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Announcements

● The Global Association for Koreans Abroad (GAKA)

The Global Association for Koreans Abroad (GAKA) proposed will host their first committee meeting on October 2nd, 2004 at 9:00 AM in Parlor A, B, and C of the Student Union Building. GAKA will examine ways that are effective to unite the community of Koreans overseas to work together as one. In order to accomplish this mission, they have begun the "Seven Million Overseas Koreans as ONE Movement".

News

● Workshop with Science Teachers

Visiting International Professional Program held their first workshop for science teachers on July 22 – August 18, 2004 titled "Short-Term Professional Development Program for Korean Primary and Secondary Teachers of Science" (KPSTS). With 40 participants from Korean elementary and middle schools, this workshop was designed to enhance concrete scientific concepts and techniques as well as overall awareness of international education in a global context. The workshop applied a mixture of lectures and field visits in order for the participants to gain a well-rounded experience. There were three major components in which the workshop focused on: Discipline-Specific Programs, Scientific Philosophy-Specific Programs, and Global Professional Educational Programs. At the conclusion of the program, the participants gained the knowledge and the skills needed to develop hands-on materials for their future students.

● Global Culture Program for Chungnam National University Students

The Global Culture Program for Chungnam National University students was a six-week program from July 4 – August 14, 2004 at Michigan State University. 35 students attended this program to gain experience in the American way of life. The students participated in classes on American culture as well as field trips pertaining to traditional American customs. Classes consisted of American culture through films, marriage traditions, the American family, traditional American values and beliefs, and leisure time. The students gained an understanding of the history, organized sports and recreational activities through the programs structured field trips. The planned activities included visits to the Michigan Historical Museum, Capitol Building, and Nokomis Learning Center for American Indians, American barbeque, Lugnut's baseball game and a viewing of the fireworks. With an appreciation of the events, coordinator Susan DeChant said the students enjoyed their time. "They said we couldn't see this in our country," DeChant said.

● Delegation: Ji-Hwan Yoon, Ph.D., Professor of Kyungwon University

Ji-Hwan Yoon Ph.D., Assistant Professor for the Department of Tourism Management visited Michigan State University (MSU) on August 29th – 30th to discuss general issues pertaining to the improvement of the "Global Student Education Program for Kyungwon University Students". Currently the program brings in nine students each year from Kyungwon University where the students take English training courses as well as academic classes within their degree. The program lasts for a year.

● VIPP Adjunct Fellow Recognition

The Visiting International Professional Program Fellow Recognition ceremony was held on Friday September 24, 2004 at 1:00 PM in the International Center. Coordinated by Assistant Director Chung-Eun Joo, Ph.D., this ceremony acknowledged individuals who have been supportive or have made outstanding contributions to the Visiting International Professional Program. Invited guests included the spouses and fellows working on degrees in the urban planning and finance department.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the Month

Kim, Byoung Gyu

Kim, Byoung-Gyu is our Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the Month. He was born and raised in Gwangju, where he received his Bachelor's Degree from the Chonnam National University, majoring in English Language and Literature. Since then he has worked for the Gwangju City Hall, joined the Gwangju Biennale Organization as a Protocol Manager, worked at the Department of International Affairs in San Antonio, Texas, and worked at Seoul Foreign Investment Service Center in Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA). His career goal is to advance to a senior level position as an international specialist once he has completed his program here with Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP). "I wish to contribute to make Gwangju City international hub in Asia" Kim said in his application letter.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Note
Sat., October 2 9am	CKS – GKA committee meeting	Student Union – Parlor A, B,C
Tues., Oct. 5 12pm	Guest Speaker – Dr. Gill-Chin Lim, Professor of URPP	International Center – Room 307
Sat., Oct. 9 10am	MSU Football Tailgate	International Center
Tues., Oct. 12 12pm	Guest Speaker – Dr. Fred Poston	International Center – Room 307
Sat., Oct. 16 11am	Apple Cider Mill	Charlotte
Tues., Oct. 19 12pm	Guest Speaker – Ami Van Antwerp on Community Events	International Center – Room 307
Tues., Oct. 26 12pm	Guest Speaker – James Wareham, ABC 53 News	International Center – Room 307
Fri., Oct. 29 TBA	Haunted House Outing	TBA
Sun., Oct. 31	Halloween Night	

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