

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY KOREA

President's Annual Report for 2022

Although the year started with some of the bleakest numbers of daily COVID-19 infections Korea had seen, the restriction on large group gatherings was finally lifted by late spring and RAS Korea was able to return to in-person lectures after more than two years. We continued in a hybrid format so that more people could attend nationwide and worldwide. We also had a few lecturers join us through Zoom rather than in person. By the end of the year, our lecture program was fully up and running in the hybrid format, and in-person audience attendance continued to increase, so much so that we began looking for a new venue to replace our temporary home at the RAS Korea office building.

At a meeting late in 2022, directors of RAS Korea met and elected me to a second two-year term of service. I am humbled by the trust placed in me. I continue to devote much of my time to RAS Korea and hope that the Society continues to be of value to our members.

Our long-time staff member and secretary, Hong Yonjoo, asked to step down from her role due to her employment in a city in the far south of the country. Matt VanVolkenburg was elected as the new secretary. We are grateful for his willingness to serve. We also elected two new members of the registered board. The registered board works largely behind the scenes, fulfilling government legal requirements. We thank Ambassador Kim Jaebum and Mr. Jun Shin for their wiliness to take on the legal responsibilities of RAS Korea.

We are grateful that Asia Development Foundation renewed our grant for the fourth year. We thank our program coordinator, Dr. Joanne Hong, for her countless hours writing grant reports and proposals, doing budgets, and working with the ADF staff.

We thank Ms. Park Ji-Young, who works in our office weekly. She has continued digitizing RAS Korea's vast documentary archives for preservation, organization, and accessibility. In the late summer and fall, we were joined by Ryan Berkebile, who worked a few days each week in the library. We are grateful to him for his generosity. During the summer, we also had a wonderful high school student volunteer for several projects in the office to help with our summer events calendar. Jordan Kim, a student at Seoul International School, spent about 100 hours helping in the office, with lectures, and our Founders' Day event in June. He also accompanied me to visit the RAS Dongducheon Chapter in July. Thanks to all of you for your friendship and your untiring help.

RAS Korea Annual Report

Because COVID regulations were uncertain, we could not have our much-longed-for Garden Party during the summer. Instead, we celebrated the 122nd Founders' Day at downtown Seoul's RAS Korea office building. We were honored to have (then) Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Colin Crooks LVO in attendance to greet us and to give the awards to the 2022 Essay Contest winners. About 100 people came to the open house event throughout the day. Our reunion with friends old and new was a highlight of the year.

Our annual holiday book sale on the first Saturday of November was an enormous success. Hundreds of books found new homes, where we hope they will bring joy and interest for years to come. We could offer duplicate books from the late Peter Bartholomew's collection as a fundraiser in his honor for RAS Korea. Generous book buyers and friends donated over KRW 1,000,000. Thank you very much.

We thank all our members and appreciate your continued support of RAS Korea and interest in "all things" Korean!

Rev. Steven L. Shields, President
December 31, 2022

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Librarian's Report for 2022

We here at RAS Korea have spent time processing the donations from the estate of the late Mr. Peter Bartholomew, a Council member and past RAS Korea president. We have received so many texts that Mr. Bartholomew's donation has kept us busy throughout 2022 and into 2023.

We would like to express gratitude to Mr. Ryan Berkebile for his assistance over the winter months of the past year. Mr. Berkebile has helped conduct the winter inventory of the RAS Library and has helped raise the Library's profile by establishing its presence in social media through an Instagram account, @raskb_library.

We are pleased to report that, as of February 2023, the RAS Library currently has over 3,500 items. We welcome any additional contributions from our members to help our collection grow. The library catalogue can be found at tinyurl.com/RASKB-Library.

If our members have any books of interest that they would like to donate to RAS Korea, please contact me at the address below or contact our office manager at royalasiatickorea@gmail.com.

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ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY DONGDUCHEON CHAPTER

President's Report for 2022

Our first activity was the first Zoom meeting with Steven L. Shields, president of RAS Korea. It was also the first RAS Dongducheon Chapter meeting in 2022. After an orientation, our next activity was to promote the RAS essay competition around school. This event has made many students in DFL interested in RAS and how it works.

The highlights of our year included the 122nd anniversary of the RAS on June 11. We planned to visit the anniversary with grade 11 students with a plan to interview foreigners who are interested in Korean studies, including the RAS president. It was an excellent experience for our members to understand the perspectives of foreigners about Korea while communicating with various members and visitors. We made a video introducing how RAS works and our activities while visiting the RAS office for events.

After our visit, we started to prepare for an invited lecture at our school on July 13 by the RAS president, titled "Money, Money, Money. Korea's History Through Its Banknotes." First, each member gave a presentation related to the lecture's subject. This helped us learn economics, history, and vocabulary, preparing ourselves for the invited talk. Then, we divided our roles into promoting, translating, and performing. Each of our members did their best. Showing our video of the RAS anniversary party and holding a quiz show intrigued the students. They wanted to participate in another lesson from the RAS in the future.

Due to the coronavirus, we couldn't carry out all our plans. But what we did were meaningful experiences to shape the future activities for the RAS Dongducheon Chapter and learn how to work together. We hope we can have more RAS activities to spread our thoughts and discover things that could not be experienced in student perspectives.

2023 President: Kim Gyu Han
Vice President: Kim Su Yeon

The Dongducheon Chapter is organized at Dongducheon (Korea) Foreign Language High School, with the sponsorship of English Department Chair, Mr. Lee Myeongcheon

RAS Korea Lectures 2022

- January 11: Kim Dongjin, Homer B. Hulbert's Dream: "Joseon Must Blossom"
January 25: Markus Bell, Outsiders: Memories of Migration to North Korea
February 8: John Thang, Crisis in Burma Impact Factors
February 19: William Yu, The Rise of the new Asian American
March 8: Elena Chang, Translating Hollywood: The Limits of Localization
March 22: Jocelyn Clark, When 'Music' is not a 'Universal Language':
Listening to the "Scattered Melodies" 散調 of Jeolla
April 12: David Mason, The Most Fascinating Korean Gets More Interesting –
New Research on "Go-un" Choi Chi-won, with Fresh Factors
April 26: Nicholas Bonner, Shooting North Korea – stories from a western
filmmaker in North Korea
May 10: Cheehyung Harrison Kim, Dialectics of Labor: Working in Postwar
North Korea
May 24: Lee Hyunjung & Ju Sihyun, Gen Z: IYKYK
June 14: Marshall Craig, Hell on earth: a Japanese monk's eye-witness account
of Hideyoshi's invasions of Korea, 1597-1598
June 28: Juhn Ahn, Mongols and Monarchy in Late-Goryeo and Early-Joseon
Korea
July 12: Suk Jihoon, Horsehair Hats and Washerwomen: The Earliest Filmed
Images of Korea, 1901-1945
July 26: Henry Em, Korean War: Public Memory & Post-Cold War Perspectives
August 9: Kim Seong Nae, Transmission of Cultural Trauma and Ritual
Mediations: The Post-memory of the Jeju April 3 Incident
August 23: Hyung Min Kim, What is the second largest North Korean city?
Hamhung
September 13: Matt VanVolkenburg, 1970s Youth Culture at its Zenith
September 27: Mikiyoung Kim, In the Shadows of Global K-Culture: Korea's Sex
Industry
October 11: Wayne Peterson, William Franklin Sands in Late Choson Korea
October 25: Paul Courtright, Responses to 'Witnessing Gwangju': While writing,
at publication, and two years later – changing perspectives on a
historical event
November 8: Jun Yunha, Analysis of North Korea's English textbooks based on
the 2013 revised curriculum: focus on secondary education
November 22: Jack Greenberg, Locked Up: Korea's Struggle with
Institutionalized Mental Health Care
December 13: Robert Neff, Yankee Thieves, Merchants and Diplomats: Dirty
Laundry from the Past

Walking Tours 2022

- March 19: Hongdae Streets with Jon Dunbar
April 16: Yangcheon Yanggyo and Gachwasan Walk with Matt VanVolkenburg
April 23: Samgaksan Doseonsa Temple with David Mason
May 21: Discovering Korea's Early modern history in Jeong-dong with Matt VanVolkenburg
June 5: Twenty Years of Hanok Preservation with Robert Fouser
June 19: Exploring Changsin-dong with Robert Fouser
June 26: Seochon: Change and Continuity with Robert Fouser & Jennifer Flinn
September 3: Walking Tour around Jangchungdan Park & Hotel Shilla with Jun Y.K. Shin
October 1: Along the Korean Imperial Route with Jun Y.K. Shin
October 15: Journey to Icheon and Korea's Rich Ceramic Heritage with Steven Shields
October 22: Spooky Seoul with Jennifer Flinn
November 5: Old and Modern Gangnam Style with Jun Y.K. Shin
November 20: Exploring the Historic Center of Daejeon with Robert Fouser
November 27: Architecture in Daehangno and Hyeonwa-dong with Robert Fouser

Business & Culture Club 2022

- April 19: Korean War Posters in Hollywood, Jun YK Shin & Jacco Zwetsloot
May 17: Insadong's KOTE, Jon Dunbar
June 21: Sewoon Rooftop, Jon Dunbar
September 20: Lunchtime walk through the renewed Gwanghwamun Plaza, Jon Dunbar
October 18: Junghak Stream, Jon Dunbar
November 8: Special Exhibition of Gounsa Temple, Jun YK Shin



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EFEO-RAS Korea Colloquium 2022

- February 24: The Petroglyphs of Bangudae in Korea: Focused on Chronologies and Subsistence Patterns, Kang Bong Won
March 24: Rethinking the origin of the Korean people, Bae Kidong
September 8: Development of Leisure Parks in Pyongyang: Symbol of a Changing North Korean Society, Manon Prud'homme
October 20: Some considerations on Nangnag history and historiography, Andrea De Bendittis
November 3: A Field to Work — The Modalities and the Necessity of Scientific Fieldwork in North Korea, Benjamin Joinau

Literature Club 2022 Hosted by Jenny Byun

February 3: *Cursed Bunny* by Bora Chung; Trans. Anton Hur

March 3: *The Extremely High-Spec Machine That Only Works in This Room* by Bak Solmay; Trans. Slin Jung

April 7: *Mirrorism* by Gu Byeongmo; Trans. Beth Hong

May 5: *Love in the Big City* by Sang Young Park; Trans. Anton Hur

June 2: *Blue Crab Grave* by Kwon Ji-ye; Trans. Brother Anthony

July 7: *Dream of Me* by Mella Kim

August 4: *Stingray* by Kim Joo-young; Trans. Inrae You Viciguerra & Louis Viciguerra

September 1: *The Battle of Dragon with Dragon* by Shin Chae-ho; Trans. Brother Anthony

December 1: *The Tale of Cho Ung* by Sookja Cho

Special Events in 2022

April 9: Korean Traditional Alcohol Tasting at The Sool Gallery

July 11: Happy 122nd Anniversary Celebration & English Essay Competition Ceremony (Korea Christian Building, 1st Floor)

August 30: Making Kimchi Event with Gastro Tour Seoul

November 12: Peter E. Bartholomew Memorial Book Sale (Korea Christian Building, 1st Floor)