Announcements

• English Speech Contest

The Visiting International Professional Program will host their first speech contest on Thursday, December 2, from 6 to 9pm in room 303-307 of the International Center. Participants and family members are encouraged to present a two-minute speech relating to this year’s theme, The Global Experience. A panel of judges will evaluate the speeches on the basis of content, clarity, overall delivery and English skills.

News

• Global Association for Koreans Abroad

On October 2, 2004, the organizing committee meeting for the establishment of Global Association for Koreans Abroad (GAKA) was held at Michigan State University. The meeting was organized by the Council on Korean Studies, and sponsored by Visiting International Professional Program at Michigan State University. With 100 participants in attendance, this meeting focused on the formation of GAKA. GAKA will formally be launched on October 8, 2005.

• CKS Fundraising Golf Tournament

The 2004 CKS Fundraising Golf Tournament was held at Forest Akers, East Course, at Michigan State University on September 25, 2004. The purpose of this event was to help raise funds for CKS to achieve its goal of establishing an organizational base to promote Korean Studies in the United States and the world. About 40 golfers from the Lansing community including VIPP scholars, students, faculty’s and community leaders helped out by playing golf and donating $706 to CKS. Their generous donation will provide CKS with a big difference.
Welcoming Reception for 2004-2005 KLC/KNHC Fellows

The 2004 Welcoming Reception for Korea Land Corporation and Korea National Housing Corporation was held in September at the University Club at Michigan State University. This event was held in order to welcome and introduce the new participants to the faculty and staff of KLC/KNHC and VIPP. 19 families attended the reception and will be studying at MSU until August 2005.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the Month

So Yeon Cho is our Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the Month. He has worked for the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in Korea known for maintaining transparency and equality as well as developing the public personnel system that aims to meet the global standard. He was responsible for the redesign of performance appraisal system, the development of 360 degree appraisal, the job analysis of ministry of foreign affairs, and helped upgrade the Korean civil service system. After he finishes his job-training program in public personnel management at Michigan State University, he will continue his work for CSC by applying what he has learned.

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