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**ANNUAL REPORT of the ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY - KOREA BRANCH 1994**

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 to deepen their understanding of the country and its people and to make Korea better known to the rest of the world. This group was soon joined by many others, including a number of Korean scholars. Some members had great scholarly gifts and their names will forever be associated with Korean studies. Many others contributed unique papers on many aspects of Korea, leaving a legacy in the Transactions that is still a primary source of information on Korea in many fields. At this annual meeting we remember the great contribution of our forbears, and reassert 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 1,469 members. This includes sixty-seven life members, 562 overseas members, and 840 regular members residing in Korea.

Programs: Lectures, slide presentations and performances were held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, except during the summer, at the Daewoo Foundation Building near Seoul Station. We are most grateful to the Foundation for allowing us the use of this centrally located space. The annual Garden Party, graciously hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. James T. Laney at the American Embassy Residence, was most successful, with an enjoyable program of Korean music and dance, special book sales, and an opportunity for members to become better acquainted with each other. [page 80]

Tours: A full schedule of tours through the year took members throughout the country. A total of about 1,950 members and non-members participated in these tours, and tours remain one of the most popular activities of the Society. The worsening traffic in and out of Seoul is a continuing concern, but alternatives to bussing do not seem to be practical at this time.

Publications: The Publications Committee had another successful year supervising book sales, reviewing manuscripts, and editing Volume 69 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. The R.A.S Korea Branch is proud to have published two new books in 1994: The Catholic Church in Korea by Juan Ruiz De Medina S.J. and Hamel’s Journal and a Description of the Kingdom of Korea by Br. Jean-Paul Buys of Taize.

Finances: I am pleased to report that the finances of the RAS-Korea Branch remained on an even keel during 1994. 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 the auditorium for our lecture meetings available free of charge.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Kidder President

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1994 R.A.S. LECTURES

Seoul Branch

January 12 Taoist Hagiography in Mid-Choson Korea

Dr. John Goulde

January 26 The Cultural Dimension of International Business/Industrial Operations

Mr. Kim, Choong-soon

February 23 An Evening of Music Performed on the Okryugum Miss Park, Mee-hwa

March 9 Urban Planning and Neighborhood Preservation in Seoul Mr. Josh Moreinis

March 23 Korean Shamanism and Cultural Nationalism

Ms. Hyun-key Kim Hogarth

April 13 Alpine Flowers of Paiktu Mountain and Koguryo Remains of the Region

Dr. Kim, Young-duk and Prof. Kil, B.S.

April 27 Han as Aesthetic Principle in the Poetry of Kim Sowol

Ms. Ann Choi

May 11 Video Presentation of Koguryo Remains in Northeastern China Prof. Shin, Hyong-sik

May 25 Historical Material on Seoul Located Overseas

Prof. Ahn, Too-soon

June 8 Tonghak: Its Origins, Development, Denouement and Its Affects on Korean and Asian History Dr. Paul Berne

June 22 Social Development Trends in Asia,1970-1994, with Special Reference to South Korea and Other East Asian Tigers’

Dr. Richard J. Estes

August 24 Korean Landscapes and Country Scenes

Mr. Cha,Jung-whan

September 14 Slides of Old Seoul

Mr. Sam Kidder [page 82]

September 28 The Social Meaning of Residence and Housing in Present-Day Seoul

Prof. Park,Mun-su

October 12 Tradition and Economic Development in Asia Dr. Cho Soon

October 26 The Traditional Korean Garden in Yokohama, Japan Prof. Min, Kyung-hyun and Dr. Kim, Young-duk

November 9 Hamel’s Journal

Br. Jean-Paul Buys

November 23 The British Museum’s Korean Collection

Ms. Jane Portal

December 14 Remembering the Forgotten War: Research in America on the Korean War

Dr. Allan Millett

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January 15 In-wang San Hike 31

January 16 Buddhism Tour 23

January 23 Pukhansan Fortress Hike 19

January 30 Winter Break Tour (to Kwangnung) 20

February 5 Market Tour 26

February 11-13 Sorak San National Park 42

February 20 Sujong-sa,East Nine Tombs and Kumgok-nung Tour 10

February 27 Yoju Tour 14

March 1 Independence Movement Day Tour 19

March 5 Kiln and Parka Crystal Factory Tour 34

March 6 Kumsan-sa Tour 18

March 12 Kyonghee University Museum Tour 14

March 12 Sokchonjae Confucian Ceremony 18

March 13 Exotic Shrine Tour 21

March 18 Hanyak (Traditional Medicine) Tour 18

March 19 Embroidery Tour 24

March 20 WalKing Tour of Choson Seoul 29

March 26 Paekche Tour — Puyo,Kongju 20

March 27 Kanghwa Island Tour 17

April 2 Chongju Tour 24

April 3 Realm of the Immortals (Soyosan, KosoKjong, Kosokjong,Sambuyon Falls) 32

April 8 -10 Chinhae Cherry Blossom Tour 69

April 16-17 Kyongju Tour and Yangdong Village 25

April 16 Inchon - Suwon Railroad Tour 41

April 22 - 24 Cheju-do Tour 14

April 24 Cherry Blossom Tour in Kyonggido 32

April 29 Ceremony of Ming Emperor 16

April 30 -May 1 Chollipo Tour 35

May 1 Chongmyo Ancestral Rites Ceremony 52

May 7-8 Sorak Rhapsody (Inner and South Sorak) 23

May 8 Palaces of Seoul Tour 28

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May 18 Buddha’s Birthday Tour 126

May 21- 22 Andong, Hahoe Village Tour 30

May 26 - 29 Songni-san, Namhae-do, Chiri-san Tour 31

May 28 Sudok-sa Tour 24

June 2 HLM: “Our Twisted Hero” 32

June 4-6 Chungmu, Koje Island Tour 28

June 11 R.A.S. Garden Party 250

June 18 Music and Dance Tour with Mr. Cho Won-kyung 49

June 19 Kosu Cave and Ch’ungju Lake Tour 40

June 26 Triple Treat Tour (Olympic Park, Han River Cruise, DLI 63 Building) 18

July 3 Songmo-do, Pomun-sa Tour 22

July 9 Inchon Discovery Tour 12

July 16 Island Hopping Tour 28

July 17 Triple Treat Tour 14

August 13 Tour of Fortune 17

August 14 Hyonch’ung-sa Tour 14

August 15 Kosokjong and Sanjong Lake Tour 21

August 20 Kiln and Parka Crystal Factory Tour 12

August 27-28 Chollipo Tour 24

September 3 Silk Tour 42

September 4 Ch’ongp’yong Boat Tour 45

September 16-18 Hongdo and Huksan-do Tour 39

September 20-22 Sorak-san National Park Tour 17

September 24-25 Cholla-do Tour 40

September 25 Kangwha Island Tour 28

October 1-3 Wando Tour 17

October 8 Embroidery Tour 15

October 8-9 Kyongju Tour 19

October 9 Songni-san Tour 35

October 14-16 Chiri-san Tour 19

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October 23 Odaesan Tour 30

October 29-30 Maisan and Muju Tour 25

November 5 Yongmun-san Tour 17

November 19 Paekche Tour: Kongju and Puyo 34

November 20 Sudok-sa Tour 23

November 26 Kimchi/Kiln Tour 32