**2014 Annual Report**

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*President’s Report for 2014*

Among the longterm members of RAS Korea (as we tend to call our Society nowadays) are a few Americans who first came to Korea as members of the Peace Corps in the 1960s and 1970s. They can remember times when it was rare to see a non-Korean on the streets of Seoul, when travel around Korea was difficult, when there were no guide-books, and when there was very little to do in Seoul in the evening or at weekends. Not surprisingly, in those times the few thousand foreign residents, including many ambassadors and diplomats, all gladly joined the RAS in order to benefit from the well-organized and instructive excursions, the lectures, and the books about Korea on sale in the office. There was nothing else like it. Much has changed in recent years and although there are far, far more foreign residents in Korea, there is also a whole lot more for them to do, both in their work and in their leisure. Seoul is today a vibrant international city and its inhabitants seem to be busier than ever.

 It is therefore hardly surprising that the RAS does not today hold the monopoly of interesting things to do. At the same time, we remain grateful to see new members joining, former members renewing their membership, and good numbers attending our lectures and other events. The year 2014 was a good year, as the lists of our activities show, although the numbers of people joining our excursions are certainly down from even a few years ago. We have been trying to find new forms and it seems that short walking tours of places in Seoul are often more popular than overnight excursions with long slow drives through horrendous weekend traffic. But we keep trying to help our members discover more remote destinations as well.

 One new venture in 2014 was an evening of traditional Korean music on November 14th at Buam Art Hall. This was well attended and we hope to repeat similar special events in future. On the whole, 2014 was marked by a continuation of the regular meetings of our new special-interest groups, each of which has now become a recognized part of our activities. The numbers attending are not large, compared with the 60 – 80 or more people who usually attend our lectures, but we are glad to be able to find different activities to interest our members.

 We were especially grateful to our Honorary President and Mrs. Wightman, who very kindly allowed us to hold our Garden Party in their beautiful garden for a second year, when a sudden problem arose in the traditional arrangement. The party was well attended in beautiful weather. We wish the Wightmans well in their new life away from Korea and welcome H. E. Charles Hay, the new British Ambassador, as our new Honorary President.

 I want to express my gratitude to our officers and Council members, the members of the different committees and those helping run our various activities. We remain extremely grateful to Yonjoo Hong, our office manager, for all her hard work, and Mr. Shim who helps with our book-sales. Finally, our heartfelt thanks go the Seoul Cyber University for their very generous financial support, without which we would be severely challenged. We are also very grateful to our other sponsors.

 At the end of 2014, the Council asked me to continue serving as President for another 2 years and I am hoping that by the end of 2016 we will have found somebody better able to guide the RAS in Korea during the coming years and decades.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Anthony

President, RAS Korea

**2014 RAS Lectures**

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**2014 RAS Excursions**

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**2014 RAS Visits to the National Museum of Korea**

English-speaking staff of the National Museum lead a guided visit of one particular portion of the Museum’s displays, often beginning with an illustrated lecture, on Wednesday evenings, when the Museum is open until 9 pm.

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| March 5 | Sarangbang and Korean Wooden Furniture (Permanent Exhibition) |
| April 2 | Korean Metal Crafts (Permanent Exhibition) |
| June 11 | New Asian Collection (Special Exhibition) |
| September 3 | Tomb of Gold Crown and King Yisaji (Thematic Exhibition) |
| October 1 | Buddhist Hanging Scroll in Heungguksa Temple (Thematic Exhibition)  |
| November 5 | White-and-blue porcelains of Joseon(Special Exhibition) |
| December 3 | Celebrations in Korean Art during the Joseon Dynasty (Permanent Exhibition) |

**2014 Meetings of the RAS Reading Club**

We meet usually on the first Monday of the month in the library of the Jongno District Office. We are most grateful for permission to use this space and to the staff member who stays late.

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| January 6February 10March 3 March 31April 28June 2 June 30 July 28 September 1October 6 November 3December 1 | “Winter That Year” by Yi Munyol“The Road to Sampo” by Hwang Sok-yong“Watching Father” by Choe Yun“I live in Bongcheon-dong” by Jo Kyung-ran“Mrs Brown” by Jung Young-moon“Akeldama” by Park Sang-ryoong“The place where the Harmonium was” by Shin Kyung Sook“Time In Gray” by Bae Su-ah“In the Shade of the Oleander” by Song Sok-ze“Donghae 1937 -Child’s bone” by Yi Sang“Sea and Butterfly” by Kim In-sook.“To Believe in Love” by Kwon Yeo-sun |

**2014 Meetings of the RAS Cinema Club**

We meet with the Seoul Film Society at Seoul Global Cultural Center in Myeongdong, usually on the first Saturday of the month, to watch and discuss a fine Korean movie.

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| March 18April 5May 3June 7July 5August 2September 6October 4December 6 | A Flower in Hell (1958) directed by Shin Sang-okMemories of Murder (2003) directed by Bong Joon-hoMismatched Nose (1980) directed by Im Kwon-Taek.The Housemaid (1960) directed by Kim Ki-youngOur Happy Time (2006) directed by Song Hae-sung.Holiday (1968) directed by Lee Man-heeAimless Bullet (1961) directed by Yoo Hyeon-MokA Road to Sampo (1975) directed by Lee Man-HeeThe Barefooted Young (1964) directed by Kim Ki-Deok. |

**2014 Meetings of the RAS Business & Culture Club**

Members meet for a short cultural event in central Seoul at lunchtime on one Tuesday each month.

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**2014 Meetings of the RAS Photo Workshop**

Former RAS Vice-President and professional photographer Tom Coyner offers workshops to enable RAS members and friends to better undertand how modern cameras work and how to take better photographs with them.

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| May 24June 21July 19August 23September 20 October 1NovemberDecember 13 | Getting to Know Your Digital EquipmentStreet Photography – Gangnam Style!Effectively Using Your FlashPhotographing ArchitecturePhotographing LandscapesPhotographing Sports & ActionPhotographing Traditional Buildings in AutumnPhotographing Christmas Lights |

**2014 Meetings of the RAS Colloquium in Korean Studies**

The Colloquium offers a meeting-place for people professionally engaged in Korean Studies as students, faculty or researchers.

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**Samuel Hugh Moffett: An Obituary by Sung-Deuk Oak**

*Older members of the RAS will recall Sam Moffett, who served as RAS President in 1968*.

Samuel Hugh Moffett (April 7, 1916 – February 9, 2015) passed peacefully at his home in Princeton, NJ, on February 9, 2015, with Eileen Flower by his side, after a long life of loving kindness, faithfulness, and unwavering hope in his missionary service and scholarly works.

He was born in Pyongyang, Korea, on April 7, 1916, as the third son of Rev. Dr. Samuel Austin Moffett (1864-1939). His father was the founder of the Presbyterian Church in Pyongyang and Northwestern Korea and the leader of one of the largest mission stations in the world for 40 years. His mother Lucia Fish Moffett (1877-1962) was from the well-known family of that name in Carpentaria, CA. He had two older brothers—James McKee (1905-1986) became a missionary to India from 1945 to 1952 and then served the churches in US like pastor Charles Hull (1908-1976), and two younger brothers—Howard Fergus (1917-2013) served Korea as a medical missionary from 1948 to 1992 and Thomas Fish. Once he said, “She [my mother] brought me up on the classics, and my father brought me up on the Westminster Catechism.”

He graduated from Pyongyang Foreign School as valedictorian in 1934 and Wheaton College with summa cum laude in 1938. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1942 and married Miss Elizabeth B. Tarrant in July 1942. Moffett received Ph. D. in history at Yale University in 1945, on the relations of the Presbyterian mission board with its work in the Shandong station in China. Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette was his PhD mentor.

Moffett followed in his parents’ footsteps in spiritual life, missionary service, and teacher’s work. In 1947 he and his wife were appointed by the Presbyterian board as missionaries to China. When the civil war was going on, he served as a faculty member of Yenjing University in Beijing and then of Nanking Theological Seminary until forced out of the country in 1951 by the communists. He returned to Princeton Theological Seminary as a faculty member from 1953 to 1955. Yet his wife Elizabeth died of cancer in 1955, after which he returned to the land of his birth—Korea--in November 1955. He remarried with Miss Eileen Flower in September 1956. They started their missionary work in the rural area of Andong and learned Korean culture and language there for three years. He was appointed to a faculty of Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1959. Until 1981 he served as Dean of the graduate school and co-president of Korean Presbyterian Seminary. He also participated in many ecumenical organizations such as Soongsil University, Yonsei University, and Korea Bible Society as a member of board of directors or a committee member. He also served as the first director of the Asian Center for Theological Studies, which was built for the education of Asian church leaders in 1973.

After 26 years work in Korea, he returned to America and was appointed as Henry Luce Professor of Ecumenics and Mission at Princeton Theological Seminary for five years, retiring in 1986. Since retiring, he published the first volume on the History of Christianity in Asia in 1996. He published this second volume in 2005, thirteen years after the publishing of the first, at the age of 89.

He is the recipient of many awards and honorary degrees, including the prestigious Peony Medal awarded by the government of South Korea (1981).

He was a leading scholar on the history of Christianity in East Asia and in the global ecumenical movement. He was the author of numerous publications, including *Whe’er the Sun* (1953), *The Christians of Korea* (1962), *The Biblical Background of Evangelicalism* (1968), and his *magnum opus* two volumes of *A History of Christianity in Asia*.

Now Mrs. Eileen Flower Moffett is 86 years old. She has lived with Dr. Moffett for 59 years. The Korean church has lost one of its best friends and mentors. The world has lost a great man and a saint.

We also record with sorrow the passing in May 2015, in the United States, of Barbara Mintz. She was RAS President in 1983, the year in which her husband Grafton K. Mintz died.

**Our Sponsors**

We are very grateful to the institutions and companies which in one way or another provide sponsorship and we hope that our members will have recourse to their services whenever a need arises.

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**Some Recently Published Books in Korean Studies**

**2015**

Paul Chang. *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement,* 1970-1979. Stanford University Press. 2015. ISBN: 978-0804791465

Lee, Ji-Eun. *Women Pre-Scripted: Forging Modern Roles through Korean Print*. Honolulu: University of Hawai’i Press. 2015. ISBN: 978-0824839260

Masuda, Hajimu. *Cold War Crucible: The Korean Conflict and the Postwar World*. Cambridge: Harvard UP. 2015. ISBN: 978-0674598478

A. Charles Muller. *Korea’s Great Buddhist-Confucian Debate: The Treatises of Chŏng Tojŏn (Sambong) and Hamhŏ Tŭkt’ong – Kihwa*. (Korean Classics Library: Philosophy and Religion). University of Hawaii Press. 2015. ISBN: 978-0824853808

Albert L. Park. *Building a Heaven on Earth: Religion, Activism, and Protest in Japanese Occupied Korea*. University of Hawai'i Press. 2015. ISBN: 978-0824839659

Sunyoung Park. *The Proletarian Wave: Literature and Leftist Culture in Colonial Korea*, 1910-1945. Harvard University Asian Center. 2015. ISBN: 978-0674417175

Hazel Smith. *North Korea: Markets and Military Rule*. Cambridge University Press. 2015. ISBN: (pb) 978-0521723442; (hc) 978-0521897785

*Hallyu 2.0: The Korean Wave in the Age of Social Media*. Edited by Sangjoon Lee and Abe Markus Nornes. University of Michigan Press. 2015. ISBN: 978-0472052523

The Koreas between China and Japan. Edited by Victor Teo, Lee Guen. Cambridge Scholars. 2015. ISBN: 978-1443860246

**2014**

Danielle L. Chubb. *Contentious Activism and Inter-Korean Relations*. New York: Columbia UP. 2014. ISBN: 978-0231161367

Rüdiger Frank. *Nordkorea: Innenansichten eines totalen Staates*. Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt. 2014. ISBN: 978-3421046413

The Venerable Hyewon and David A. Mason. *Encyclopedia of Korean Buddhism*. Seoul: Unju-sa Publishers. 2014. ISBN 978-8957463666

Todd A. Henry. *Assimilating Seoul: Japanese Rule and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Korea*, 1910–1945. University of California Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0520276550

Yeonok Jang. *Korean P’ansori Singing Tradition: Development, Authenticity, and Performance History*. Plymouth: Scarecrow Press, 2014. ISBN: 978-0810884618

Jieun Kiaer. *The Old Korean Poetry: Grammatical Analysis and Translation.* LINCOM Studies in Language and Literature 15. Munich: Lincom. 2014. ISBN: 978-3862885770.

Jieun Kiaer. *The History of English Loanwords in Korean*. LINCOM Studies in English Linguistics 19. Munich: Lincom. 2014. ISBN 978-3862885763.

Jieun Kiaer. *Jeju Language and Tales from the Edge of the Korean Peninsula*. LINCOM Studies in Asian Linguistics 83. Munich: Lincom. 2014. ISBN 978-3862885527

Yunseok Lee. *Classifiers in Korean*. Languages of the World 46. Munich: Lincom. 2014. Munich: Lincom. 2014. ISBN 978-3862885343.

James Matray, ed. *Ashgate Research Companion to the Korean War*. Ashgate Pub Co. 2014. ISBN: 978-1409439288

A. Charles Muller, in collaboration with Ockbae Chun. *A Korean-English Dictionary of Buddhism*. Seoul: Unjusa. 2014. ISBN: 978-8957463772

Eugene Y. Park. *A Family of No Prominence: The Descendants of Pak Tŏkhwa and the Birth of Modern Korea*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0804788762

Janet Poole. *When the Future Disappears: The Modernist Imagination in Late Colonial Korea*. (Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University). New York: Columbia University Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0231165181

Jitendra Uttam. *Political Economy of Korea: Transition, Transformation and Turnaround*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 2014. ISBN: 978-1137451231

Robert Winstanley-Chesters. *Environment, Politics, and Ideology in North Korea: Landscape as Political Project*. Lexington Books. 2014. ISBN: 978-0739187777

*The Annals of King T’aejo*, translated and edited by Choi Byonghyon. Boston: Harvard University Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0674281301

*A Comparative Study of East Asian Capitalism*. Edited by Lee, Hong Yung. UC Berkeley Institute of East Asian Studies Publications. 2014. ISBN: 978-1557291080

*Encountering Modernity: Christianity in East Asia and Asian America*. Edited by Albert L. Park, David K. Yoo. University of Hawai’i Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0824839475

*Korean History in Maps From Prehistory to the Twenty-First Century*. Edited by Michael D. Shin. Cambridge University Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-1107490239

*Patriotism in East Asia* (Political Theories in East Asian Context). Edited by Jun-Hyeok Kwak, Koichiro Matsuda. Routledge. 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0415737159

*Reflections of a Zen Buddhist Nun: Essays by Zen Master Kim Iryŏp*. Translated from the Korean by Jin Y. Park. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. 2014. ISBN: 978-0824838782

RAS Publications - Detailed Descriptions

*The Catholic Church in Korea: Its Origins* 1566-1784. Juan Ruiz de Medina, SJ. English trans. by John Bridges SJ, RAS-KB, 1994. Hardbound. 380 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-06-7. A concise work rich in new information collected from unedited documents found in five European libraries, about the history of the Korean Catholic Church before the time of its officially recognized foundation in 1784. $20 / KW20,000

*Challenged Identities: North American Missionaries in Korea* 1884-1934. Elizabeth Underwood, RAS-KB, 2004. Hardbound, 326 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-0-1. A fascinating look into the lives of the first Protestant missionaries to Korea: the challenges they faced in their lives, from overcoming culture shock and learning the language to raising a family and building a house; and the challenges they faced in the Christian work that they did, challenges that shaped their identities, their policies, and indeed their beliefs in the land of Korea more than a century ago. $33 / KW33,000

*Confucian Gentlemen and Barbarian Envoys: The Opening of Korea*, 1875-1885. Martina Deuchler. RAS-KB and U of Washington p, 1977. Hardbound. 310 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-05-0. The only thoroughgoing study of the opening of Korea after centuries as the "Hermit Kingdom": discusses the rivalries among China, Japan, and Russia and the problems of the traditional Confucian scholar-bureaucrats trying to cope with their rapidly changing world. $20 / KW20,000

*Discovering Seoul: An Historical Guide*. Donald N. Clark & James H. Grayson. RAS-KB, 1986. Softbound. illustrated, with maps. 358 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-04-3

This detailed guidebook written by two authors who have had long experience living in the city, describes the historical monuments and sites in Seoul, grouped by neighborhoods for easy location. It includes maps, references to the subway system, diagrams and color photographs, with explanations of the history and significance of each site. There is also a Chinese-character glossary and index. $8 / KW8,000

*Early Encounters with the United States and Japan: Six Essays on Late Nineteenth-Century Korea*. Lew, Young-Ick, RAS-KB, 2007. Hardback and Softbound. 249 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-8-7

The book consists of six essays on late 19th century Korean history. All of them were originally prepared and presented as conference papers or keynote speeches at major conferences held in Korea and the US.
They deal with Korea’s relations with the US and Japan mainly between 1882, when the Jeoson Kingdom signed its first modern treaty with the United States, and 1905 when the same kingdom called the Daehan (Great Han) Empire from 1987, degenerated into a protectorate of Japan. $25 / KW25,000

*Encounters: The New Religions of Korea and Christianity.*General editors: Kim Sung-hae and James Heisig. RAS-KB, 2008. Softbound. 191 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-9-4

This book has chapters describing the origins, faith and practice of the three main 'new' religions of Korea, Cheondo-gyo*,*Daejong-gyo and Won-Buddhism, written by members of each, as well as general chapters considering them from a sociological viewpoint, and a Christian perspective. The book ends with a transcript of an open exchange between senior members of the religions. $15 / KW15,000

*Essays on Korean Traditional Music*. Lee Hye-ku, trans. by Robert C. Provine, RAS-KB, 1980. Softbound. 278 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-03-6

The only Korean musicologist of international repute. Dr. Lee Hye-Ku has struggled over the past few decades to keep Korean traditional music from being swallowed up in the tide of Westernization. Until now,
apart from a few translated articles, his work has been accessible only to Korean speakers. A definitive text on Korean traditional music in English. $15 / KW15,000

*Hamel's Journal and a Description of the Kingdom of Korea*, 1653-1666. Hendrik Hamel, English translation by Jean-Paul Buys, RAS-KB, 1998. Softbound. 107 pp. ISBN 89-7225-086-4. The first Western account of Korea is the glory of a group of sailors shipwrecked on Cheju-do. Some thirteen years later, after escaping to Japan, Hamel gave the outside world a firsthand description of Korea, an almost unknown country until then. This is the first translation based on the original manuscript. $15 / KW15,000

*Imjin War, The.* Sam Hawley. RAS-KB 2005. Hardbound, xvi pp. + 664 pp. + 20 pp. illustrations. ISBN 978-89-954424-2-5. The most comprehensive account ever published in English of this cataclysmic event, so little known in the West. It begins with the political and cultural background of Korea, Japan, and China, discusses the diplomatic breakdown that led to the war, describes every major incident and battle from 1592 to 1598, and introduces a fascinating cast of characters along the way. $45 / KW45,000

*In This Earth and In That Wind*. Lee O-young, translated by David Steinberg, RAS-KB, 1967. Softbound. 226 pp. ISBN 89-954424-5-X. A collection of 50 vignettes of commonplace Korean life. The author often contrasts aspects of Korean culture with that of foreign nations and draws a variety of conclusions about Korean society from these contrasts. $4 / KW4,000

*Introduction to Korean Music and Dance, An*. Lee Hye-ku, RAS-KB, 1977. Softbound. 54 pp. A general discussion for non-specialist Western reader. $4 / KW4,000

*James Scarth Gale's History of the Korean People,* edited by Richard Rutt, RAS-KB, 1967. Hardbound. 174 pp. ISBN 978-89-954424-1-8. A reprint of the classic English-language history of Korea first published in 1927. It has been extensively annotated by Bishop Rutt with reference to sources and including commentary. It is introduced by an extensive and, to date, the only biography of Dr. Gale. a towering scholar in the early days of Western residence in Korea. $25 / KW25,000

*Korea and Christianity: The Problem of Identification and Tradition*. Spencer J. Palmer, RAS-KB, 1967. Softbound. 174 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-10-4. An early study of the success of Christianity in Korea, especially in contrast to China. $6 / KW6,000

*Korea Under Colonialism: The March First Movement and Anglo-Japanese Relations*. Ku Dae-yeol, RAS-KB, 1985. Hardbound. 350 pp. ISBN 978-89-93699-09-8. A thorough study on March First Movement, a Korean uprising against Japanese colonial rule in 1919, with special emphasis on its international implications and Britain's role in the uprising. $20 / KW20,000

*Korean Shamanism: Revivals, Survivals and Change*. Keith Howard, ed., RAS-KB, 1998, Softbound, 258 pp. A thoroughly readable collection of critical research from prominent scholars in the fields of anthropology, religion, history, and the arts. Koreans, virtually alone in the world, have kept the ancient traditional religion of shamanism alive at a time of massive industrialization, modernization and Westernization. $15 / KW15,000

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