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**Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1979**

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was founded in 1900 by a small group of foreigners who were concerned with the scholarly investigation of Korea and her neighbors. The Korea Branch of the RAS has grown tremendously into a large society of over 1200 members with meetings in Seoul, egu and Taejon.

*Membership* — As of November 14,979, the total membership in the KB-RAS reached an all time high and crossed the psychological barrier of 1200 members; 53 life, 396 overseas, and 751 local. During the year, we kept in touch with our overseas members by means of our Quarterly Newsletter and with our local members by our monthly activities notices.

*Meetings* — During the year, we sponsored 34 meetings, 21 in Seoul, 9 in Taegu and 4 in Taejon. These included 11 slide shows, and an excellent presentation of Korean children’s poetry in accordance with the International Year of the Child. The delightful puppet play, Kkok tu gak si was presented to the membership by the renowned Nam sa dang troupe, Attendance at meetings reached 2047 in 1979 with 1465 attendees in Seoul, 510 in Taegu and 77 in Taejon.

*Tours* — In 1979, we took 1681 tourgoers on 29 tours including three overnighters. New features included a tour “In Search of Living Treasures,” one of “Korean Artists in their Studios,” a ski trip to Yong- P’yong, and a long awaited tour to the reopened Secret Garden.

*Publications* ㅡThis year we published: RAS Transaction vol. 53, 1978

Virtuous Women: Three Classic Korean Novels by Richard Rutt

and Kim Chong-Un (New Edition) RAS Zodiac Desk Calendar for 1980

Songs of the Dragon translated by Dr. James Hoyt (New Edition)

*Douglas Fund* — The Douglas Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Chun Shin-chae of the graduate school of Songgyun Gwan University for both the spring and fall semesters.

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**Seoul Meetings**

Date Event Attendance

January 10 “Han Jung Nok, Princess Hong Hye-kyong’s 70

Autobiography” (Mr. Bruce K, Grant)

January 24 Evil in Korean Folktales 55

(Dr. Rhi Bou-young)

February 7 The Good and Bad and the Ugly: Personalities 70

in the Founding of the Koryo Dynasty

(Dr. G. Cameron Hurst, III)

February 21 The Korean Economy at a Cross-roads 45

(Dr. Ung-suh “Kenneth” Park)

March 7 Antique Korean Embroidery (Mr. Huh 60

Dong-wha, translated by Mr. Gary Rector)

March 21 The Korean Minority in Japan: A Sociological 40

Analysis (Dr. Hong Sung-chick)

April 11 The Flora of Cheju-do 60

(Mr. Carl F. Miller)

April 25 Korean and Japanese Ceramics 60

(Dr. Hiroko Nishida)

May 9 Poems by Korean Children of City and Country 40

(Miss Helen Tieszen, Mrs. Barbara Mintz,

Dr. Kim Ho-soon and Mr. Gary Rector)

May 23 Korean Shamanism (Mr. Brian Wilson) 130

June 6 On the Making of a Gentleman: The Uses 35

and Significance of Korean Lineage Organization

(Mr. Fred Carrier)

June 20 Hachiju-hakka-sho, 88 temple Pilgrimage in 50

Shikoku (William and Dorothy Middleton)

August 29 Highlights of the Korean War 150

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

September 12 Pioneers of Korean-German Partnership 60

(Dr. Karl Leuteritz)

September 26 Genealogy and Society in the Early Yi Dynasty 70

(Dr. Edward Wagner)

October 10 Korean House and Shrine 90

(Mr. Norman Sibley)

October 24 Kkok Tu Gak Si; Puppet show 140

(Namsadang troup, introduced by

Mrs. Margaret Moore) [page 103]

November 7 The Killing of Paul Yuri: Western Religion 45

and Eastern Ritual in 18th Century Korea

(Mr. Donald Baker)

Nov. 21 Won Hyo’s Theory of One Mind and 25

Karl Jaspers’s Concept of God

(Dr. Shin Ok-ki)

Dec. 5 Western Reactions to the March 1 90

Movement of 1919 (Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

Dec. 19 Little Known Relics of the Yi Dynasty 80

in Seoul (Mr. Peter Bartholomew)

**Taegu Meetings**

February 21 Koreans I have Known 80

(Dr. Father Egon Berger)

March 21 Art Treasures Taken to Japanese Soil 60

by Hideyoshi (Dr. Jon C. Covell)

April 18 A Pictorial Journey Through Old Korea 70

(Mr. Robert A. Kinney)

May 16 Zen Buddhism in Korea 50

(Mr. Lynn Olson)

June 20 Lady Hong and the Story of the Coffin King 60

(Mr. Bruce K. Grant)

September 19 House and Shrine 60

(Mr. Norman Sibley)

October 18 Acupuncture Demonstration at Jae-Saeng 30

Oriental Hospital

(Dr. Byun Jung-hwan)

November 21 Reminiscent of the Korean War & the Armistice 55

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

December 19 Archabbot Weber’ s 1925 Film of Korea 45

(Dr. Father Egon Berger)

December 24 A Walk through Ancient Taegu 8

(Dr. James Grayson)

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March 16 Neo-Confucian Influence on Mia Yi 35

Dynasty Social Development

(Mr. Mark Peterson) [page 104]

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by Hideyoshi

(Dr. Jon C. Covell)

Sept. 21 Slides of Korea in the Early 1900’s 50

(Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

October 19 A Perspective on the Korean War and 50

the Armistice Agreement

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

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February 10 Yong P’yong Ski Resort 26

March 1 Songgyun’gwan University 22

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April 7 Panmunjom 33

April 14 Emillle Museum 84

April 15 Churches of Seoul 40

April 22 & 23 Haeinsa 65

April 28 Realms of the Immortals 107

May 6 Sujong-sa 37

May 19 Suwon: King Chongjo’s Elusive Dream 45

May 26 Kangwha Island 60

June 2 Garden Party, German Ambassador’s Residence 300

June 9 and 16 Ch’angdok Palace,Naksonjae and Piwon 62

June 16 Pulgogi on the Han 88

June 23 Wolchong-sa and Odaesan 42

June 30 National Museum, and Kyongbokgung 22

July 14-15-16 Taechon Beach Tour 25

September 2 Ch’ong P’ong Boat Trip 88

September 8 Silk Tour, from Leaf to Loom 88

September lb Vegetarian Dinner Tour 42

September 22 In Search of Living Treasures 64

September 29 Whayang-dong 66

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October 20 Journey to Nirvana, Magok-sa & Onyang 59

November 4 Popchu-sa and Songni-san 27

November 10& 11 Muju Kuch,on-dong 27

November 17 Kimjang (Kimchi Making) 34

December 1 Korean Artists in their Studios 38