

Welcome to the first edition of Newsletter in Servas Korea.



As a PR coordinator, I have compiled it on behalf of Exco (the Servas Korea Executive Committee). We hope it will be an opportunity to let you know about the news and events that are going on around the Servas Korea.

Any suggestions for a name for this newsletter are very welcome. It is being distributed to all active members of Servas Korea and SI committees. Please pass it on to hosts and travelers as widely as possible.

Thanks for the help and data from National Secretary (Huh,Jong) and regional coordinators. Send any comments or feedback about the newsletter to me at ymjung@naver.com.

The next issue of the newsletter will be sent in July 2014. Contributions will be welcomed by May 31st 2014.

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Servas Korea (SK) Organization

- ◆ Executive Committee (11 members) – led by National Secretary (Huh, Jong)
- ◆ 11 regional branches and coordinators
- ◆ Total active members: 263 (Jan 2013)
- ◆ Website: <http://www.servas.or.kr>

Servas activities were started in 1965 by Dr Lee, Donghun. Official Servas Korea organization started to work in 1976. Since 1977, SK has issued the host list annually.

SK Exco meeting January 2013

SK Exco(the executive committee) had its first face to face meeting on 19th January 2013 in Daejon, South Korea. Exco members and regional coordinators met together to approve many agenda, like Exco members, 2012 annual closing accounts, 2013 budget and projects, etc. More details in Korean at our website.

SK Annual Country Pilgrimage

- When : May 11th to 12th May 2013
- Where: Mungeongsaejae, Gyeongbuk
- Host: Daegu Branch
- Participants: about 100(Servas members and family)
- Major program: Walking together in KBS Drama Open Set and Museum of Old Roads, Servas Auction, Special lecture on “Ask to the roads” by Dr Ahn(Curator of MOR), Group activities, and strolling along Mungeongsaejae & learning its’ history from cultural heritage commentator.





Walking barefoot along Mungeongsaejae(Old Road).



Bare foot contest among Servas members.

Mungeongsaejae is the number one tourist place in Korea that was chosen by KTO¹ Survey in June, 2013. Mungeong is located in northern part of Gyungbuk Province and borders with Chungbuk. Sae means the space (between) and Jae is Chinese character that stands for mountain pass. It has been used originally from the period of the Three States (BC 57). But it had become very famous in Chosun Dynasty because many young scholars, who wanted to take the entrance exam for high-ranking public officials, needed to pass this mountain from Youngnam to Hanyang(Chosun's Capital).

Here is a unique museum of Old Roads that shows us the origin of this pass and other stories. In this old road, you can talk a walk barefoot and it is very good for your health. Additionally you can enjoy KBS Open Drama Set that is still used for making traditional Korean drama.

About 100 Servas members and family walked together at Old Road and enjoyed the beautiful nature. We saw a live drama scene in KBS Open Drama Set. Through this kind of country pilgrimage, we can know the natural beauty of our country and allow other branch members to get to know each other.

SK UNESCO Multicultural Creativity Camp

- When : July 13th to 14th July 2013
- Where: Jangsu, Jeonbuk
- Host: Exco & UNESCO
- Participants: 36(Servas members and Multi cultural families)
- Major program: Creative thinking, Mind-map self introduction, Tangram Teamwork, Culture exchange, Social hour, etc.
- Sponsored by MOSPA(Korean Government)



Group activities with mind map.



Tangram' Creativity contest.

¹ KTO: Korea Tourism Organization

All 36 people joined this creativity camp. 4 Japanese, 3 Mongolian, 5 Chinese, 1 Filipina, 1 Sri Lankan, 4 American and 18 Servas Korea members participated in this camp. Non-Korean participants made mind-mapping on their countries and presented it in front of all members. Through this camp, we learned a lot about each other and promoted our friendships. Moreover we acquired the power to think something in different ways and think creatively with what we learned from this camp.

SK Peace Riders' annual riding along DMZ

- When : Oct 3rd to Oct 6th, 2013
- Where: From Seoul to Sokcho, South Korea
- Distance: 330 KM
- Participants: 19(included foreigners)
- Purpose: To promote friendships and cooperation among Servas members in East Asia. To help them understand DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) in Korea. To show & make them feel the real Korean natural beauty.



SK Annul General Assembly

- When : Oct 12th to Oct 13th, 2013
- Where: Suncheon Bay, Jeonnam
- Participants: about 100(included foreigners)
- Host: Jeonnam Branch
- Program: Exco meeting, General Assembly, Visiting Suncheon Bay Garden Expo 2013, LED Lighting Festival, Social hours, hiking to see the sunrise at Bongwha-mountain, and Suncheon Bay eco tour.



This year many Japanese Servas members joined together, visited the beautiful World Garden Expo 2013, enjoyed Suncheon Bay eco tour, and participated in our annual General Assembly. One American and one Chinese were with us during this event. Through this year meeting, we have promoted understanding among members and friendships & cooperation. We all had time to enjoy Suncheon Bay World Garden 2013 and see very beautiful LED Lighting Festival. On second day we all took a walk in Suncheon Bay, saw many crabs, mudskippers and migratory birds, and hiked together until Yongsan Observatory to see the entire Suncheon Bay scenery. Bay scenery was fantastic and gorgeous. Everyone should visit there and experience it.



World Garden Expo 2013.



LED Lighting Festival.

Other SK Activities

SK signing MOU & NGO activities



Working with GSH in Myanmar

On May 26th, 2013, SK national secretary (Huh, Jong) and the president of Good Share for Human (Jung, Sunghern) signed Memorandum of Understanding to increase cooperation and overseas volunteering services. Good Share for Human has many members and it consists of doctors, nurses and other supporting staff.

SK members worked together volunteering their services in Myanmar with GSH from July 27th to Aug 1st 2013 (6nights & 8 days). All 44 people joined this project in seven subgroups.

Seven subgroups, such as medical team, remote area medical survey team, environmental survey team, cooking team, hairdresser team, paper handicraft team, and supporting team, did various volunteering works there.

Delivering video letters to Bangladesh

From Aug 19th to Aug 29th 2013, SK members and Sachon Multicultural Total Supporting Center worked together on NGO activities. This project was sponsored by the Korean government. The purpose was to deliver video letters & photo albums from Bengali workers in Korea to their families and to give students various stationeries and gifts. Also we all had great time to promote friendships and increase mutual understanding.

Throughout this project, the most difficult things were to drive on the unpaved roads and find the families' homes. Also we had hard time to get safe drinkable water. But we all were very happy to see their families' smiles when they saw the video letters and albums. We also brought loving video letters from Bengal back to their sons and daughters in Korea.



Mongol NGO Activities

Four SK members participated in Mongol NGO activities from July 3rd to July 11th 2013 (8nights & 9days). The purpose of this project was to research potential NGO projects in 2014, so we needed to visit many entities and relative organizations. We made creativity workshops with public servants of Water Resources Department.

During this project, we met the president of Huree Institute of Information and Communication Technology and discussed cooperation methods for future projects & activities. We had meetings with Hishige Sambuu (Assistant Dean of Mongol Educational Research Institute) and Servas

Mongol national secretary to discuss some educational projects and to sign MOU. We visited a high ranking official of Department of Agriculture and Industry for receiving some assistance in future Servas projects from the Mongol government.

SK Branch activities

▶ Seoul branch's 3rd quarter meeting

This was a housewarming party and 3rd quarter meeting for Seoul members on Sep 29th 2013. One member who built a traditional Korean house (Hanok) invited all Servas Seoul and other areas' members. About 35 members met together and had a great time in new Hanok.

The Korean traditional houses (Hanok) have been built here from B.C 5 century.



▶ Gyeongnam branch's sudden meeting

Many members of Gyeongnam made a special meeting on April 20th 2013 at Nakdong River's Canola Flower Complex. In the spring season, you can see very beautiful Canola flowers there. There was a Canola field of 60,000 m² this year.

We all had a wonderful time with members and had lunch together. Anyone who visits Korea at this time, please contact at Gyeongnam branch coordinator. He will host you at any time.

Also, Jeju Island is very famous for Canola flowers. You all should visit Korea and enjoy our real beauty.



Welcome all to Gyeongnam and Busan, Korea.

▶ 100 birthday party visiting

One Japanese Servas member had her 100th birthday in February. Yun, Young-Bum and Eum, Jae-Ryang went to Oita, Japan and celebrated her birthday together. Ms Sato is still in very good health. She was very happy to have party with Korean members.

After the party, Mr Eum and Yun had time to travel around Japan and visited many tourist places.



Thank you. Gracias. 감사합니다.