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**2005 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY KOREA BRANCH**

President’s Annual Report

It is my pleasure to report on the annual activities of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society in 2005.

At the end of the year 2005, the Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch had a total of 756 members, including 77 life members, 507 members residing in Korea and 172 members overseas. This represents a slight decrease from 2004.

Programs during the year included lectures, slide and video presenta-tions, and music and dance performances. Except during the summer months, programs were held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Sogang University’s Alumni Hall and the FCC, Foreign Correspondents’ Club.

Some 1120 persons enjoyed the full schedule of sixty-two tours, which took members and friends to dozens of places throughout Korea as well as to Japan, Mongolia, China and Cambodia. Tours remain one of the most popular activities of the Society.

Publications for the year included Volume 79 (2004) of the Society’s Transactions, and also Samuel Hawley’s The Imjin War: Japan’s Sixteenth-Century Invasion of Korea and Attempt to Conquer China, which the RAS co-published in October with the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

The 2005 garden party was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Warwick Morris and the officers and councilors of the Society at the official residence of the British Embassy. A large audience of some two hundred [page 138] members enjoyed food and drink and special book sales. A program was also provided of traditional Korean music and dance by Nongak Nori Performance of the Kwangmyung Group.

While maintaining a reasonable financial position during the year, it is important for members to be reminded that their support continues to be critical to the financial wellbeing of the Society. Every member of the Council and our General Manager, Mrs. Bae, make every effort to keep operating expenses moderate, while providing members with the best service possible.

I take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the selfless efforts of the council members and officers, who devote many hundreds of hours of voluntary service to the Society throughout the year. I also express my appreciation to Mrs. Sue J. Bae, our general manager, who has been the mainstay of the office and day-to-day operations for the Society for almost forty years. Finally, the Society expresses profound gratitude to Sogang University and the FCC for providing to the Society, with moderate charge, their auditoriums for our regular lectures and meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Yong-duk

President, Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch [page 139]

**2005 RAS-KB Lectures**

January 12 “The Sound of Samul-nori”

Mr. Alan Heyman

January 26 “Syngman Rhee and the ‘Americanization’ of Korea” Dr. Young Ick Lew

February 23 “1956: An Aborted North Korean de-Stalinization” Dr. Andrei Lankov

March 9 “The Splendor of Traditional Korean Gardens”

Prof. Sim Woo-Kyung

March 23 “Learning about Korean Ceramics”

Mr. Stuart B. Solomon

April 13 “Chunhwa: Eroticism in Joseon Dynasty Paintings”

Ms. Park Soo-mee

April 27 “Photos of Korea As It Was 100 Years Ago”

Prof. Norman Thorpe

May 11 “Guided Tour of The National Folk Museum”

Dr. Yang Jong-seung and Ms. Lee Ki-won

May 25 “Living Dangerously in Korea”

Dr. Donald Clark

June 8 ‘‘History and Development of Korean Martial Arts”

Mr. Andrew Pratt [page 140]

June 22 “Research Status of Archaeological Sites of Kaesong”

Prof. Elisabeth Chabanol

August 24 “A Walk Across Outer Mongolia”

Prof. William Engells

September 14 “The Great Similarities of Accounting Art Between Kaesong, Korea and Venice, Italy”

Prof. Jun Sung Ho

September 28 “The Invention of the Korean Alphabet”

Prof. Sang-Oak Lee

October 11 “To Be or Not to Be: The Military Tradition in

Medieval Korea and Japan”

Prof. Edward J. Shultz

October 24 “The 1.5 Generation Korean American”

Dr. Mary Yu Danico

November 8 “Covering the Kwangju Insurrection: A Reporter’s Experiences”

Mr. Norman Thorpe

November 22 “The Slow and Unnoticed Death of North Korean Stalinism”

Dr. Andrei Lankov

December 13 “Protestantism in Confucian Korea: Its Growth and Historical Meaning”

Prof, Park Chung-Shin[page 141]

**2005 RAS-KB Tours**

Date Destination Attendance Leader

Jan. 8 Inwang-san Hike 8 S. J. Bae

Jan. 22 Ch’orwon Bird Watching-II 10 S. J. Bae

Jan. 29 Snow Country Train Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Jan. 30 Sobaek-san Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Feb. 5-6 Inner Sorak-san Tour 21 S. J. Bae

Feb. 9-14 Vietnam Tour 25 S. J. Bae

Feb. 19 Embroidery Tour 11 S. J. Bae

Feb. 20 Yoju Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Feb. 26 Art Studio Tour 12 L. Talbot

Mar. 12 Sujong-sa Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Mar. 13 Walking Tour of Choson Seoul 42 S. J. Bae

Mar. 19 Suwon Tour 22 S. J. Bae

Mar. 20 KTX Train Tour to Busan 12 S. J. Bae

Mar. 25-27 Geumgang-san (North Korea) 32 S. J. Bae

Mar. 26-27 Chiri-san Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Apr. 3 Chemulpo (Incheon) Tour 15 N. Thorpe

Apr. 2-3 Namhae-do/Cninhae Tour 30 S. J. Bae

Apr. 9 Cherry Blossom Tour 12 S. J. Bae

Apr. 16 Chollipo-Manllipo Tour 16 S. J. Bae

Apr. 17 Flower Tour (Hantaek Garden) 10 S. J. Bae

Apr. 24 Sanshinje Tour 15 D. Mason

Apr. 22-25 Honshu Japan Tour 12 S. J. Bae

Apr. 30-May 1 Cheju-do Tour 18 S. J. Bae

Apr. 30 Bukchon Tour 28 R.Kostka-Wagner

May 7-8 Kyongju Tour 15 D. Adams

May 7 Ceramic Biennale Tour 15 S. J. Bae

May 14 Kumsan-sa Tour 18 D. Adams

May 15 Buddha’s Birthday Tour 43 S. J. Bae

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Date Destination Attendance Leader

May 21-22 Andong Tour 27 S. J. Bae

May 28-29 Tongdo-sa Tour 13 D. Adams

June 4-5 Kangnung, East Coast Tour 10 S. J. Bae

June 6 World Ceramic Expo Tour 18 S. J. Bae

June 11 RAS Garden Party 200 S. J. Bae

June 12 Kanghwa-do Tour 16 Y. D. Kim

June 18-19 Byonsan Bando & Unjusa Tour 8 S. J. Bae

June 25-26 Chungmu, Koje-do Tour 7 S. J. Bae

July 7-15 Mongolia Tour 15 S. J. Bae

July 16 Jawoldo Tour 10 S. J. Bae

July 17 Tokchok-do Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Aug. 14 Wondobong-san Tour 11 S. J. Bae

Aug. 21 Tanyang, Kosu Cave Tour 13 S. J. Bae

Aug. 28 Tongang River Rafting 43 S. J. Bae

Sept. 3 Kiln Tour 8 S. J. Bae

Sept. 11 Chyungpyong Boat Tour 12 S. J. Bae

Sept. 16-20 Chuseok Holiday Tour to China 21 S. J. Bae

Sept. 24-25 Chungmu & Koje-do Tour 8 S. J. Bae

Oct. 1-3 Hong-do & Hukdan-do Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Oct. 2 Walking tour of Choson Seoul 20 P. Bartholomew

Oct. 15-16 Andong & Pusoksa Tour 11 D. Adams

Oct. 22-23 Sorak-san Tour 26 S. J. Bae

Oct. 29 Nami Island, Chuncheon Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Oct. 29-30 Chin National Park Tour 11 S. J. Bae

Nov. 5-6 Kyongju Tour, Silla Kingdom 15 S. J. Bae

Nov. 6 Yongmun-san Hiking Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Nov. 12-13 Tongdo-sa and Haein-sa Tour 10 S. J. Bae

Nov. 26 Ch’orwon Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Nov. 27 Kingdom of Paekche Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Dec. 10 Shopping Spree Tour 7 S. J. Bae

Dec. 11 Munkyong Pass Tour 9 S. J. Bae

Dec. 26-31 Cambodia and North Vietnam 12 S. J. Bae