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**Annual Report of Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch, for 1970**

The Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch, celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding in 1970 and had an active year of progress in its many activities. The membersnip of the Society in December 1970 totaled 633 members, including 450 members in Korea ; 160 overseas members ; and 23 life members. A summary of the major RAS activities in 1970 in its three primary fields is as follows:

RAS Meetings: During the year 1970 the Society held 21 meetings, including 13 with regular speakers; four panel discussions; three for movies ; and one Anniversary Party at the Toksu Palace, which included an anniversary speech by a former President of the Society, Dr. L. George Paik, as well as performances by Korean musicians and dancers.

RAS Tours: During the year 1970,the Royal Asiatic Society conducted 38 tours to all parts of Korea and to Hong Kong. Over 1,000 people participated in these tours, which included 26 of one-day duration ; four of two-days; seven of three-days; and one of seven-days.

RAS Publications: The year 1970 was an active one for the publication of RAS Transactions and books, highlighted by the publication of the first book of the RAS guidebook series Seoul: Past and Present, by Dr. Allen D. Clark and Donald N. Clark ; and Volume 45 of the RAS Transactions, entitled “Mass Communications in a Developing Korea. During 1970, the fifth printing of Dr. Paul S. Crane’s Korean Patterns was completed. Plans are underway for the publication of an index to all volumes of the RAS Transactions issued since 19(0. New RAS books scheduled for publication in 1971 include The Birds of Korea by Mr. M. E. J. Gore and Dr. Won Pyong-oh (May 1971); Dr. Gari Led- yard’s The Dutch Come to Korea (July, 1971); Dr. James Hoyt’s translation of The Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven (August [page94] 1971); Dr. Edward Wright’s Politics in Contemporary Korea (Fall 1971); Dr. Pak Ki-hyuk,s Three Clan Villages in Korea, (Fall 1971); Dr. James S. Gale’s A History of the Korean People, (December 1971); and Volume 46 of the Transactions,”Life in Urban Korea” (May 1971). In addition, new editions of two other popular RAS books will be printed,including Dr. Hahm Pyong-choon’s Korean Political Tradition and Law (June 1971); and Bishop Richard Rutt’s Korean Works and Days (May 1971).

New RAS Offices: The RAS moved to new quarters on the 10th floor of the Korea Times Building near the ROK Capitol in December 1970. It is anticipated that, under the leadership of the new President, His Excellency, Ambassador Nigel C. C. Trench, the year 1971 will be among the most productive and worthwhile in the long history of the Society.