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**Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1989**

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 sponsor 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 1,721 members, this being the number registered in 1989 at the time of this report. The total includes 67 life members, 524 overseas members, and 1,630 regular members residing in Korea. Membership includes not only those who participate in the activities of the branch in Seoul but also those who are members of the Taegu Chapter.

*Meetings:* During the year, 19 lecture meetings were held in Seoul and seven in Taegu.

*Tours:* Full schedules of tours were carried out by the branch in both the spring and the fall of 1988 with participation totalling more than 2,050.

*Publications:* The Korea Branch is justifiably proud of its accomplishments in producing and distributing works in English about Korea. Annual Transactions Volume 63 for 1988, was distributed free to members.

[page 90] *Finances:* Monthly statements from the treasurer report that because of the continuing sale of its publications, the Korea Branch enjoys a state of financial health which allows it to continue to meet its commitment to contribute to the “progress of knowledge” about Korea and her neighbors.

[page 91] **1989 R.A.S. Lectures**

Seoul Branch

January 13 Korean Traditional Classical Music:

 Kayagum Performance

 Ms. Yang, Sung-Hee

January 25 The Poetry of Ku Sang

 Brother Anthony Teague

February 8 Attribute of Asexuality in Korean Kinship and Sundered

 Korean Families during the Korean War

 Prof. Kim, Choong-Soon

February 22 Progress and Problems in the Status of Korean Women Today

 Dr. Lee, Tai-Young

March 8 Buddhism and Christianity: Two Different Religions or One

 and the Same?

 Dr. Rhi, Ki-Yong

March 22 Yi Dynasty Seoul Today: Yi Dynasty Seoul as a Cohesive

 Governmental, Cultural, and Social Centre Seen Through

 its Buildings—and What Remains Today

 Mr. Peter Bartholomew

April 26 North Korean Leadership

 Dr. Suh,Dae-Sook

May 10, 1989 The Chinese in Korea during the Japanese Occupation

 Professor Song,June-Ho

May 24 Search for Historical Treasure: The Excavation of the 14th

 Century Chinese Treasure Boat at Sinan, Korea: Tracing a

 Wealth of History Through Treasure

 Dr. Kim, Won-Dong

June 14 Encounter of a Special Kind: The Life and Times of Tasan

 Ms. Hahn, Moo-Sook

June 28 A Study of Kogoishi (Mountain Walls) in Ancient Japan with

 Reference to Mountain Fortresses in Korea

 Professor Lee, Chung-Myun

August 23 Korean Drumming

 Mr. Gary Rector

September 13 The Shaman’s Journey: Real and Ideal in a Living Folk Tradition

 Dr. Laurel Kendall

[page 92] September 27 History in a Jar

 Dr. Robert Sayers

October 11 You are Dead, the Square is Dead: The 1989 Chinese Pro-

 Democracy Movement

 Ms. Karen Eggleston

October 25 The Korean Judge as Mediator

 Dr. Linda S. Lewis

November 8 Abstract Geology of Korea

 Dr. Kim, Jeong- Hwan

November 22 Yonbyon (Yanbian) as Seen Through Its Literature

 Dr. Mark Peterson

December 13 The Korea of 1900

 Dr. Horace G. Underwood

**1989 R.A.S. Tours**

Date Destination Attendance

January 15 Winter Break Tour 15

January 27-29 Bird Watching 27

February 4 Yongp’yong Skiing 22

February 5 Hyon Chung Sa, Kak-Won Temple 28

February 11 Kiln Tour 21

February 20 Pang Saeng-Jae 22

February 26 Paegun-San HiKing 16

March 1 Pukhansansong Hiking 34

March 4 Factory Tour 19

March 5 Inch’on to Suwon Railroad Tour 45

March 8 Sokchonje 29

March 10-12 Chollado Tour 23

March 18 Wonju Tour 39

March 18 Chinkwan Temple & West Five Tombs 43

March 19 Realms of the Immortals Tour 38

March 26 Puyo, Kongju 35

April 1-2 Andong 36

April 2 Kanghwa Island 32

April 5 Yumyong Mt. Hiking 25

April 7-9 Cherry Blossom Tour 80

April 15-16 Sorak-San Odyssey 30

April 21-23 Cheju-do Tour 24

April 23 Kut Tour (Hwanghae-do Sonori Kut) 40

April 29 Kut Tour (Taedong Kut) 28

April 30 Obong Mt. & Ch’ong P’yong Temple 24

May 5-6 Magnolia Tour: Ch’ollipo 29

May 6-7 Magnolia Tour: Ch’ollipo 29

May 12 Buddha’s Birthday Tour 86

May 13 Chorwon 44

May 20-21 Muju Kuch’on-Dong Valley 15

May 20 Yoju & Kodal Temple 17

May 26-28 Ch’ungmu & Hallyosudo 39

June 3-6 Komun-Do & Paek-Do 27

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June 17 Panmunjom 44

June 24 Garden Party 25

June 25 Pyokche Environs Tour 23

July 1-4 Wando Island & Pokildo 34

July 15-16 Tanyang Discovery Tour 32

August 12 Market Tour 16

August 13 Discovering Seoul 27

August 15 Independence Hall, Onyang Folk Museum 16

August 16 Pang-Saeng-Je Tour 19

August 19 Kiln Tour 26

August 20 Kyeryongsan Mt. Hiking 13

August 26 Inch’on Island Hopping 32

August 27 Songmo-Do & Pomun Temple 33

September 2-3 Ch’ollipo 30

September 4 Sokchonje 33

September 9 Silk Tour 43

September 10 Ch’ongp’yong Boat Tour 68

September 15-17 Hongdo and Huksado 29

September 23 Inch’on-Suwon Railroad Tour 20

September 23-24 Pyonsan Peninsula Sonwun-Sa 10

September 30 Patriot’s Tour 16

October 3 Popchu Temple 19

October 6-9 East Coast & Inner Sorak-San Tour 29

October 9 Hangul Day Tour: Exotic Shrines 31

October 13-15 Kyongju & Yangdong 28

October 14 Surak-San Hiking 17

October 21-22 Chonju 27

October 27-29 Chirisan 38

October 29 Yongmun Temple Hiking 24

November 11 Shard Collecting & Kiln Tour 40

November 12 Kwangdok Mt. Hiking 20

November 18 Churches Around Seoul 10

November 25 Kimchi Tour 43

November 26 Wangbang-San Hiking 15

December 2 Panmunjom 44

December 3 Mani-San Hiking 11

[page 95] December 9 Artists’ Studios 13

December 31 Wungil-San Hiking 10