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**Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1982**

The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland was established by King George IV in 1824 for “the purpose of investigation of subjects connected with or for the encouragement of science, literature and arts in relation to Asia.” The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was founded on June 16, 1900 by a small group of foreigners who were concerned with the promotion of scholarly investigation of Korea and her neighbors.

The Korea Branch has continued over the years to sponsor lecture meetings, tours, film showings and publications in support of its objectives. The size of the membership has consistently grown from its initial 17 members in 1900 to over 1,500 in 1982, meeting regularly in Taegu as well as Seoul. Organizational meetings have been held during the year in Pusan and Kwangju as well and it is expected that active chapters will shortly be constituted in those cities.

The membership increased this year from a total of 1486 members in January to a total of 1591 as of the end of November. This included 61 life members, 459 overseas members and 1,071 regular members residing in Korea.

During the year the Society has sponsored 20 meetings in Seoul and 10 meetings in Taegu. The largest turnout was about 320 at Ambassador Richard Walker’s lecture on April 28.

In 1982, 1,948 persons participated in R.A.S. tours to sites of historic and cultural importance. Eight of these tours were of more than one-day duration. The annual garden party was held June 12 at the residence of the American ambassador with an estimated 320 in attendance.

During the year, the Korea Branch published Volume 56 of the Transactions for 1981. The following titles were reprinted to accommodate continuing demands: Taegu Guide, I Married a Korean, Korea’s 1884 Incident, History of the Korean People, and Korean Political Tradition and Law.

Because of increased book sales and the continuing growth of the membership, the Society’s finances are in a healthy state.

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**Seoul Programs**

Date Event Attendance

January 13 The Korea of 1900 200

(Dr. Honrace G. Underwood)

January 27 Fact into Fiction: How One Writer Does It 170

(Mr. Richard E. Kim)

February 10 Tibet: 1981 180

(Ms. Lori Clause)

February 24 The Hyun Chong Non: A Buddhist Response to 70

Neo-Confucian Critiques

(Mr. John Goulde)

Mrach 10 Mu-ka: The Ritual Songs of the Korean Shamans 90

(Mr. Alan Heyman)

March 24 Paul-Georg Moellendorf: Scholar and Statesman 80

(Mr. Walter Leifer)

April 14 Development of Korean Advertising over the 90

Past 100 Years

(Mr. Shin In-sup)

April 28 Changing Patterns in American Diplomacy: 320

Implications for Korean-American Relations

(Amb. Richard L. Walker)

May 12 Korean Perception of America 90

(Dr. Hahm Pyong-Choon)

May 26 Underwater Sojourn—A Fleeting Look 80

(Capt. A. G. Sandy Amacher)

June 9 Aspects of Korean Folk Art: Based on the 100

Collection of the Smithsonian Institution

(Dr. Evelyn McCune)

June 23 A Naturalist in India 90

(Mr. Terry Mills)

July 28 Film Showing of “The Story of the Double 40

Red Gates”

(Korea Motion Picture Promotion Corp.)

August 25 Traditional Royal Court Dance 200

September 8 Traditional Economy Under Pressure: The 80

Late Yi Dynasty Economy and the Opening of

Overseas Trade

(Dr. Tony Michell)

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September 22 Power from Our Afflictions: Korean Women 100

and Infertility

(Dr. Soon Young Yoon)

October 6 Film Showing of “The Story of a Shaman” 50

(Korea Motion Picture Promotion Corp.)

October 13 Premiere Showing of Dr. Ryland Hill’s Two 150

Films on Korea (16 mm)

A) Village & Farm (45 min.)

B) Palace & Pageant (45 min.)

October 27 American Missionaries and 100 Years of 80

Korean Protestatism

(Dr. David Kwang-sun Suh)

November 10 Squaring the Circle: Confessions of a Translator 90

(Dr. Edward W. Poitras)

November 24 Psychiatric Treatment in Korean Culture 85

(Dr. Sang-chan Paek, MD, Ph.D.)

December 8 A Western Painter Meets Korean Painting: 100

The Spoken and the Unspoken in Pictures

(Mr. William Simpson)

**1982 Tours**

Date Place Participants

February 6 Yong P’yong Ski Tour 33

March 27 Kyonghyang Restaurant & Insa-dong 17

April 3-5 Cheju-do 34

April 10 Kiln 47

April 17 Kanghwa-do 72

April 18 Yongwol 72

April 24 Kingdom of Paikjae 110

April 25 Naksonjae and Piwon 112

May 1 Emille Museum and Popchusa on Buddha’s Birthday 150

May 8 North Han River Valley 120

May 15-16 Kumyong-sa in Kyongsang-do 30

May 22 Inchon 65

May 29-30 Keryongsan 21

June 5 Yi Dynasty Architecture in Seoul 36

June 12 Garden Party (U.S. Embassy) 320

June 19 Sudok-sa, Haemi and Hongsong 36

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June 26-27 Kangnung during Tano Festival 52

July 31-Aug. 1 Ch’ollip’o 20

Sept. 5 Ch’ong-P’yong 72

Sept. 3-6 Wando (Island) 20

Sept. 11 Silk Tour 77

Sept. 18 Kangwha-do 31

Sept. 25 Museum Tour 14

Sept. 26 Temples North of Seoul 36

Oct. 3 Mami-san 37

Oct. 9 Yoju and King Sejong’s Tomb 37

Oct. 16 Hwayang-dong 37

Oct. 23 Magok-sa 68

Oct. 28-31 Cholla-namdo Teahouses 21

Nov. 6 Wolchong-sa 29

Nov. 7 Taedun-san 41

Nov. 20 Factory Tour 19

Nov. 21 Kimjang Tour 25

Dec. 3-5 Bird Watching Tour 37

Total 1,948

**Taegu Chapter Committee Members**

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Maureen S. Taylor, Member-at-Large (second 1/2 year)

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**1982**

Date Event Attendance

13 Jan. Films: Korean Mask Dances 60

(Dr. James H. Grayson)

10 Feb. Lecture: The Murder of the Boy King Tangjong 55

(Dr. James Hoyt)

10 Mar. Lecture: Major Themes of Korean Confucianism 45

(Dr. So Mung-Sang)

14 Apr. Lecture: The Korean Educational System 50

(Mr. An Chun-Sang)

26 May Kyemyong University Mask Dance 150

Troupe Performance

9 June Lecture: Diffusion of Buddhism into Korea 70

(Dr. James H. Grayson)

8 Sept. Slide Presentation: Eskimos in Alaska 80

(Dr. James Hayden)

13. Oct. Lecture: Introduction to Korea 40

(Dr. Playzidus Berger)

10 Nov. Lecture: Korean Buddhist Painting 50

(Dr. Kim Mi-Na)

12 Dec. Lecture: Korean Traditional Music 40

(Dr. Cho Je-Sun)