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*President’s Report for 2015*

At the end of 2014, I was asked to serve as RAS President for another two years and agreed since I enjoy the support of a dynamic Council and since all the real work is done by our outstanding Office Manager, Yonjoo Hong. I am most grateful to them. Our basic program of lectures and excursions has continued, and has been enriched by a number of smaller special study groups and special visits to museums etc. Our lectures, especially, continue to draw good audiences despite the fact that everyone living in Seoul seems to be under increasing pressure at work, and despite the many rival attractions that today’s Seoul has to offer.

 We were very grateful to the American Ambassador for allowing us to hold our annual Garden Party in his beautiful garden in June. It was especially well-attended.

 We are very grateful to our sponsors, some of whom make a financial contribution while others provide material support in the form of donated drinks at the Garden Party. We were extremely grateful for a very generous two-year-long sponsorhip by Seoul Cyber University. Unfortunately, they were unable to continue to support us beyond the end of that period. One constant theme therefore in my messages in our monthly emailed newsletters is the wish that we could find more sponsors. We need to pay a monthly rent for our office as well as a monthly salary for our Manager and our only regular source of income is the membership fee paid by our members, either annually or as a single life-membership.

 One important innovation in 2015 was the organization of a visit to Myanmar during the lunar New Year by our previous Vice-President, Tom Coyner. This was a great success and was followed by an equally successful repeat early in 2016.

 We continue to face the challenge of replacing those members who leave the RAS on leaving Korea. It is not always easy to make our existence known to new arrivals, and we are also always hoping to discover new members who have been in Korea long enough to offer new and interesting excursions. Nowadays we see that shorter walking tours inside of Seoul are very appealing, especially because of the heavy traffic leaving and returning to Seoul at weekends. We offer less overnight tours than in the past on that account.

 I was touched and honoured in December 2015 to receive an honorary MBE from the hands of the British Ambassador, Charles Hay, in a ceremony at the British Embassy attended by the RAS Council and a few other friends. As the award was in recognition of contributions to deepening Korean-British relations, I said in my little speech that I reckoned the honor should go to all of us in the RAS. We exist only to help people deepen their knowledge and (hopefully) strengthen their affection for this country. I hope that we can continue to perform that service together in the coming time.

Thank you.

Brother Anthony

President, RAS Korea

**2015 RAS lectures**

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**2015 RAS Excursions**

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**2015 RAS Special Groups**

**Reading Club**

*Meeting each month in the library of Jongno District Office to talk about a Korean short story read in advance in English translation*.

January 5 *Into the Light* by Kim Sa-ryang

February 2 *Poverty* by Baek Sin-ae

March 2 *Mountains, Streams, Plants, Trees* by Yi Hae-Jo

April 6 *Knife Marks* by Kim Aeran

May 4 *My Clint Eastwood* by Oh Han-ki

June 1 *Dinner with Buffett* by Park Min-gyu

July 6 *Arpan* by Park Hyoung-su

August 3 *The Elephant* by Kim Jae-young

September 7 *Raising Swallows* by Yun Dae-nyeong.

October 5 *Broken Strings* by Gang Gyeong-ae.

November 2 *Convalescence* by Han Kang

November 30 *Blue Crab Grave* by Kwon Ji-ye.

**Business & Culture Club**

*The Business & Culture Club meeting is held at midday every 3rd Tuesday of the month for people with little spare time.*

January 13 Money Museum of BOK

February 10 Street Food Tour at Namdaemun Market

March 17 The Subtle Triangle, at Seoul Museum of Art

April 21 Imperial Temple & Altar of Heaven(Wongudan)

May 19 Jogyesa temple

June 16 Jeongdong's Past and Present

July 21 "Esprit Dior" Exhibition

September 15 Seoul Anglican Church

October 20 National Museum of Art Deoksugung.

November 17 Seoul History Museum

December 15 Sogong-dong and Hoihyeon Underground arcades.

**Cinema Club**

*Together with the Seoul Film Society. Showings of great Korean movies with English subtitles, and classic western movies, with an introduction and free-wheeling discussion after, in the Haechi Hall, Seoul Global Cultural Center in Myeongdong*

January 10 Madame Freedom (1956) Director: Han Hyeong-Mo.

February 7 Chil-su and Man-su (1988) Director: Park Kwang-Su

March 7 Take Care of My Cat (2001) Director Jeong Jae-eun

April 4 A Single Spark (1995) Director: Park Kwang-su

May 2 The Harmonium in My Memory (1999)

June 6 Joint Security Area (2000) Director: Park Chan-wook

17th October ‘Our Nation: A Korean Punk Rock Community’ (2002) & ‘Us & Them: Korean Indie Rock in a K-pop World’ (2014).

28th November How To Use Guys With Secret Tips (2013) Director: Lee Wonsuk

**Tom Coyner Photo Workshop**

*Designed to help members produce better photographs.*

January 31 Photographing Dramatic Portraits

February 20 Street Photography – In Yangon, Myanmar

March 14 Photographing Festivals

April 18 “Magnum’s First” Photographic Exhibition Visit

May 23 Photographing Animals

**National Museum of Korea**

*A series of lecture-visits guided by members of the Museum’s staff.*

April 1 Western Influence on Korean Painting

June 17 The Reassessment of Seobongchong Tomb of the Silla Period

October 7 The Korean Neolithic Culture

November 4 Masterpieces of Early Buddhist Sculpture

**The Colloquium in Korean Studies**

*Designed for Korean Studies students and scholars as a forum for sharing work in progress*.

March 21

Agnes Murr: Policy or Ideology? On Some Conflict Points in the Interpretation of Anti-Communism in the Park Chung Hee Era

Boudewijn Walraven: The anti-smoking sutra

Brother Anthony: Some questions regarding Hong Jong-u

April 18

1. Robert Neff: The gold mines of Korea

2. Tristan Webb: North Korea's electricity sector

May 16

1. Tae Joon Won: Britain's Retreat East of Suez and the Conundrum of Korea 1968-1974.

2. Sophie Bowman: Women in apartment blocks in modern Korean literature.

June 20

1. Benjamin Joinau: Regimes of visibility in Pyongyang

2. Sandip Kumar Mishra (Assistant Professor of Korean Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi): North Korea-India Relations during the Cold War Era

3. Frederic Barthassat: Korean communists in China from 1931 to 1950

October 17

1. John A. Johnson: From Technique to Way: The Pedagogical Hierarchy of Taekwondo

November 21

1. Sandy Oh: South Korean International Schools: The "Last" Frontier of Private Education?

2. Cedar Bough T Saeji: "Can a Woman Play Malddugi?: The Politics of Gender and Protecting the Tradition of Korean Mask Dance Dramas."

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RAS Publications - Detailed Descriptions

*The Catholic Church in Korea: Its Origins* 1566-1784. Juan Ruiz de Medina, SJ. English trans. by John Bridges SJ, RAS-KB, 1994. Hardbound. 380 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-06-7. A concise work rich in new information collected from unedited documents found in five European libraries, about the history of the Korean Catholic Church before the time of its officially recognized foundation in 1784. $20 / KW20,000

*Challenged Identities: North American Missionaries in Korea* 1884-1934. Elizabeth Underwood, RAS-KB, 2004. Hardbound, 326 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-0-1. A fascinating look into the lives of the first Protestant missionaries to Korea: the challenges they faced in their lives, from overcoming culture shock and learning the language to raising a family and building a house; and the challenges they faced in the Christian work that they did, challenges that shaped their identities, their policies, and indeed their beliefs in the land of Korea more than a century ago. $33 / KW33,000

*Confucian Gentlemen and Barbarian Envoys: The Opening of Korea*, 1875-1885. Martina Deuchler. RAS-KB and U of Washington p, 1977. Hardbound. 310 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-05-0. The only thoroughgoing study of the opening of Korea after centuries as the "Hermit Kingdom": discusses the rivalries among China, Japan, and Russia and the problems of the traditional Confucian scholar-bureaucrats trying to cope with their rapidly changing world. $20 / KW20,000

*Discovering Seoul: An Historical Guide*. Donald N. Clark & James H. Grayson. RAS-KB, 1986. Softbound. illustrated, with maps. 358 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-04-3

This detailed guidebook written by two authors who have had long experience living in the city, describes the historical monuments and sites in Seoul, grouped by neighborhoods for easy location. It includes maps, references to the subway system, diagrams and color photographs, with explanations of the history and significance of each site. There is also a Chinese-character glossary and index. $8 / KW8,000

*Early Encounters with the United States and Japan: Six Essays on Late Nineteenth-Century Korea*. Lew, Young-Ick, RAS-KB, 2007. Hardback and Softbound. 249 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-8-7

The book consists of six essays on late 19th century Korean history. All of them were originally prepared and presented as conference papers or keynote speeches at major conferences held in Korea and the US.
They deal with Korea’s relations with the US and Japan mainly between 1882, when the Jeoson Kingdom signed its first modern treaty with the United States, and 1905 when the same kingdom called the Daehan (Great Han) Empire from 1987, degenerated into a protectorate of Japan. $25 / KW25,000

*Encounters: The New Religions of Korea and Christianity.*General editors: Kim Sung-hae and James Heisig. RAS-KB, 2008. Softbound. 191 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-9-4

This book has chapters describing the origins, faith and practice of the three main 'new' religions of Korea, Cheondo-gyo*,*Daejong-gyo and Won-Buddhism, written by members of each, as well as general chapters considering them from a sociological viewpoint, and a Christian perspective. The book ends with a transcript of an open exchange between senior members of the religions. $15 / KW15,000

*Essays on Korean Traditional Music*. Lee Hye-ku, trans. by Robert C. Provine, RAS-KB, 1980. Softbound. 278 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-03-6

The only Korean musicologist of international repute. Dr. Lee Hye-Ku has struggled over the past few decades to keep Korean traditional music from being swallowed up in the tide of Westernization. Until now,
apart from a few translated articles, his work has been accessible only to Korean speakers. A definitive text on Korean traditional music in English. $15 / KW15,000

*Hamel's Journal and a Description of the Kingdom of Korea*, 1653-1666. Hendrik Hamel, English translation by Jean-Paul Buys, RAS-KB, 1998. Softbound. 107 pp. ISBN 89-7225-086-4. The first Western account of Korea is the glory of a group of sailors shipwrecked on Cheju-do. Some thirteen years later, after escaping to Japan, Hamel gave the outside world a firsthand description of Korea, an almost unknown country until then. This is the first translation based on the original manuscript. $15 / KW15,000

*Imjin War, The.* Sam Hawley. RAS-KB 2005. Hardbound, xvi pp. + 664 pp. + 20 pp. illustrations. ISBN 978-89-954424-2-5. The most comprehensive account ever published in English of this cataclysmic event, so little known in the West. It begins with the political and cultural background of Korea, Japan, and China, discusses the diplomatic breakdown that led to the war, describes every major incident and battle from 1592 to 1598, and introduces a fascinating cast of characters along the way. $45 / KW45,000

*In This Earth and In That Wind*. Lee O-young, translated by David Steinberg, RAS-KB, 1967. Softbound. 226 pp. ISBN 89-954424-5-X. A collection of 50 vignettes of commonplace Korean life. The author often contrasts aspects of Korean culture with that of foreign nations and draws a variety of conclusions about Korean society from these contrasts. $4 / KW4,000

*Introduction to Korean Music and Dance, An*. Lee Hye-ku, RAS-KB, 1977. Softbound. 54 pp. A general discussion for non-specialist Western reader. $4 / KW4,000

*James Scarth Gale's History of the Korean People,* edited by Richard Rutt, RAS-KB, 1967. Hardbound. 174 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-1-8. A reprint of the classic English-language history of Korea first published in 1927. It has been extensively annotated by Bishop Rutt with reference to sources and including commentary. It is introduced by an extensive and, to date, the only biography of Dr. Gale. a towering scholar in the early days of Western residence in Korea. $25 / KW25,000

*Korea and Christianity: The Problem of Identification and Tradition*. Spencer J. Palmer, RAS-KB, 1967. Softbound. 174 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-10-4. An early study of the success of Christianity in Korea, especially in contrast to China. $6 / KW6,000

*Korea Under Colonialism: The March First Movement and Anglo-Japanese Relations*. Ku Dae-yeol, RAS-KB, 1985. Hardbound. 350 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-09-8. A thorough study on March First Movement, a Korean uprising against Japanese colonial rule in 1919, with special emphasis on its international implications and Britain's role in the uprising. $20 / KW20,000

*Korean Shamanism: Revivals, Survivals and Change*. Keith Howard, ed., RAS-KB, 1998, Softbound, 258 pp. A thoroughly readable collection of critical research from prominent scholars in the fields of anthropology, religion, history, and the arts. Koreans, virtually alone in the world, have kept the ancient traditional religion of shamanism alive at a time of massive industrialization, modernization and Westernization. $15 / KW15,000

*Korean Political Tradition and Law*. Hahm Pyong-choon, RAS-KB, 1971, Hardbound. 249 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-07-4. A compendium of articles by a noted law professor (later Ambassador to the United States), ostensibly on various legal perceptions but giving deep insight into some of the conflicts between western and Korean legal and social concepts. Very helpful in understanding some cultural differences. $15 / KW15,000

*Korea's 1884 Incident: Its Background and Kim Ok-kyun's Dream.* Harold F. Cook, RAS-KB, 1982, Softbound. 264 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-08-1. A description of an attempted coup aimed at bringing more rapid reform and modernization to Korea in the early years after her opening to the rest of the world and the role of one of the leaders. The work includes an analysis of the situation in 1884 and evaluates the motives of the plotters and the results of the attempt both on the nation and for the individuals. Scholarly, yet exciting reading, and of some insight to political attitudes in Korea even today. $20 / KW20,000

*Pioneer American Businessman in Korea: The Life and Times of Walter David Townsend*. Harold F. Cook, RAS-KB, 1981. Softbound. 100 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-11-1. This biography of one of the first foreign businessmen in Korea becomes the framework for a unique view of early trade issues and difficulties, with a description of life for foreign traders in Korea a century ago. $8 / KW8,000

*Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven: A Korean Epic*. 2nd ed. Translated by James Hoyt, RAS-KB, 1979. Softbound. 187 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-02-9. One of the classics of Korean literature, both in its own right and as the first book to have been written entirely in Hangul, the Korean alphabet promulgated by King Sejong In 1446. This edition contains both the Korean version and a literary translation, with extensive commentary, bibliography, and glossary. $8 / KW8,000

*Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society Korea Branch, Volumes 60*-86. KW10,000 per volume. The complete bound set, hard-bound, contining Volumes 1-85. $1,000 / KW1,000,000 (Please contact our office for the price of a complete set where only volumesb1-40 are hardbound.)

*Virtuous Women: Three Classic Korean Novels*. Translated by Richard Rutt & Kim Chong-un, RAS-KB, 1974. Hardbound. 399 pp. ISBN 89-954424-3-3. The three most significant works of traditional Korean fiction: A Nine Cloud Dream, The True History of Queen Inhyon, and The Song of a Faithful Wife, Ch'unhyang. The major characters are all women and the three novels together give a vivid picture of the Korean ideal of womanhood before it felt the impact of Western culture. $20 / KW20,000

*Wind and Bone*. Ruth Stewart, RAS-KB, 1980. Softbound. 145 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-01-2. Delicate word-paintings of contemporary rural Korea, its people and their changing milieu, by a sensitive author who has spent some 30 years in rural Korea. $2 / KW2,000

*Yogong: Factory Girl*. Robert F. Spencer, RAS-KB, 1988. Softbound. 185 pp. ISBN 89-954424-4-1. The author's work is based on a field study done on one of the reasons for Korea's economic miracle, the workers. Here the author focuses on the girls or the young women who work behind the scenes producing the goods that have pushed Korea into another classification. A look at background data, the workers in a Korean context, work situation, associations, relationships and future perspectives. $10 / KW10,000

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*Fifteen Years Among the Topknots*. 1904 and 1908. Lillias H. Underwood, RAS-KB Reprint, 1987. Softbound. 403 pp. A delightfully written personal, perceptive account of a long-gone Korea, shedding new light on a period too often passed over as reactionary and of no import to the modern world, but which was also a period of incredibly rapid change. The 1908 edition contains three new chapters and this edition includes a personal sketch of the author by her 20-year-younger sister. $15 / KW15,000

*Undiplomatic Memories*. William F. Sands, 1930. RAS-KB Reprint, 1990 Softbound. 238 pp. A delightfully informal account of Korean affairs and foreign policy at the turn of the century as seen by a young American foreign service officer. $15 / KW15,000

*The Song of a Faithful Wife*, Richard Rutt, trans. RAS-KB Reprint, 1999, Paperbound, 97 pp. Here is the timeless love story of Korea--the story of Ch'unhyang. An official's son and a girl of lowbirth fall in love and are secretly married. The official and his family are sent far away, and the girl becomes the property of a local official who abuses her. Her lover, though, attains the rank of government inspector and returns to punish the local official and rescue his beloved. Rutt's translation in narrative form is the most readable of English translations currently available. $7 / KW7,000

**Books from other publishers (copies in stock)**

*Korean Ideas and Values*, Michael C Kalton, (Philip Jaisohn Memorial papers) Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation (1979) ($4 / KW4,000)

*South Korea* (P. Bartz) Clarendon Press ($8 / KW8,000)

*The United States and Korea: American-Korean Relations* 1866-1976. Andrew C. Nahm, Editor. Kalamazoo, MI: The Center for Korean Studies, Western Michigan University, 1979 ($8 / KW8,000)

*Korea through Myths and Legends*. Robin Rhee. Seoul Press. ($10 / KW10,000)

*Democracy in Korea*. Sang-yong Choi Seoul Press for the Korean Political Science Association, 1997 ($6 / KW6,000)

*Early Voyagers: Collected Poems*. James Wade. Hollym 1969. ($2 / KW2,000)

*Humanity and Self-cultivation*. Tu Wei-ming. Berkeley, CA: Asian Humanities Press ($10 / KW10,000)

**RASKB Reprint Series (Print on Demand)**

*I Married a Korean.* 1953. Kim Agnes Davis, RAS-KB Reprint, 1979. Softbound. 260 pp. The author's personal account of an early international marriage, its almost insurmountable difficulties and unexpected joys. A postscript in this edition describes the Kims' lives in Korea and America during the 25 years since the book's first publication. $18 / KW 18,000

*Korea and the Old Orders in Eastern Asia*. M. F. Nelson, 1946, RAS-KB Reprint. 1975. Hardbound. 330 pp. This classic in the field of Korean studies examines the assumptions and traditions which conditioned events in late 19th century Korea. Nelson reconstructs the system of international relations which existed before the onset of Western influences. $25 / KW 25,000

*Korean Repository, The*, Vol. 1 (1892)-v. 5 (1898). RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. 5 vols. Hardbound. One of the early English-language periodicals (monthly) on Korea, the articles of culture, events and other Koreana provide a wealth of primary material during a fascinating period in Korean history. $420 / KW 420,000

*Korea Review, The*, 1901-1906. Homer B. Hulbert, ed., RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. 6 vols. Hardbound. One of the early English-language periodicals (monthly) on Korea, the articles of culture, events and other Koreana provide a wealth of primary material during a fascinating period in Korean history. $480 / KW 480,000

*Korean Patterns*. Paul S. Crane, RAS-KB Reprint, 1999, Paperbound, 188 pp. A classic observation of Korean culture and daily life, written by a country doctor and missionary who worked and lived in Korean in the 1950s and 1960s. While many things have changed in Korean society, Crane's observations are still valuable for both understanding modern Korea as well as having a look at Korean in days gone by. $12 / KW 12,000

*Korean Sketches*. J. S. Gale, 1898. RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. Hardbound. 256 pp. A personal view of the "Hermit People" by one of Korea's most famous scholar-missionaries. Of interest both as a picture of what Korea used to be and for its frequent relevance to attitudes today. $25 / KW 25,000

*Modern Korea*. A. J. Graijdanev, 1944. RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. Hardbound. 330 pp. The author takes a hard look at Japanese claims of their contribution to Korea during the colonial period, interpreting their own statistics to show exploitation and discrimination. $25 / KW 25,000

*New Korea, The.* Alleyne Ireland, 1926. RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. Hardbound. 352 pp. Ireland's study gives a positive view of the Japanese colonial rule in the mid-1920s. Detailed information on the bureaucratic and judicial systems. Stress on Japanese contribution to economic development. $25 / KW 25,000

*Things Korean*. Horace N. Allen, 1908. RAS-KB Reprint, 1980. Hardbound. 256 pp. A collection of observations on a Korea newly opened after 500 years as a "Hermit Kingdom". The author served in Korea from 1884 to 1903, first as a missionary doctor , then as an American diplomat. $25 / KW 25,000

*Voyage of Discovery to the West Coast of Korea and the Great Loo Choo Island*. Basil Hall, RAS-KB Reprint, 1975. Softbound. 222 pp. Hall's 1816 account of his voyage to Korea is a classic of Far Eastern travel literature. Keen observation and vivid description characterize Hall's account of the Hermit Kingdom; he reveals, simultaneously, the deep gulf between Eastern and Western culture. $16 / KW 16,000