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**In Memoriam: Mr. Boo Wan-Hyuk**

by James HOYT

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was saddened by the death on December 31,1984, of its former Vice President (1982), Councillor (1974-84), Membership Committeman and Life Member, Mr. Boo Wan-Hyuk. Mr. Boo made many contributions to the activities of the Society for more than a decade and he will be long remembered for his promotion of Korean culture, journalism, education, banking, government, international communication and goodwill.

Mr. Boo was born on an auspicious day for a Korean nationalist, March 1,1919. A resident of Seoul, he graduated from the First Public High Common School (later renamed Kyonggi High School) in 1936 and a month later entered the preparatory course of the Department of Literature of Keijo Imperial University. At the university itself, however, he studied in the Department of Law. In October 1941, just before the outbreak of the Pacific War, he passed the Japanese High Civil Service Examination, held in Tokyo, and was subsequently appointed to the Local Administration Section of Kyongsangpuk-to in the capacity of Provincial Clerk. During the war years, he continued to serve in Kyongsangpuk-to first as County Head of Sonsan and later of Kyongsan.

With liberation, Mr. Boo was appointed Associate Professor in the College of Political Science and Law, Korea University. Then, in 1949, he reentered government service as Second Secretary, Foreign Service, Office of Foreign Affairs, South Korea Interim Government. In 1948 he was appointed Secretary to the Prime Minister and in 1950, Secretary to the Home Minister, Republic of Korea.

During the Korean War, he was Chief of the Bureau of Material Mobilization and Acting General-Secretary (Korean side) for the Combined United Nations Command-ROK Commission.

After the armistice of 1953, Mr. Boo began his career as a journalist, editor and publisher. He first served as editorial writer and then as Editor- in-Chief and Editing Consultant of the Chosun Ilbo. Concurrently he was Titular Member of the Monetary Board, located at the Bank of Korea (1960-61). In December 1967, he became publisher, editor and printer of Sasanggye (“The World of Thought”), a leading monthly magazine.

He travelled widely abroad, including a global survey tour (1953), an [page 44] observation tour at the invitation of the Australian Government (1961), a study tour of central banking systems of Southeast Asia (1961), a visit to Germany at the invitation of Der Monat magazine (1961) and a survey of U.S. and European economies and politics (1964).

In 1962, Mr. Boo was banned from political activities as “an anti- revolutionary element” pursuant to the Political Purification Law. But as one trained in political science, he did not give up easily and went on to become a member of the Planning Board of the Nationalist Party and later Chief of the Policy Commission of the New Democratic Party.

In 1974, he was appointed Advisor on National Unification by the President of the Republic of Korea. But in later years, his main interest was as chairman of the Yulsan Aluminum Industrial Company, the Yulsan Industries Company and the Yulsan Construction and Development Company.

[page 45] **Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1985**

The Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch, is one of several branches of its parent organization, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Founded in London in 1824 under the royal patronage of King George IV,the purpose of the Society as a whole is to study the ‘‘progress of knowledge in Asia and the means of its extension.” Since its founding in Seoul in June 1900 by a small group of foreign residents, the Korea Branch has been devoted, as its constitution requires, to stimulating interest in, promoting the study of, and disseminating knowledge about the arts, history, literature and customs of Korea and neighboring countries. To meet these requirements the Korea Branch sponsors lecture meetings, tours, and publications. Among the requirements of the Branch’s constitution is one that specifies an annual meeting at which a report of the year’s activities should be made to the membership and an election of the next year’s officers and Council held. The annual report follows:

*Membership:* From its founding 17 members in 1900, the Korea Branch has increased to an impressive 1,687 members, this being the number registered in 1985 at the time of this report. The total figure includes 58 life members, 509 overseas members and 1,120 regular members residing in Korea. Membership includes not only those who participate in the activities of the branch in Seoul but also those who have joined the Taegu and Kwangju Chapters.

*Meetings:* During the year, 20 lecture meetings were held in Seoul and ten lecture meetings were held both by the Taegu and the Kwangju Chapters.

*Tours:* Full schedules of tours were carried out by the branch in both the spring and the fall of 1985, with participation totaling more than 1,600. Members in Kwangju and Taegu also organized tour activities for their chapter members.

*Publications:* The Korea Branch is justifiably proud of its accomplishments in producing and distributing works in English about Korea. Besides its annual Transactions Volume 59 for 1984 which was distributed free to its members, the following titles were reprinted in 1985 to meet continuing demands: Transactions Volumes 1-30, hardbound, reprint edition (200 sets), and Korean Patterns by Paul Crane. Add to this a new RAS publication, and it was an impressive year for the new as well as the old. The [page 46] newest publication was Korea Under Colonialism by Ku,Dae-Yeol.

*Finances:* Monthly statements from the treasurer report (because of the continuing sale of its publications) the Korea Branch enjoys a state of financial health which allows it to continue to offer meetings, tours, and publications in order to meet its commitment to contribute to the “progress of knowledge” about Korea and her neighbors.

*Douglass Fund:* The recipient of the 1985 Douglass Scholarship was Mr. Lee, Ka-Haeng. The Douglass Scholarship is an award given each year to a deserving student whose focus is on Korea. This year’s awardee, Mr. Lee, is a first-year graduate student of the Korean History Department at Songkyunkwan University in Seoul.

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(Mr. Kim, Tong-soon)

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