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**Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1987**

The Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch, is one of several branches of its parent organization, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Founded in London in 1824 under the royal patronage of King George IV, the purpose of the Society as a whole is to study the “progress of knowledge in Asia and the means of its extension.” Since its founding in Seoul in June 1900 by a small group of foreign residents, the Korea Branch has been devoted, as its constitution requires, to stimulating interest in, promoting the study of, and disseminating knowledge about the arts, history, literature and customs of Korea and neighboring countries. To meet these requirements the Korea Branch sponsors lecture meetings, tours, and publications. Among the requirements of the Branch’s constitution is one that specifies an annual meeting at which a report of the year’s activities should be made to the membership. The annual report follows:

*Membership*: From its founding 17 members in 1900,the Korea Branch has increased to an impressive 1,709 members, this being the number registered in 1987 at the time of this report. The total figure includes 64 life members, 520 overseas members and 1,125 regular members residing in Korea. Mem-bership includes not only those who participate in the activities of the branch in Seoul but also those who have joined the Taegu Chapter.

*Meetings*: During the year, 18 lecture meetings were held in Seoul and seven lecture meetings were held by the Taegu Chapter.

*Tours*: Full schedules of tours were carried out by the branch in both the spring and the fall of 1987 with participation in both Seoul and Taegu totalling more than 1,900.

*Publications*: The Korea Branch is justifiably proud of its accomplishments in producing and distributing works in English about Korea. Besides its annual Transactions Volume 61 for 1986, which was distributed free to members, Korean Political Tradition of Law by Hahm Pyong-Choon and Fifteen Years among the Top-Knots by Lilias Horton Underwood were reprinted in 1987 to meet continuing demand.

*Finances*: Monthly statements from the treasurer report that because of the continuing sale of its publications the Korea Branch enjoys a state of financial [page 146] health which allows it to continue to offer meetings, tours, and publications in order to meet its commitment to contribute to the “progress of knowledge” about Korea and her neighbors.

*Douglas Fund*: The Douglas Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Shin, Chunsik and Mr. Kim, Chong-su, both at Songgyun’gwan University.

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**ACTIVITIES OF THE SEOUL BRANCH**

Date Lectures 1987 Attendance

January 14 Korean Mathematics 50

(Prof. Kim, Yong-Woon)

January 27 Young Tanizaki 35

(Prof. Paul MaCarthy)

February 11 The Fish of Korea 25

(Prof. Choe, Ki-Chol)

February 25 An Analytic Interpretation on the 110

Religious Plurality of Present-day Korea

(Sister Kim, Sung-Hae)

March 11 Acupuncture and Moxibustion 110

(Dr. Kang, Sung-Keel)

March 25 Traditional Korean Music: 105

The Instruments (Mr. Alan Heyman)

April 8 A Look at Inter-racial Marriages 100

(Dr. Richard W. Wilson)

April 22 A Comparative Look at Parenthood in 40

Literature

(Dr. Suh, Ji-Moon)

May 13 The Family Law Revision: What and Why 90

(Dr. Kim, Yung-Chung)

May 27 The American Military in Korea in the 80

Nineteenth Century: Imperialism and

Gunboat Diplomacy Examined

(Mr. Donald Bishop)

June 24 Volatility of Korean Workers Versus 50

Quiescence of Taiwanese Workers:

A Sociological Explanation

(Dr. Koo, Ha-Gen)

August 26 Kkoktugaksi Norum-Folk Puppet Drama 100

(Namsadang Folk Troupe)

September 9 Korean Traditional Flower Arrangement 70

(Mrs. Koh, Sook-Wan (Koh, Ha Soo))

September 23 The Mudang Kut 95

(Dr. Daniel A. Kister) [page 148]

October 14 A Few Aspects of Buddhism 50

(Vn. Mujin)

November 11 Early Korean Entrepreneurs 50

(Prof. Dennis L. McNamara)

November 25 Traditional Korean Furniture 90

(Dr. Man, Sill Pai)

December 9 Korean Embroidery 60

(Mr. Huh, Dong-Hwa)

**Tours 1987**

January 25 Kwangnung and Sanjong Lake 21

January 31 Yongp’yong Ski Resort 27

February 6-8 Bird Watching, Chunam Lake 16

February 14-16 Sorak-san 30

February 22 Bears Town Ski Resort / Hyondung-sa Temple 10

February 28 T’aegang-nung and Beyond 12

March 1 Sujong Temple 9

March 7 Kanghwa Island 45

March 8 Pukhansansong 28

March 8 Insa-dong and Buddhist Restaurant 14

March 14 Folk Museums: Dankuk University and Sejong University Museum 11

March 14 Potpourri (markets, crafts, antiques, etc.) 9

March 15 Yumyong Mountain 42

March 21 Kiln Tour, Ich’on 27

March 22 Paekche: Kongju and Puyo 66

March 28 Inch’on to Suwon on the Narrow Gauge 36

March 29 Hoeam-sa Temple and Soyo-san Mountain 22

April 4 Emillle Museum and Taemongni Village 20

April 5 Mansu Taet’ak-kut (Shaman Ritual) 21

April 10-12 Cherry Blossom Tour: Haein-sa Temple, Chinhae 37

April 19 Trout Farm 42

April 25 Samak-san Mountain 27

April 25-26 Mujukuch’on-dong Valley 25

May 2-3, 3-4 Magnolia Tour to Ch’ollip’o Arboretum 52

May 5 City Temples on Buddha’s Birthday 90

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May 9-10 Tanyang Discovery-Ch’ungju Lake 36

May 16-17 Ch’ollado 29

May 23 Sudok Temple and Haemi 27

May 23-25 Cheju-do Island 38

May 29-31 Chin-do Island 32

June 13-14 Andong 28

June 20 Garden Party 250

June 27 Olympic Park, River Cruise, 31

63-Story DLI Building

July 3 Island Hopping off Inch’on 27

July 4-5 Taech’on Beach 23

August 16 P’yokche Environs; Paju Miruk and 15

Pokwang-sa Temple

August 21-23 Huksan-do and Hong-do Islands 27

August 29-30 Ch’ollip’o 23

September 5 Silk Tour 42

September 6, 7 Ch’ongp’yong Boat 45

September 11-13 Ch’ungmu and Hallyo Waterway 18

September 12 Exotic Shrines 26

September 19-20 Pyonsan Penninsula; Naeso-sa and 17

Sonun-sa Temples

September 25-27 Kyongju and Yangdong 23

October 1 Surak-san Mountain 42

October 3 Emillle Kut (Shaman ritual) and Popchu Temple 40

October 4 Temple dinner; Toson and Hwagye Temples 32

October 7-11 Ullung-do Island 37

October 17 Kanghwa-do Island 43

October 17-18 Tanyang and Ch’ungju Lake 14

October 24 Inch’on to Suwon Railroad 45

October 24-25 Ch’ollabuk-to; Ch5nju and Environs 41

October 31 Yongmun-sa Temple 18

November 1 Onyang Folk Museum and Hyonch’ung-sa Temple 15

November 14 Worak-san Mountain National Park 30

November 21 Churches in Seoul 25

November 28 Studio tour: temple art, woodcrafts, folk painting 24

November 29 Magok-sa Temple and Independence Hall 19

December 4-6 Bird Watching; Chunam Lake, Pusan 24

December 12 Potpourri Shopping Spree 20

December. 13 Snow Scene Hiking; Kyeryong-san Mountain 20