms were built on an incline to allow water to flow downward, carrying waste to the river. In addition, the pits for the bathrooms were dug over 3 meters deep, and the outlets for the water from the pits were placed higher inside the pits. This clever design is similar to how septic tanks work today.

The site provides clear insights into how palaces were built in Baekje and how life went on inside them. The Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri and Mireuk Temple were registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites as part of the Baekje Historic Area in 2015. 🇰🇷



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- 1 The Archaeological Site in Wanggung-ri, with only a five-story pagoda and some foundation stones remaining
- 2 A view of Mireuk Temple in Iksan
- 3 The Stone Pagoda at Mireuk Temple, revealed to the public on April 30, 2019, after 20 years of restoration work
- 4 The western pagoda of Mireuk Temple, considered to be a standout example of a “failed cultural heritage restoration”

Overseas Koreans Foundation sponsors preview of documentary ‘Chosen’ Deals with Koreans’ attempts to become U.S. representatives

A preview of “Chosen,” a documentary of five Koreans who ran for U.S. Congress in 2020, was held at the CGV movie theater in Yeouido, Seoul, on Oct. 26, with the funding of the Overseas Koreans Foundation.

The five candidates for the elections, which set a record for the number of Koreans involved, were Marilyn Strickland, David Kim, Michelle Park Steel, Young Kim and Andy Kim.

This is the second work of director Joseph Juhn, an overseas Korean who was formerly a lawyer. It documents the five candidates, shedding new light on the changes the overseas Korean community has made over the past 30 years and a new version of the American dream.

In addition, the election process also introduced the current state of the Korean community in the United States. In the actual election, four of them were elected, with the exception of David Kim.

“The film will help people understand how the five grew up as immigrants, why they became politicians and how the Los Angeles riots of 1992 impacted people, showing them how the overseas Korean community in the U.S. is changing,” an OKF representative said.

The movie premiered to the general public on Nov. 3.



The documentary film “Chosen” (Photo courtesy of Connect Pictures)

2022 Korean Festival celebrates 120th anniversary of Korean emigration

A festival celebrating the 120th anniversary of the first official emigration of Koreans was held at the Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon on Oct. 4. The Overseas Koreans Foundation, together with Incheon and KBS, hosted the 2022 Korean Festival: a Dream of 120 Years.

On Dec. 22, 1902, 121 people from the Korean Empire left Wolmido, Incheon. They boarded the Genkai Maru, a Japanese ship, and traveled to Nagasaki. With the exception of 19 people who failed to pass a physical examination there, 102 of them then boarded the U.S. commercial ship RMS Gaelic and arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Jan. 13 of the following year. Nine of them returned to their mother country due to ill health from the long voyage, and only 93 of them were sent to work at the sugar cane farms in Mokuleia, Oahu. This marked the first official



A view of the stage at the 2022 Korean Festival: a Dream of 120 Years, held at Songdo Convensia Convention Center in Incheon on Oct. 4

emigration of Koreans.

The Overseas Koreans Foundation organized this festival in order to celebrate the noble spirit of overseas Koreans who continued to harbor patriotism and enthusiasm despite such emigration hardships, retaining their identities as Koreans and working in various fields. The festival was also meant to provide consolation to them.

Kim Min-ha, who left a powerful impression on the public through her role as Sunja in Apple TV+’s “Pachinko,” was a special presenter for this event. The actor Joo Jong-hyuk served as the MC amid a series of touching performances from the musical actress Kim Sohyun, the popular crossover group Forte di Quattro, the Seodo Band, Sohyang, Ailee, Hwang Chi-yeul, Kim Jae-hwan and Choi Yoojung from the group Weki Meki.

'2023 Overseas Korean Community Support Project Demand Survey'

The Overseas Koreans Foundation will be carrying out a "2023 Overseas Korean Community Support Project Demand Survey" targeting overseas Korean organizations worldwide. The survey will take place from Nov. 11 to Dec. 12, 2022. Detailed inquiries regarding projects can be made using the contact information at the following website (https://www.korean.net/portal/customer/pg_business_notice.do?mode=view&articleNo=1001184322#/list).

Inquiries regarding the online application system can be made via telephone (82-64-786-0293, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) or email (pms01@okf.or.kr).

Projects that have their own demand surveys include the following: support for the rights and interests of Koryo-saram, support for the establishment of Korean community centers, support for the Republic of Korean Residents Union in Japan (Mindan), support for the Korean language school operation expenses, support program for the educational materials in schools for ethnic Koreans living in China, support for vulnerable multicultural overseas Koreans, support of traditional cultural supplies and support for young Korean adoptees.



Overseas Koreans Foundation's Book Recommendations



'Une Vie Entre Deux Rives'

Fleur Pellerin / Gimm-Young Publishers, Inc.

There is a person living in France who has been the minister delegate for small and medium-sized enterprises, innovation and the digital economy; secretary of state for foreign trade, tourism and French nationals abroad; and French minister of culture and communications, a first for anyone of Asian descent. Her name is Fleur Pellerin. She was mentioned in a South Korean paper in 2013 as the "daughter of Korea." With regard to the news at the time, she stated that she hadn't been able to be honest about her concerns and thoughts about her own sense of identity. As she saw the many interview requests from Korean journalists and the articles written about her, she gave some thought to her own identity and how she should develop her career. She then wrote a book containing her thoughts and reflections on her many life decisions. Pellerin was adopted by French parents. Through her book, readers can learn about her life story, her return to her mother country and what it means to cross the border of the heart rather than a physical border between countries.



'Study of Modern Koryo-Saram 6' (Kazakhstan)

Myung Dmitri / Seonin Publishing Company

Around 160 years ago, the Koreans who lived in Primorsky Krai were forced to immigrate to various parts of Central Asia. The Koryo-saram Diaspora of Central Asia, which began with 13 families consisting of around 40 people, has now expanded to a population of 500,000. Koryo-saram have interacted with their mother country for a long time, beginning with their forced immigration to their relations with Korea. A collection of books has been published, detailing research on the Koryo-saram that live in various countries in Russia and Central Asia today. The sixth book in the collection, "Study of Modern Koryo-Saram 6," focuses on modern Koryo-saram individuals who live in Kazakhstan. The author of the book is Myung Dmitri, a professor of Korean Studies at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. The book delves into the reconstruction of kolkhoz (collective farms) and traditional aspects, such as Koryo-saram families, social life and marriage, and will allow the reader to learn about the identity and future of modern Koryo-saram.





Korean Festival in Canberra and Sydney resumes for first time in 3 years The Korean Festival in Australia, which had been held every year since 2012 before being stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resumed after three years. Australia Korea Culture & Art Inc. (Chairman Don Ko), along with the National Unification Advisory Council, held this festival at the Cultural Centre Kambri in Canberra on Oct. 8 and at The Concourse in Sydney on Oct. 11. The festival consisted of Korean traditional music performances by those trained in Korean intangible cultural assets, such as the Yipchum, the Jindo Bukchum, the Gyeongbokgung Taryeong, the Ggot Tayreong and the Namdo Minyo. The band UheeSka also performed on stage. The band, which incorporates Jamaican ska and the Hwimorjangdan Rhythmic Cycle of Korea, is very popular with millennials and Generation Z. In their performance in Australia, they showcased a unique performance by expressing reggae music in a Korean style.

World-OKTA establishes branch in Dhaka, Bangladesh; now has 141 branches in 67 countries

The World Federation of Overseas Korean Traders Association (World-OKTA) stated on Oct. 6 it had established a new branch in Dhaka, Bangladesh, to expand its Korean economic network in southwestern Asia. This means that World-OKTA is now an overseas Korean economic body with 141 branches in 67 separate countries. Baek Myeong-ho, president of Future Networks, was named the first leader of the new branch. He expanded his business to the country around 20 years ago. He operates an internet service provider that offers contact-free education using apps, among other services. He also takes part in medical volunteer work as the director for publicity at a Korean association. "I will do the best to my ability to aid Korean businesses and businesspeople looking to expand into Bangladesh," Baek said.



World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce opens World Korean Business Leaders Convention in Seoul The World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce (Chairperson Kim Deok-ryong, President Han Chang-woo) held the 48th World Korean Business Leaders Convention on Oct. 24 on the 15th floor of the Kensington Hotel in Yeouido, Seoul. The event consisted of a speech from Chairperson Kim Deok-ryong, business presentations by The Dream Island and Gaoncell. In addition, a publication party for John Lim's new book, "Rejected Stone," was also held. John Lim was a former Oregon state representative and Oregon state senator. This was followed by the opening ceremony of the 19th World Korean Youth Leader's Conference, hosted by the World Korean Community Foundation (President Kim Deok-ryong). The World Federation of Korean Association of Commerce, founded in 1993, has members from around 200 Korean business associations and businessmen from 68 countries. It takes part in the GTH Expo held by Gangwon Province every year, and also hosts Korean business leader conventions in South Korea and abroad.

Museum of Korea Emigration History holds special exhibition; 'The Waves Return to Chemulpo' sheds light on 120 years of emigration history

The Museum of Korea Emigration History, which is affiliated with the Incheon City Museum, is holding a special exhibition that spotlights the history of Korean emigrants who spread throughout the world in celebration of 120 years of emigration. The exhibition is titled "Waves Return to Chemulpo," through which photos and videos containing the past and present of Koreans will be put on display from Oct. 6 to Nov. 20. The first official emigration from Korea began when 121 people left on the Genkai Maru, a Japanese passenger ship, from Chemulpo Harbor in Incheon on Dec. 22. On Jan. 13, 102 of them, excluding 19 who failed to pass a physical examination, landed in Honolulu, Hawaii. This exhibition, sponsored by the Overseas Koreans Foundation, has five parts: Korean communities around the world and stories of overseas Koreans who contributed to their mother country; the labor immigration to Hawaii, the forced deportation of Koryo-saram and overseas Koreans in Japan; the overseas Korean independent movement; emancipation from the Korean War and marriages and adoptions; and miners and nurses dispatched to Germany, as well as construction workers.



Name of central street in São Paulo's Koreatown changed to include Coreia With the 60-year anniversary of Korean immigration to Brazil coming up next year, the name of Prates, a central road in the city, was changed to Prates-Coreia. The Consulate General of Korea in São Paulo and the city of São Paulo, in celebration of this fact, opened an event to change the name of the road and its signs to "Prates-Coreia" on Oct. 11. In addition, Korean-Brazilian symbolic cultural works by Joo Jae-bum, a pixel artist, are being shown at Tiradentes Station, a subway station that connects to Koreatown. The Consulate General of Korea in São Paulo is working on renaming this station as well to Tiradentes-Coreia.

Provides updates on events held by overseas Korean organizations (Korean associations, Korean language schools, etc.). If you have news you'd like widely shared, please submit it to prc@okf.or.kr

We look forward to tolerant overseas Korean policies

In October, with the announcement of the Yoon Suk-yeol administration's plans for government restructuring, the establishment of an overseas Korean service was confirmed. This is welcome news, as there will now be a central control point where various agendas and policies regarding overseas Koreans can be established and executed in a systematic and integrated manner.

As of 2021, there were 7.32 million overseas Koreans worldwide. This number is expected to continue to grow. If we consider that the domestic population of South Korea is on the decline, the proportion of overseas Koreans in the general Korean population (inclusive of both Koreans inside South Korea and overseas Koreans) is likely to continue to increase. Overseas Koreans are already contributing greatly to the economy and public diplomacy of South Korea, and will continue to grow their influence over the country's society and culture. The government has also become aware that these overseas Koreans are part of the country's human resources and have been working to enhance the rights, interests and networks of the overseas Koreans.

The overseas Korean service that is to be established must have a status and authority befitting of the scale and importance of the 7.32 million overseas Koreans out there. Most important of all is that, with regard to the role and direction of the institution, the actual opinions of the overseas Koreans must be heard. Policies must be created to be tolerant of overseas Koreans in various countries and have a long-term outlook, encompassing the youth and unborn future generations.

Sadly, some are not happy with dedicating the administrative power and budget of the country to overseas Koreans. People who like to take sides will ask questions like, "Which side will you take if



Kim Jeom-bae,
chairperson of the 20th World Korean Business
Convention


your country of residence goes to war against South Korea?" and force them to make a choice.

To such people, I'd like to say that it is overseas Koreans who will be the most chagrined by such a war. Overseas Koreans of various nationalities are people who will be of practical help in maintaining peaceful relationships between their mother country and countries of residence in addition to making mutually beneficial arrangements possible in the areas of economy, society and national defense.


The overseas Koreans scattered worldwide have clung to their identities as Koreans, despite the government's long lack of interest, and formed networks. It was overseas Koreans, not

some government agency, who created an economic body and formed Korean business networks. This year, the overseas Korean community gathered its strength, overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic and holding the largest Korean networking events -- HANIN and the World Korean Business Convention -- after a three-year hiatus.

Koreans in the United States, awakened by the Los Angeles riots of 1992 and other events, are striving to create windows of communication into mainstream society. They have also made themselves heard, furthering their rights and interests. The 7.32 million overseas Koreans must now actively raise their voices toward their mother country and seek the interests of the Korean government and its people.


The new overseas Korean service must be an institution that speaks for the 7.32 million overseas Koreans, exists for the overseas Koreans and is made possible by the overseas Koreans. Raising our voices as overseas Koreans will not only improve our rights and interests but will provide valuable insights to Korean society as it enters the era of global multiculturalism. 


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President Kim Seong-gon Nov. 5: Keynote lecture at welcome ceremony for scholarship students invited by Overseas Koreans Foundation
Nov. 11: Welcome luncheon for 2022 Overseas Korean Invitational Training for Journalists
Nov. 23: Public diplomacy expert session with overseas Koreans



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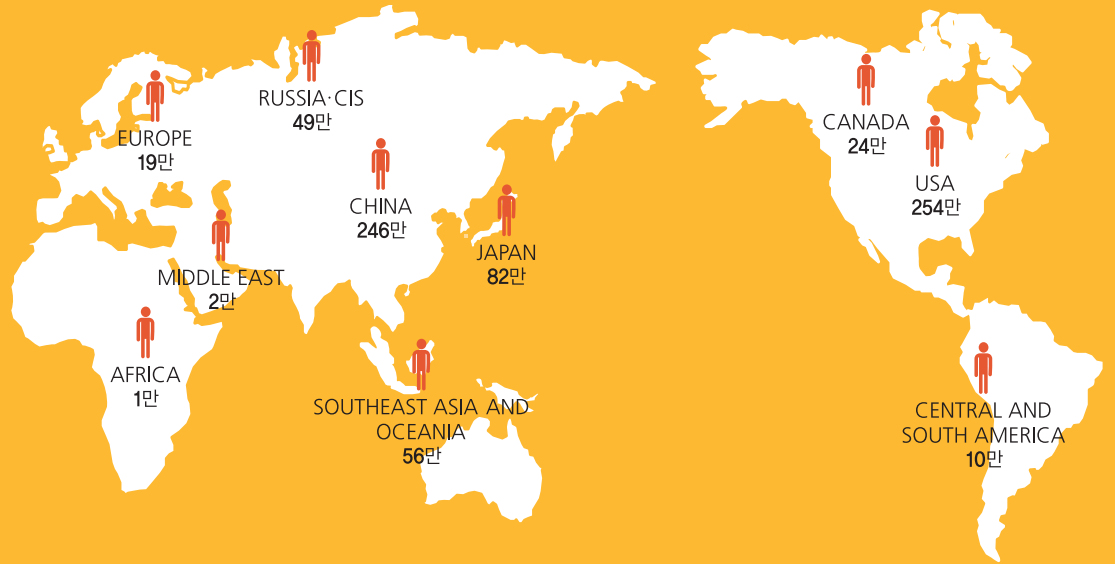


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