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**ANNUAL REPORT of the ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY - KOREA BRANCH 1992**

This is my second opportunity to present the President’s report, the first having been in 1957, and I feel it a great honor to have been elected to this post a second time.

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was established in 1900 by a group of foreign residents in Korea,who sought to encourage investigation of all aspects of Korean life,culture, customs, geography and literature in order to deepen their understanding of the country and its people and to make them better known to the rest of the world. The original nucleus was soon joined by many others, including a number of Korean scholars. Some of the members had great scholarly gifts and their names will forever be associated with Korean Studies,while many others contributed the first,and often the only papers on many aspects of Korea,leaving a legacy in the Transactions that are still a primary source of information on Korea in many fields. It is only appropriate that at this Annual Meeting we remember this great contribution of our forebears,and remember that the primary objective of the Branch is still the encouragement of studies on Korea.

The Korea Branch is organized with a Council of twenty-six members， including the officers. To carry out its functions the Council is organized into five committees: Membership, Publications, Programs, Tours, and Finance.

Membership: At present the RAS-Korea Branch has a total of 1,643 members. This includes sixty-eight life members, 523 overseas members and 1,052 regular members residing in Korea, a slight rise over 1991.

Programs: Programs involving lectures, slide presentations and performances were held regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Daewoo Foundation Building near Seoul Station and were generally well attended. In addition, the annual Garden Party, graciously hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burghardt, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy, was [page 84] most successful as a program, for book sales and as an opportunity for members to meet each other on an informal basis. The Branch also sponsored the showing of three prize-winning Korean films with English sub-titles that were very well received by the membership.

Tours: A full schedule of tours was carried out largely during the spring and fall of 1992. A total of 1,810 members and non-members participated in these tours. Once again, it is clear that the tour program remains one of the most successful activities of the Society despite the challenges posed by the ever more incredible congestion of Korea’s highways. Thankfully, the results of this year’s tour program permit us to be guardedly optimistic about the continuing success of this very important activity of the Society in the years to come.

Publications: The Publications Committee had another successful year supervising book sales, reviewing manuscripts, and editing Vol. 67 of the Transactions for publication. A revised Book List was prepared and distributed to all members and to various libraries and institutions interested in Korean studies. Dr. Donald Clark, an overseas member at Trinity University in San Antonio, has taken on the task of being the American distributor for RAS-Korea Branch publications.

Finances: I am pleased to report that the finances of the RAS-Korea Branch remained on an even keel during 1992. Although operating expenses are modest, the Society depends totally upon the support you provide as members in paying annual dues, participating in tours and purchasing publications. Remember, your support continues to be critical to the financial well-being of the Society. Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge once again the generosity of the Daewoo Foundation in making these premises available for our use free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace G. Underwood

President

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1992 R.A.S. Lectures

January 8 Sea Power and Diplomacy In the Far East

Amb. David J- Wright

January 22 Kosan Yun Sonada: His Life and Garden on Pogil-do

Prof- Y.D. Kim and Mrs. M. Dodds

February 12 Trip to Paek-tu Mountain

Dr. Horace G- Underwood

February 26 Religious and Ideological Background of the Unification War (400-676 A.D.)

Dn Kim Chong-Sun

March 11 Primitive Rebels? Popular Resistance in North Korean Historiography

Mr. Charles Armstrong

March 25 South Korean Japanese Relations from 1969 to 1979: Emotionalism or Realpolitik?

Mr. Victor Cha

April 8 The Centennial of the Inauguration of the Tonghak Rebellion (1892-1992)

Dr. Daniel Davies

April 22 Korea’s Link With China’s Ming Dynasty: the Sam Hwangjae Paehyang (Sacrifical Ceremony for Three Emperors)

Prof. David A. Mason

May 13 Korean Buddhist Ritual Dance and Music

Mr. Alan Heyman

May 27 Initiating Performance: A ritual For a Young Korean Shaman

Dr. Laurel Kendall

June 10 Women’s Political Participation in Korea

Dr. Bong-Scuk Sohn

June 24 From Pottery to Politics: The Koreanization of Korean Catholicism

Prof. Don Baker

August 26 Korean Traditional Folk Dance

Prof. Chong-nyo Kim

September 9 Landscapes of Fortune: Looking for wind and Water (P’ungsu) in Modern Korean Architecture

Prof. Thomas B. Kass

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September 23 Guilds, Chambers, and Brokers: The Port of Inch’on at the Turn of the Century

Mr. Dennis McNamara

October 12 From End to End-Photographs of Korea

Mr. Michael F. O’brien

October 28 Ming and Ch’ing Paintings from the Forbidden City: A Guide to the Exhibition at the Hoam Art Gallery

Dr.Yi Song-Mi

November 11 Roots of Experimentation: Studies in Korean Music

Mr. Joseph Celli

November 25 An American Correspondent in Korea

Mr. Bradley K. Martin

December 9 Kim Il-Sung 1941-1948: The Creation of a Legend;

The Creation of a Regime

Mr. Sidney A. Seiler

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1992 R.A.S. Tours

Date Destination Attendance

January 4 Kombong-san Hiking 15

January 12 Buddhism Tour 21

January 26 Winter Break Tour, Kwangnung 13

February 1-3 Soraksan Lunar new Year 41

February 9 Insa-dong & Restaurant Tour 23

February 15 Kiln & Parka Crystal Factory 12

February 18 Pangsengjae Buddhist Ceremony 11

February 22 Fortune Teller and Exotic Shrines 22

February 23 Suanbo Hot Springs and Munkyong Pass 21

March 1 Onyang Folk Museum, Hyonchunsa 22

March 7 Paper Crafts 24

March 14 Music and Dance Institute 20

March 15 Realms of the Immortals 39

March 21 Puyo,Kongju (Paekche Kingdom) 23

March 22 Choson Dynasty Seoul 45

March 29 Kanghwa Island 32

April 3-5 Chinae & The Cherry Blossom Tour 26

April 10-12 Kyongju & Yangdong 31

April 17-19 Cheju-do 37

April 25-26 Magnolia Tour, Ch’ollipo 51

May 3 Popchusa 25

May 9 Kiln Tour 23

May 10 Buddha’s Birthday Tour 117

May 20-23 Hongdo,Huksando & Chirisan 36

May 30-31 Andong Pusoksa,Haeoe Village 44

June 13 R.A.S. Garden Party,92nd Anniversary 350

June 19-21 Wando Island 21

July 4 Island Hopping Tour (Chawol-do) 20

August 15 Buddhism Tour 7

August 22 Kiln Tour 16

August 23 Inch’on Discovery Tour 12

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August 29 Sockhonjae, Confucian Ceremony 15

August 29 Tour of Fortune 21

August 30 Chosun Dynasty Seoul 41

September 5 Silk Tour 26

September 6 Ch’ongp Yong Boat Tour 33

September 11-14 Ullung-do, (Chusok Holiday) 24

September 25-27 Chollado Tour-Bamboo Market Pagoda Valley 30

September 27 Popchu-sa and Ch’ongju Museum Tour 31

October 9-11 Sorak-san Mountain Tour (Kangwon-do) 34

October 10 Kanghwa Island Tour 23

October 16-18 Che ju-do Island Tour 18

October 17 Sudok-sa and haemi Tour 17

October 31 Inch’on To Suwon Railroad Tour 32

October 31 Nov.l Chonju & Maisan Mt. Tour 22

November 7 Yongmun-sa & Battle Field Hiking Tour 29

November 8 Munkyong Pass and Suanbo Hot Springs Tour 26

November 15 Restaurant Tour (Korean Food) 17

November 21 Kimchi Tour 25

November 22 Hangjusansong & Paju Miruk Tour Pokwangsa 25

November 28 Churches Around Seoul Tour 13

November 29 Shopping Spree Tour 27

December 5 Artists Studio Tour 38

December 6 Magok-sa Tour 17

December 13 Mani-san Mt. Hiking Tour 17

December 19 Keyryongsan Mt. National Park Hiking Tour 17