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**Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1981**

The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland was established by King George IV in 1824 for: “the purpose of investigation of subjects connected with or for the encouragement of science, literature and arts in relation to Asia.”

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was founded on June 16,1900 by a small group of foreigners who were concerned with the scholarly investigation of Korea and her neighbors.

The activity of the Korea Branch has been strongly influenced by the historical events which took place in this country, and by the continuously growing interest in its history and culture among its residents and scholars both at home and abroad. The size of the membership of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society has grown consistently from its initial 17 members in 1900 to almost 1,500 members in 1981, meeting regularly in Seoul as well as in our Taegu and Taejon chapters.

*Memberships* - The membership increased this year from a total of 1,373 members in January 1981 to a total of 1,486 as of the end of November. This total amount of members comprises 56 life members, 442 overseas members and 988 regular members residing in Korea.

*Programs* - As of today we have sponsored 20 meetings in Seoul this year. The attendance at these meetings totaled 2,390, with the largest turnout of about 350 members at the Mangu Taetak Kut (Shaman Ritual) performance • This was the first meeting of the fall season and brought in many new members.

*Tours* - In view of the growing interest in visiting sites of historic and cultural importance, the Council adopted a more varied and flexible tour program. In 1981 we took 1,943 tourgoers on 39 tours, including seven overnight ones. The Garden Party, held at the Royal Swedish Embassy, had about 250 people in attendance.

*Publications* - This year we published:

Royal Asiatic Society Transaction Vol. 55,1980

Taegu Guide

Essays on Korean Traditional Music

Pioneer American Businessman in Korea

*Finance* - Due to the constructive development of the Korea Branch’s activities the finances are in a healthy state.

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**Seoul Programs**

Date Event Attendance

January 14 China: The Way We Saw It (Panel Discussion) 210

Ms. Mary Alice Ball

Mr. Ben Kremenak

Mr. John Lee

Mrs. Barbara Mintz

January 28 The Socialization of a Monk 140

(Mr. Bill Brehm)

February 11 The Validity of Korean Mask Dance Drama as 100

Theatre of Participation

(Dr. Kim Ho-Soon)

February 25 Blindness in Korea 80

(Dr. Edwin R. Lewinson)

March 11 Local Gentlemen in Yi Dynasty Korea 100

(Dr. Fujiya Kawashima)

March 25 An Introduction to Chu-yok 135

(Mr. Gary Rector)

April 8 Lao Tzu and Nietzsche: Wanderer and Superman 80

(Dr. Park Ynhui)

April 22 Korean Postage Stamps 80

(Dr. Lyman Hale)

May 13 South Korea’s Changing Financial Sector 120

(Mr. Norman Thorpe)

May 27 North Korea: Yesterday and Today 220

(Mr. Adrian Buzo)

June 10 Strong Men and Virtuous Women: 140

Changing Sex Roles in Korea

(Dr. Jack Balswick)

June 24 Indo-Korean Relations 45

(Dr. Alka Gupta)

August 26 Mangu Taetak Kut/ So-No-Ri Kut (Shaman Ritual) 350

(from Hwanghaedo Province)

September 9 Walter D. Townsend: Pioneer American 80

Businessman in Korea

(Dr. Harold F. Cook)

September 23 Legal Aid Center and the Korean 80

Family Law

(Mrs. Sonia Strawn) [page 61]

October 14 Korean Attitudes toward 80

Heterodox Confucianism

(Dr. Martina Deuchler)

October 18 The Mudang Kut as Drama 90

(Father Daniel Kister)

November 11 Neo-Confucian Revolution of Values in the 80

Early Yi Dynasty—the Implications for Legal Thought

(Dr. William Shaw)

November 25 Romanization of Korean: Do Armchair 180

Linguists have the Answer?

(Dr. Edward F. Klein)

December 9 Elements of Korean Dance (Mrs. Judy Van Zile) 100

**1981 Tours**

Date Place Participants

February 7 Yong P’yong Ski Tour 34

March 28 Kyunghyang Restaurant and Insa-dong 40

April 5 Shard Collecting Tour 30

April 11 Ch’onan Onyang and Hyonch’ungsa 33

April 12 Emillle Museum 72

April 18 Artists in Their Studies 23

April 25 Realm of the Immortals 110

April 26 Naksonje and Piwon 109

May 1-3 Namsan in Kyongju and Yongdong Village 30

May 9 Kanghwa-do and Jungsu-sa 35

May 16 Journey to the Center of the Earth 61

May 23-25 Hallyo Sudo 32

May 30 Garden Party 250

May 31 Inchon to Suwon on the Narrow Gauge 52

June 6 Pulgoji on the Han 112

June 14 Inchon Harbor and Islands 43

June 20 Puy5, and Kongju 35

July 4-5 Mallipo Beach and Mr. Miller’s Arboretum 20

August 29 Nat’l Museum and Folk Museum 33

August 30 Ch’ong P’yong 53

September 5-7 Cholla Tour 27

September 12 Inchon 66

September 13 Yoju 35 [page 62]

September 26-27 Villages of the Yi Dynasty 41

October 4 Odaesan 37

October 10-12 Chejudo Tour 32

October 10 Silk Tour 82

October 11 Autumn Picnic and Potluck 29

October 17 The Real Korea 38

October 17 Namhansansong (Fortress) 34

October 18 Keryong-san 80

October 24-25 Mystery Tour 36

October 31 Popchu-sa 45

November 1 Korea Miri Tour 42

November 7 Yongmun-sa Tour 30

November 14 University Museums 30

November 27-29 Bird Watching Tour 32

November 28 Artist Studio Tour (Mr. Lee Man-bong) 20

December 12 Kimchi Tour 1,943

**ERRATA**

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p 42 Last line of paragraph 5: Change reference number 15 to 14.

p 51 Lines 15 and 17: Change Kyunyo’s to Kyunyo’s.

Line 15: Change sibwon-ga to Sibwon-ga.

Line 16: Change them to theme,

p 55 Last line of first paragraph: The reference to note 30 should follow the word similarities,

p 54 Lines 10 and 25: Change chongum to chongum.

Line 15: Change Koryo-sa to Koryo-sa.

Line 19: Change Koryo to Koryo.

Line 21: Change Chong kwa-jong to Chong kwa-jong.

Line 21: Change Kyunyo’s to Kyunyo’s.

p 59 Note 12, line 1: 珍 should follow the word character.

p 60 Note 13, line 2: Change iso to iso.

p 85 Line 17: The third word is and.

p 93 Bottom of the page : ... the first accredited: should read the first accredited envoy from a Western nation. Of his experience on May 20, Foote commented:

p 94 Line 13: Change Chong-dong to Chong-dong and Toksu to Toksu.

p 101 Line 36 should read Korea nearly a century ago.

p 103 Third line from the bottom: Change Taro to Taro

p 106 Line 18: Change memoirs of Li Hung-chang to (Memoirs of Li Hung-chang.)

Line 27: Delete everything in the parantheses.

Line 29: Delete the material in the parantheses.

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**Taegu Chapter Committee Members**

James H. Grayson: Chairman

Julie Moyles: Secretary

Sylvia Broderick: Western Membership

Hwang Ki-sok: Korean Membership

Father Joseph Platzer: Treasurer

An Chun-sang: Member-at-Large

David Cohen: Member-at-Large

**Taegu Programs**

January 21 Dr. Kong Ch’ang-p’yo (Kyemyong University), Modern Korean Architecture and City Planning.

February 18 Mrs. Dorothy Underwood (Ewha Womans University), Kagok, the Modern Korean Art Song

March 18 A presentation of films taken of Korea by Archabbot Weber (The Benedictine Order in the 1920’s.)

April 15 Dr. James Hoyt (Cultural Attache, United States Embassy) Characteristics of Korean Literature.

May 20 Dr. John Sommerville (Sungjon University), Social Mobility in Late Yi Dynasty Korea.

June 18 Kyemyong University Masked Dance Troupe, Performance of the Masked Dance, Kosong Ogwangdae

September 16 Dr. Jon C. Coveil, Korean Art Treasures Taken to Japan.

October 28 Mr. Mark Peterson (Fulbright Commission), Un-Confucian Women in the Shillok.

November 18 Mrs. Sonia Strawn (United Methodist Mission), Korean Legal Aid Center for Family Relations.

December 16 Dr. William Shaw (Fulbright Exchange Professor), Korean Legal System of the Early Yi Dynasty.