

2022 17th Annual Celebration



Korean American Day

제 17회 미주 한인의 날 축전

HYBRID EVENT

Thursday, January 13, 2022

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Korean Community Center

6601 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22312



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미연방의회가 2005년 12월에 매년 1월 13일을 미주한인의 날로 제정한 것은 미주 한인사회와 공헌과 위상을 미 주류 사회가 공식적으로 인정한 것입니다. 이러한 기념일은 한인사회와 주류사회간의 교류와 협력을 강화하고 1세와 2세대들이 힘을 합쳐 정체성을 확립하고 계승 발전시키며 또 다가오는 100년을 바라보는 미주한인들의 축제일이 될 것입니다.

미주한인들은 다인종 미주류사회와 함께 어울리는 조화와 협력과 공동의 가치관을 공유 하면서 한국의 유산을 물려 받는 자랑스러운 미주사회의 주인이 됨으로써 주목받는 모범 민족이 되어야 할 것입니다.

Since the first Koreans arrived in the United States in 1903, we now have 119 years of history as immigrants to study and reflect upon. It has been a history filled with a well earned reputation for hard work, devotion to our families, and support for our community. In this modern rapidly evolving technologically driven society, it is important for us to remember how these values have formed a foundation for our success and that these values must be instilled into the next generation of Korean Americans.

The Pandemic is still affecting our lives nearly 2 years after its beginning. It has been particularly difficult for the small business community, where many Korean Americans are to be found trying to adapt to an unstable economic environment. Yet there has been a significant recovery and the outlook is promising. Four Korean Americans continue their work this year in the U.S. Congress: Reps. Young Kim and Michelle Steel of California, Marilyn Strickland of Washington, and Rep. Andy Kim of New Jersey. First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan continues her service to Marylanders as well. We are proud of our leadership in Congress and in Annapolis. They are setting the standard for future Korean Americans to follow!

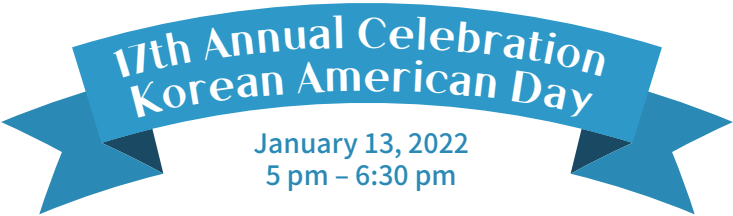
Our Annual Statement of Appreciation

The designation by the Congress of the United States of January 13 as Korean American Day in 2005 recognized Americans of Korean heritage as a significant and vital community within American society with major achievements in science, technology, and the arts. It marked a moment of inspiration in the history of the Korean American community by honoring Korean Americans for their accomplishments and contributions to the United States. We give thanks to America for this recognition, and for preserving and protecting at great cost our liberty from the forces of tyranny. With our liberties we hold as American citizens, we have the opportunity to help to fulfill the dreams of our families, our community, and our fellow citizens.



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KOREAN AMERICAN DAY CEREMONY INTRODUCTION

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NATIONAL ANTHEMS 한미 양국가 제창

Seong Won Nam, Tenor

OPENING MESSAGE 개회사

Sekwon K. Chong, Founder & Sr. Advisor of KAF-GW

OPENING PRAYER 개회기도

Pastor Hun Lim

GREETING 인사말씀

Michelle Lee, 9th President of KAF-GW

INTRODUCTION FOR KAF-GW SENIOR ADVISORS AND OFFICERS

VIP INTRODUCTION PRESIDENTIAL LETTER READINGS, AND REMARKS 귀빈소개 및 대통령 축사

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READING OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BIDEN Col. James R. Fisher
Exec. Dir. , Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation

READING OF LETTER FROM KOREAN PRESIDENT MOON Kwon Seijong
Embassy of the Republic of Korea Minister and Consul-General

REMARKS BY CONSUL GENERAL Kwon Seijong

VIP GUEST REMARKS 축사

Gen. (Ret.) John H. Tilelli, Jr
Board Chairman of Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation

U.S. CONGRESS GUEST SPEAKERS

Gerald E. Connolly (VA) (pre-recorded video)
Judy Chu (CA) (pre-recorded video)
Andy Kim (NJ) (pre-recorded video)
Grace Meng (NY) (Zoom Live)
Michelle Steel (CA) (pre-recorded video)
Young Kim (CA) (pre-recorded video)
Marilyn Strickland(WA) (pre-recorded video)

AWARDS PRESENTATION 지역봉사상 수여

Hannah Kim Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs for Health Care, HHS
Award Speech by Sekwon Chong (Founder and former President, KAFGW)

Bob Huh ERH high school teacher- Founder of Korean Class and K-culture club
Award Speech by Mi Schill Kim (former KAFGW President)

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

THE CALLING AND ARIRANG Dami Schlobohn, cello and janggo drum (Live)
MAGNOLIA Seongwon Nam, Tenor (Live)
KOREAN AMERICAN ARTIST Jihee Yi (pre-recorded video)
KOREAN TRADITIONAL FOOD: BIBIMBAP IN BALTIMORE (pre-recorded video)
Ellie Rha, Amanda Pak, and Ling Yu Mary Yan, Johns Hopkins University
KOREAN NATIONAL HERITAGE Hanok Magazine, S. Korea (pre-recorded video)
TAEPYEONGMU (Traditional Korean Solo Dance) Sookyung Jung (Live)
MEGA DRUM Jacob Joo, Jihoon Jung, Andrew Kim, Jinwoo Kim, Christopher Yoon (Live)

CLOSING REMARKS 폐회사

Sarai Koo, Ph.D.



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 109th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

H. RES. 487

Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day

December 13, 2005

Whereas the influence of Korean Americans may be observed in all facets of American life, including entrepreneurship, the arts, and education;

Whereas on January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in the United States initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the history of Korean immigration;

Whereas Korean Americans, like other groups of immigrants that came to the United States before them, have settled and thrived in the United States through strong family ties, community support, and hard work;

Whereas Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States and the global marketplace;

Whereas Korean Americans have invigorated businesses, churches, and academic communities in the United States;

Whereas Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to the military strength of the United States;

Whereas today, at least 4,000 Korean Americans serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, with approximately 25percent of them currently serving in Iraq; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as 'Korean American Day' to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean American in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives -

- 1) supports the goals and ideals of a Korean American Day;
- 2) urges all Americans to observe Korean American Day so as to have a greater appreciation of the invaluable contributions Korean Americans have made to United States; and
- 3) honors and recognizes the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States.

S.RES.283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'. (Introduced in Senate)

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1st Session

S. RES. 283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 20, 2005

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

Whereas on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

Whereas in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities;

Whereas Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

Whereas the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

Whereas Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as 'Korean American Day' to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate--

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a 'Korean American Day';

(2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to--

(A) share in such commemoration in order to greater appreciate the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States; and

(B) to observe 'Korean American Day' with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



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WASHINGTON

January 13, 2022

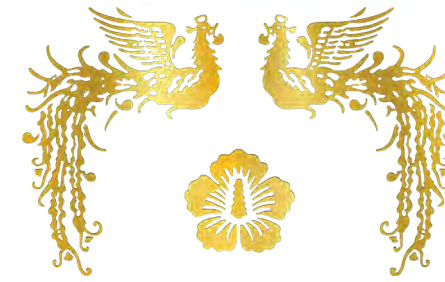
I send my warmest greetings to all those celebrating Korean American Day.

On this day in 1903, pioneering Korean immigrants arrived on the shores of Hawaii and began a new chapter in the great American story. Since that day, Korean Americans have helped shape our Nation's growth, strength, and prosperity. Korean Americans have always embodied the values of the American spirit, and they are a living reminder of the courage and sacrifice of the generations of immigrants who come to the United States with dreams as boundless as their potential.

Today, Korean Americans across our country enrich our Nation's culture and contribute their knowledge and skills in every sector of our society. They serve in our military and create businesses and jobs. They empower immigrant communities and inspire generations of artists and storytellers. They are dedicated public servants, selfless first responders, and Dreamers. Despite enduring hardship and discrimination, including throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, Korean Americans have continued to help build our Nation into one of infinite possibilities.

Korean Americans also strengthen the Alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States, a partnership that remains critical to advancing peace and prosperity around the world. Our shared history of sacrifice and commitment to democratic values will undoubtedly continue to shape the future for generations to come.

To our Korean American community: Thank you for all that you have done to move our Nation forward. May we continue to celebrate Korean American stories, culture, service, and contributions, and may their resilience and strength continue to inspire us all.



대한민국 대통령

2022년 1월 13일



미주 동포 여러분과 내외 귀빈 여러분,

‘17회 미주 한인의 날’을 진심으로 축하합니다.

하와이 이민자 102명에서 시작한 미주 한인 역사가 올해로 119년을 맞았습니다. 동포들은 서로 의지하며 새로운 삶을 개척했고, 263만 명에 달하는 세계 최대의 동포사회를 일궈냈습니다. 독립과 재건, 산업화와 민주화, ‘K-문화’로 상징되는 소프트파워에 이르기까지 대한민국이 거둔 성취에는 미주 동포들의 헌신이 깃들어 있습니다. 서러운 역사를 자랑스러운 역사로 만들어주신 동포들께 감사드립니다.

미주 동포사회는 한미 양국 모두의 자부심입니다. 버지니아주와 뉴저지주에서는 처음으로 한인 여성 주의원이 탄생했습니다. 뉴욕시에서도 한인 시의원 두 명이 처음 당선되었습니다. 최초의 한인 여성 연방항소법원 판사와 연방검사를장을 비롯해 LA경찰 한인 수석 부국장, 한국계 ‘미스 아메리카’까지 미국 사회 각 분야에서 약진하고 있는 동포들이 정말 자랑스럽습니다.

올해, 한미 수교 140주년을 맞았습니다. 한미관계는 시대적 도전에 함께 대응하며 발전해왔고, 지난해 저와 바이든 대통령은 한미동맹을 ‘포괄적·전략적 가치동맹’으로 발전시키는 것에 합의했습니다. 양국은 기후, 글로벌 보건, 신기술, 공급망 회복력에서 협력을 강화하고 인적교류를 확대해 지속가능한 공동번영의 길을 함께 열어갈 것입니다.

우리는 어디에 있든 희망과 집념, 상부상조의 정신으로 자랑스러운 성공의 역사를 써왔습니다. 한글학교를 포함, 정부는 미래세대들을 위한 교육사업 지원을 강화할 것입니다. 동포들의 안전과 권익을 든든하게 뒷받침하고, 동포단체와도 긴밀히 협력하겠습니다.

임인년 새해, 동포 여러분 가정에 건강과 행복이 가득하길 기원합니다.

대한민국 대통령 문 재 인



Korean American Foundation Greater Washington

January 13, 2022

Dear Friends and Colleagues –

I would like to extend my greetings and congratulations to all of you celebrating the 2022 17th annual Korean American Day while we continue to be affected by this Pandemic that has changed all of our lives.

Our Obligation to our Predecessors and our Descendants

On January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in America in the state of Hawaii to work in sugar cane fields. Since then, for more than a century, new waves of Koreans have immigrated to the U.S., have worked hard, and prospered in this land of opportunity and freedom. The Korean American community has played an important role in promoting and maintaining a strong relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea. As the proud inheritors and beneficiaries of the pioneering efforts of our predecessors, we are compelled to continue to work hard, contribute to American society, and to pass on our cherished values and traditions to a new generation of Korean Americans.

Today, we are grateful to all the members of the U.S. Congress who worked to pass the Korean American Day Resolutions, HR 487 and SR 283 in December 2005, designating January 13 of each year as Korean American Day in recognition of the many contributions by Korean Americans to American society. Korean Americans continue to work to improve our civilization by their contributions to the arts and sciences, technology, business, industry, medicine, and many other specialties. We are blessed and proud to be served by four Korean Americans in the Congress of the United States, Rep. Young Kim and Rep. Michelle Park Steel of California, Rep. Marilyn Strickland of Washington State, and Rep. Andy Kim of New Jersey.

I would like to express my appreciation to all that enable us to celebrate this day including the Korean Embassy, the Korean Overseas Foundation and the Korean American Foundation- Greater Washington. It is my belief that the Korean American community will continue to dedicate itself to do the hard work required toward building a prosperous and unified society in the United States and to strengthen our bond with our fellow citizens in South Korea.

May God bless the United States of America and the Republic of Korea.

Best Wishes,

Sekwon Kenneth Chong
Founder and Senior Advisor
Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington



Korean American Foundation Greater Washington

January 13, 2022

Dear Friends and Honored Guests:

After another year full of challenges, I am pleased to be able to organize this 17th annual Korean American Day Celebration via a live-streamed hybrid format. With ongoing Covid-19 restrictions at the Rayburn Congressional Office building this year, we are hosting this event at the new Korean Community Center at 6601 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, Virginia. We are presenting this hybrid event with a combination of a live in-person gathering, live guests via Zoom, and pre-recorded messages to a global online audience. After the conclusion of the program, the event will be edited, finalized, and uploaded for archiving on YouTube as was done the previous year.

The foundation members express our sincere appreciation to our representatives at the U.S. Congress, the Embassy of The Republic of Korea, the Korean Embassy Counsel General in Washington D.C., the Korean Overseas Foundation, and all of the participants, supporters and volunteers who make this event possible every year.

We can never forget the sacrifices that veterans of the U.S. and other Armed Forces have made to secure the freedom and prosperity of the South Korean people. The American people have welcomed Korean immigrants since 1903 and have enabled us to flourish in a civilization built on the foundation of individual liberty and freedom. Our immigrant ancestors overcame many hardships, and now we have endured a life threatening Pandemic for nearly two years. However, we are recovering, and with hard work and determination, we will use the freedoms and opportunities we have in the United States to prosper again.

I hope that you continue to be cautious and that you have a joyful New Year !

Best Wishes,

Michelle Lee, 9th President
Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, I welcome you to the 17th Annual Korean American Day Commemoration, hosted by the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington DC.

The United States and South Korea share a long history of friendship and cooperation based on shared values and interests. Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903. It is a time to recognize those who decided to emigrate from their homeland during World War I and II and the Korean War.

It wasn't until December of 1902 the SS Gaelic, with 102 Korean immigrants, set sail for Honolulu, Hawaii. These families initiated the first wave of Korean immigration, resulting in over 7,500 immigrants over the next two years.

They served their communities and their country during World Wars I and II and the Korean War. During these times, more Koreans decided to emigrate from their homeland.

We would like to recognize and thank the national and local Korean American community. Your contributions are invaluable to every aspect of society, and these accomplishments help build a better community for future generations.

Your generosity to the Korean War Veterans Memorial has not only helped to honor those men who gave the ultimate sacrifice but has also helped to educate the more than 4 million people who visit the Memorial in Washington, D.C., each year. The Memorial symbolizes the strong ROK/U.S. alliance and will strengthen this partnership.

With deep appreciation,

General (R) John H. Tilelli, Jr., United States Army
Board Chairman



KDVA

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

January 13, 2022

Korean American Day marks a special milestone for the millions of Americans with Korean lineages and their exceptional role in the Alliance between the United States and Republic of Korea. Korean Americans are the personification of the strength and goodwill of all Americans who care about the Veterans who fought in the Korean War and the Korea Defense Veterans who continue to defend South Korea. As the Commander of the United Nations Command, ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea from 2016 to 2019, I found great encouragement in knowing that the strength, passion, and humanity of the Korean people ran deep whether they lived in Korea or in the United States.

This passion for the ROK-U.S. Alliance and our Veterans is at the heart of the Korea Defense Veterans Association. KDVA is committed to the Americans and Koreans who built the Alliance and continue to support it. Koreans and Americans who care about the Alliance ... are the Alliance. In 2022, KDVA calls on our members, partners, and supporters to join us in our theme of "We Are the Alliance" as a rally point to work together for peace, stability, and prosperity.

Many thanks to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for your commitment to the Korean American Community. The Korea Defense Veterans Association sends our heartfelt best wishes for your continued success in advocating for Americans of Korean descent who support both countries.

Sincerely,

Vincent K. Brooks
General, U.S. Army (Retired)
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Korea Defense Veterans Association



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Dear Friends,

I am honored to commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for their work to host the 17th Annual Korean American Day celebration. This year marks the 119th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean Immigrants to the United States.

Today, we gather to recognize and celebrate the profound impact Korean Americans have had on the United States. In the 11th Congressional district of Virginia, the district I am proud to represent in Congress, one out of every four residents were born abroad. Of those, nearly half are from Asia originally. In the 11th District, you can find the highest number of Asian-American-owned businesses in all of the National Capital Region and the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am proud to represent this district, and I am grateful for the countless contributions that immigrant communities have made to better our nation.

The U.S. alliance with Korea has exemplified political and diplomatic collaboration in the modern international scene. Through our economic and trade relations, we have developed two powerful economies in tandem, and our nations' friendship is an admirable bond. As co-chair of the Korea Caucus in the United States House of Representatives, I look forward to building and sustaining our partnership as we pursue greater success in our alliance and work together toward the achievement of our common goals.

Once again, I want to thank the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for making this event possible and for your commitment to the Korean American community.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia

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Grace Meng
Congress of the United States
Sixth District, New York

January 13, 2022

On the 119th Anniversary of Korean American Day

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to extend my warmest congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on their 17th Annual Korean American Day celebration!

One hundred and nineteen years ago, Koreans arrived on American shores in search of opportunity for themselves and their families. Since then, Korean Americans have enriched every facet of our history, culture, and cuisine. From the entertainment industry to academia; from the medical field to public service—Korean Americans have made and continue to make countless contributions to this nation. New York is home to the second largest Korean American population in our country. In my congressional district of Queens, where many Korean Americans call home, I extend my gratitude to the thriving Korean American community that has enriched our neighborhoods and the greater New York City metropolitan area. It is an honor to represent them in Congress.

Organizations like the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington are essential elements of our diverse communities. Our nation derives its strength from its diversity and building bridges within and across all communities is critical to protecting that diversity. I commend the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for all the tremendous work in promoting Korean culture, while building connections with different communities. I wish you the best on your future successes. Additionally, I extend my warmest congratulations to the awardees, including Hannah Kim and Bob Hur, for their achievements.

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity to join in today's virtual celebration of Korean American Day. Stay well and Happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

January 13, 2022



I want to extend my warmest thanks and congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for the 17th annual Korean American Day Celebration.

As the son of Korean immigrants, I recognize and appreciate the unique role that KAFGA plays in many Korean American lives. This community has a strong history of contributions to the United States not only as entrepreneurs, business owners, and leaders, but also as community organizers and public servants. The work you have done in highlighting Korean immigration and providing cultural and educational activities across nearly two decades is inspiring.

It is an honor to be the first Asian American Member of Congress to serve the state of New Jersey, and one of only four Korean American to be currently serving in Congress. Being a part of this diverse and exceptional community is likewise a privilege and I look forward to continuing our work together.

While I cannot be with you all tonight, please accept my warmest wishes for an exceptional Korean American Day Celebration. Thank you for all that you have accomplished in support of Korean Americans, I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Andy Kim
Member of Congress

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Michelle Lee
President
Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington



Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington on their 17th Annual Korean American Day Celebration.

I would like to thank the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for organizing and hosting this noteworthy event celebrating the achievement of the Korean American community since the first immigrants arrived in the United States on January 13, 1903.

As a proud Korean American, it is heartening to see this important day being continuously recognized and the successes of the Korean Community growing. I look forward to seeing event more success in the future!

Once again, congratulations and best wishes to everyone participating in this wonderful event. Thank you to all of those involved in making this organization a great success.

I wish you a happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,

Michelle Steel
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Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome guests and participants to this 17th Annual Celebration of Korean American Day. I would first like to thank the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington for their hard work in organizing and hosting this celebration.



Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants on January 13, 1903 and honors the great contributions that Korean Americans have made to the growth and economic success of the United States. America's rich diversity is part of what makes our country great. As an immigrant from Korea, I am proud of our heritage and the significant contributions that Korean Americans have played in all aspects of American life. Korean Americans continue to play a pivotal role in defining America as the land of diversity and opportunity and I want to thank the Korean American Foundation for making sure this day is recognized.

I am honored to be one of the first Korean American women elected to serve in the United States Congress. It is an honor to represent the 39th Congressional District in Southern California and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress, 39th District

Korean Immigration 1903 - Present

First Wave: 1903 – 1949

The first significant wave of immigration started in 1903, when Koreans arrived in Hawaii to work on pineapple and sugar plantations. By 1905, more than 7,000 Koreans had come to Hawaii to escape the famines and turbulent political climate of Korea. Eventually, about half of these Korean workers moved to the mainland and established businesses such as laundry and nail salons, with the remainder returning to Korea. From 1905 to 1924, approximately 2,000 additional Korean immigrants moved to Hawaii and California as picture brides. The mass immigration abruptly ended in 1924 when Congress passed the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924.

Second Wave: 1950 – 1964

After Korea was liberated from Japanese occupation in 1945, Korea was divided in 1948 into the South and the communist North. During the Korean War (1950-1953), about 15,000 Koreans moved to America. The McCarran and Walter Act of 1952 nullified the 1924 Asian immigration ban and made Asians eligible for citizenship. After the war, Korean wives of American soldiers, war orphans adopted by American families, and others migrated to the U.S. Most of the war brides were initially required to live on military bases. The war orphans were mainly of mixed race having American servicemen as fathers. The others, mainly students, professionals, and academics, successfully integrated into American society.

Third Wave: 1965 – present

The 1965 Immigration and Naturalization Act revoked the national quota system. The annual number of Korean immigrants steadily increased beginning in 1965. Conditions in Korea caused massive numbers of Koreans to immigrate in the 1960s through the early 1980s. Their children, known as the second generation, comprise the major component of the current Korean-American community. Unlike previous immigrants, this wave was mainly white-collar workers in Korea who voluntarily moved to America.

The official Korean delegation consisted of 10 members, led by the Chief Minister, Min Young-Ik, Vice Minister Hong Young-Sik, and Percival L. Lowell, who acted as the foreign secretary and counsellor.[4] By virtue of his international experience by studying at Keio University in Japan in 1881, Min Young-Ik recommended Kil-Chun be included among the 10 delegates sent to the United States. The Korean delegation arrived in New York on September 17, 1883, having travelled across the country from San Francisco. The next day they met the American President Chester A. Arthur at 11 o'clock in the morning.[5] Stopping in New York only to meet the President, the group travelled on to Boston. They spent a week in the city, visiting schools, companies, and industrial exhibitions, before leaving for Washington,



Emperor Gojong
(reigned 1863-1907)



King Gojong of Korea dispatched Bobingsa,
the first official Korean delegation
to the United States in July 1883.



Emperor Sunjong
(Reigned 1907 – 1910)and
Empress Sunmyeong



Outstanding Leadership Awardee 2022: Bob Huh

Bob Huh has been a veteran National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) in English as a New Language since November 2009. He has been working for Prince George’s County Public Schools since August 2001. He came to Maryland on January 1, 2000 as a graduate student. During his practicum, he was hired by Prince George’s County.

In August 2016, the first Korean language class as a world language elective began. A new course number for the State of Maryland public school system has also been created. Since then, every year one new level has been added. There are now four levels of high school Korean and three levels of middle school Korean language courses available in the county that start from introductory Korean to Korean 4. Mr. Huh also founded the first professional organization with Korean teachers in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area. He became the founding president of the Korean Language Teachers Association of the Greater Washington, D.C. area (KLTADC) in September 2020. Each month he leads professional development seminars that focus on effective teaching strategies for Korean language teachers. The KLTADC is also developing digital resources for Korean language teachers and learners around the world.

An average educator affects more than 3,000 students in his or her career. If that teacher has an in-depth knowledge of Korea and Korean, more students might be interested in learning Korean or learning the culture, so he started the first Korean for Educators (KfE) program on March 1, 2018 with a few regional teachers. On October 13, 2018 he wrote a proposal to the Korean Education Center in Washington D.C. and received the first funding for the program. Since then, it has grown steadily. As of December 2021, more than one hundred current and former teachers in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Washington D.C. attended the program and learned Korean language and its culture. Current 8th cohort ends on Saturday, December 18th, 2021. Each year he teaches two cohorts: fall and spring.

He was on the instructional staff of the first Star Talk program in Fairfax, Virginia in the summer of 2019. Due to the success of the program, the Fairfax public school system was able to receive funding from the National Security Agency for their second year program in the summer of 2021. He was again asked to join the instructional staff for the four week program. He and his Korean class students have volunteered and performed at various Korean events such as the KORUS Festival, the Korean Festival in Maryland, the Korean American Day celebration at Capitol Hill, the Washington Korean Women’s Society’s scholarship awards, Golden Bell, Show One Korea!, Arirang USA Hangul Day celebration, and other events. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Korean club hosts three annual events: Korean movie night in December, Asian Invasion festival in February, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Korean (ERKR) Showcase in April. These events became popular outlets of Korean culture in the community. The annual ERKR show attracts hundreds in and out of the school and demonstrates the Korean language proficiency of students while also showcases various aspects of Korean culture such as Nanta, Taekwondo, K-pop dances, and Korean songs. Mr. Huh continues his dedication to Korean language education and serves various Korean organizations and the local communities.



Distinguished Leadership Awardee 2022: Hannh Kim

Hannah Y. Kim is the founder of Remember727, the official Ambassadors of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, and works as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs for Health Care at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

In 2008, as a 24-year-old graduate student, Hannah founded Remember727, which has since hosted an annual commemoration for Korean War Armistice Day – the day on which the ceasefire treaty was signed in 1953. Every July 27 at 7:27 p.m., hundreds of people light candles at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C., to pay tribute to our veteran’s sacrifices and to renew the call for peace on the Korean peninsula and wherever conflict persists in our world. In 2009, Hannah successfully lobbied to pass legislation that established July 27 as the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in the United States.

After serving as chief of staff and communications director to Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), Hannah Y Kim embarked on a Journey around the world in 2017 to thank Korean War Veterans and promote peace on the Korean Peninsula. With the help of her family and friends, Hannah traveled across six continents to 26 countries that participated in the Korean War, including Japan, China, Russia, and even North Korea. During her 4-month journey, she had the distinct honor of interviewing 200 Korean War veterans, whom she referred to as her Grandpas, because as she told them, “If you did not fight in Korea, I would not be here.”

In 2018, she made another journey to visit her Korean War Veterans Grandpas – this time across the USA to all 50 States. The goal was to raise awareness about the Wall of Remembrance and help raise funds for its construction as well as to promote peace on the Korean peninsula. Hannah has always had a special heart for Korean War veterans and hope for peace in Korea. She has been tireless about reminding everyone that if it were not for the veterans, we would not be living in a free world living our dreams.





Moderator
Sarai Koo, Ph.D.

Moderator: Sarai Koo, Ph.D. Sarai is the Chief Visionary of Project SPICES and CEO/Founder of MAPS 4 College. Dr. Koo is an expert at driving organizational change, developing leaders, and enhancing corporate culture for companies, local and federal government, Intelligence Communities, and global organizations. Dr. Koo coaches, mentors, and advises global leaders, such as Ambassadors, presidents, and CEOs throughout the world. She is also a speaker and facilitator. In 2019, The Director of National Intelligence Insider Threat Task Force specifically chose her as the lead organizational change expert to provide strategies to transform organizational culture for more 200 senior officers at 40 Federal Executive Agencies. Dr. Koo is the author of the book Seoul Food and is currently writing a TV pilot (Delusional Seoul) and a feature film. She is also an actress and is due to appear in Steven Soderbergh's upcoming American thriller film Kimi (February 2022). www.saraikoo.com, www.projectspices.com, and www.seoulfood.us



Dami S. Schlobohm

Dami was born in Seoul, South Korea and raised in Maryland from the age of 5. She studied cello performance with Ms. Bai Chi Chen, Dr. Franklin Cox, Jr., and Ms. Gita Ladd, as well as cello pedagogy with Dr. Benjamin Myers. Having earned a B.A. in Cello Performance with an emphasis in Musicology, Dami has been using her personal experiences and understanding of music theory to teach cello students in Maryland for nearly 20 year. Fascinated by the many different genres of music and their representative cultures, Dami traveled to South Korea to study the music of her heritage, earning a Masters degree in Korean Musicology from Seoul National University. Upon her return home, she re-joined the Korean Performing Arts Academy of America where she performs traditional Korean drums with her mentors, Pastor Hyung Joo Cho and Ms. Soon He So. www.damzsound.com



Seong Won Nam,
Tenor

The Anthems: Seong Won Nam is a professional lyric tenor, with a broad background of experience in performance, teaching, leadership, and support. He is well known in the Washington DC area as a focused, dedicated artist and teacher. Seong is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music at George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia, where he supports the vocal music program at George Mason University through personal instruction, evaluation, and curriculum development. In fifteen seasons with the Washington National Opera, Mr. Nam has performed in well over 450 performances. His area leading roles have included Duca (Rigoletto), Faust (Faust), Romeo (Roméo et Juliette), Edgardo (Lucia di Lammermoor), Macduff (Macbeth), Pinkerton (Madama Butterfly) and Nemorino (L'Elisir D'Amore). In addition to these engagements, Mr. Nam is a founder of the Christian Classical Singers, a group of professional Korean singers. He is also the Artistic Director of the Washington Concert Society, a non-profit organization.

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Jihee Yi
이지희

Artist and Writer, Jihee Yi Graduated from Yeosu Institute of Technology majoring in Industrial Design and immigrated to the US. Went back to Korea to study Minhwa at Hongik University's Continuing Education Center for Culture and Art in Seoul. Currently, member of SoSo Club (Hongik University Minhwa Club), Han-Mee(Korean American) Artists Asso. of Greater Washington D.C., The Vienna Arts Society, and the Korean Literary Society of Washington D.C. (Published Author of Children's Literature). Participated in multiple exhibitions including the Korean Festival Exhibition, The Korean Liberation and Independence Movement Day Celebration Exhibition, also had the privilege of holding an exhibition at the Korean Embassy in Washington, DC. Most recent exhibitions are 'Arts in the New Normal' at the Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Art Center in Solomon, MD. and another titled 'Turning a New Leaf' held in the Green Spring Gardens Park in Alexandria, VA. In addition to that multiple works are being showcased in a private gallery titled 'The Space' in Clarksville, MD.



Soo Kyung Jung
정수경

Soo Kyung Jung, Director of DI DIM SAE Korean Traditional Art Institute, Korean National Intangible Asset #27 Seungmu in Washington DC Training Center Instructor, Fairfax High school Korean Dance / Korean drum Teacher, Centreville High school Korean drum Teacher, The 12th International Asian Art Competition Prime Minister's Award.



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Jinwoo Kim
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Christopher Yoon
윤지성



Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington Officers



Michelle Lee
President

I was born in Daegu, South Korea. I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree at Duksung University followed by 2 years in the graduate business school at Dongkook University in Seoul. In 1988, I immigrated to the United States. I then completed an accounting program to qualify for the CPA exam. I worked for 2 CPA firms before accepting accounting position at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). During my tenure at MICA, I was able to organize many community engagement and artistic performance events held in the community and at MICA in collaboration with MICA students, faculty, and both local and international organizations. In 2017, I co-founded and co-chair the Baltimore Changwon Sister City Committee (BCSCC), under Baltimore Sister Cities, Inc. I received the Riley Hawkins Community Service to Baltimore Award in 2018 from MICA. As the 9th President of KAF-GW, I am serving as Director of our 2022 celebration of Korean-American Day.



John Yoo, MBA
Vice President
/ Treasurer

John Yoo was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia University of Integrative Medicine (VUIM) in April 2019. He is responsible for setting financial policy and for overseeing the operational and financial affairs of the University including both the academic institution and the academic teaching clinic. In addition, key operational and administrative areas such as strategic initiatives, finance, financial aid, human resources, management and budget, regulatory compliance, and information technology services report to him. John has served on the University's Board of Trustees since June 2010.



Dr. David Kim
Secretary

David Kim is an Oriental Medicine Doctor (DAOM) and has been practicing Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine for over 20 years in Glen Burnie Maryland. Graduated from MITCM in 2002 and received his doctoral degree from VUIM in 2020. His goal is to help communities and patients by connecting Western and Eastern medicine through a modern understanding. He is a father of two children and husband to a beautiful wife. His hobbies include star gazing with his telescope.

The 17th Event Steering Committee



Rosa Park
Chairperson

As I celebrate Korean American Day with you, I am reminded of my journey of 40 years as an immigrant tirelessly working toward the American dream of success. While living a difficult life as a first generation immigrant I always kept two thoughts close to my heart. How did our early immigrants in the past overcome so many hardships? How can I help the next generation so that their path is less difficult? Now, as a successful business owner in Montgomery County, Maryland, I am able to contribute to the community. In 2003, I served as the president of the Hangeul School Parent Association and established a Korean youth traditional culture foundation (Hannori) to instill pride in the youth of Korea. I am proud to have served as the chairperson of the Korean-American Festival preparation committee for 5 years. My community activity wish list includes establishing a program to visit early Korean immigrant historical places with our youth, developing and sponsoring a local high school Korean culture club, and hosting a photo exhibition of Korean immigration at the Korean-American festival. Happy KA Day, it is a great time to be a Korean-American!



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Establishment

The Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States - Greater Washington was established in October, 2001 as a Virginia non-profit organization to provide programs relating to the history and future of Korean immigration to the United States, and to engage in other educational and cultural activities. The organization was recognized as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c) (3) in June 2003. The organizational name was changed to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington (KAF-GW) on January, 2004. KAF-GW at the time was vigorously seeking the designation of Korean American Day as January 13, the date that the first Korean immigrants arrived on the shores of America in Hawaii in 1903. This goal was realized in 2005, when the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed resolutions designating January 13 as Korean American Day. Since then, the foundation has been actively supporting and organizing special events on January 13, Korean American Day.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to honor the achievements of the Korean American community and to express our gratitude to American citizens for the opportunity to live in freedom and prosperity. We also seek to illuminate the pioneering efforts of our immigrant predecessors, to organize a Korean American Day celebration on January 13, and to pass on an awareness and appreciation of the accomplishments of Korean immigrants to future Korean American generations.

Please visit us at <https://kafgw.org>.



미주한인재단-워싱턴

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