



## Greetings from Young-Key Kim-Renaud, President of KOWIN DC



Dear KOWIN DC Members  
 and Friends,

This past spring was definitely one of the most memorable, if not the best ever, period KOWIN DC has ever had. The highlight was the 5th KOWINNER International Convention and the 8th KOWIN US Eastern Regional

Leadership Conference, which KOWIN DC helped host. The international conference, which met under the banner, "Let's collaborate. We can make a difference," was a huge success, with more than two hundred members and guests who traveled from 15 different countries. We are still savoring the memory of happy encounters, some of the most earnest and serious topics discussed, and the vitality and positive energy of the group.

In order to pull together our resources, KOWIN DC has decided to jointly organize with KOWINNER and KOWIN US Eastern Region the annual gala and also the leadership seminar. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the KOWIN DC members, who played such an essential role in planning and carrying out all the difficult tasks for the convention, and in showing our guests from all over the world what an impressive group of ladies we are.

As you see in this newsletter, our members have also been engaged in other activities as individuals and as a group. Much smaller in scale but just as important was our annual retreat at our favorite Annapolis refuge shortly after lunar New Year's Day.

KOWIN DC members enjoy small lectures with invited speakers during our regular meetings. At the first regular meeting of 2015, Komelia Hongja Okim, Professor Emerita of Metal Art at Montgomery College and our own KOWIN DC sister, talked about her success in winning Fulbright grants on three occasions. During our second regular meeting hosted by our own Sukza Park, attendees were treated with a special opportunity to hear her husband, Dr. Han Hwangbo, talk about Korean Satellite programs, for which he played a central role for many years.

This issue is the last one I publish as the President of KOWIN DC. I should like to take advantage of this opportunity to extend my personal thanks for all the affection and support I have received from my fellow members. If I have made any contribution to improve on this awesome organization, it is completely thanks to their help. On the other hand, I take full responsibility for any errors and shortcomings. I know and sincerely wish that KOWIN DC will flourish under the new leadership of Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, who will succeed me as the new president this summer.

With my best and affectionate wishes,

Young-Key Kim-Renaud  
 President, KOWIN DC Chapter

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## 2014 Fourth Regular Meeting

November 16, 2014

KOWIN DC Senior Vice President Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, who presided over the meeting in the absence of KOWIN DC President Young-Key Kim-Renaud, welcomed 18 KOWIN sisters and supporters at Woo Lae Oak Restaurant in Vienna, Virginia for the fourth regular meeting of 2014.

Sue provided a report on the 14th KOWIN Convention in Gumi (North Gyeongsang Province) held from August 26th to 29th. One of the main discussions at the convention was about the government's role in providing the necessary support for women to maintain work-life balance in which they can continue to work while caring for their family.

Lucy Myong Ho Nam shared a report on the 7th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Seminar, themed "Rise to Shine," which took place from September 19th to 21st at the University of Texas in Dallas. Lucy also shared updates about the 2015 KOWINNER Convention that was held from May 1st to 3rd in Washington, D.C. Kang-Eun Jeong Olson, the previous KOWIN DC fellow, was appointed as the KOWINNER fellow. Lucy requested strong volunteer support from KOWIN DC members. Sue emphasized that the 2015 KOWINNER Convention would be the first convention held in the US, so expectations from the international community were high.

Jungsil Julie Lee, Director of ArTrio Inc., U.S.A. and a Lecturer at the George Washington University, spoke about her collaborative museum work with Cultural Outreach Coordinator Kitty Heflin and other staff at the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Soo Yee also reported on another collaborative event with the Freer and Sackler Galleries, in which she brought students from the Seoul Korean School to the galleries to participate in interactive programs designed for young students. Yang-Ro Yoon spoke about a Korean film festival she was financing in collaboration with the Freer and Sackler Galleries scheduled for spring 2015.

Christeen Choi and Jungsil Julie Lee made an announcement about a seminar and exhibition titled "The Sorrow and Hope of Comfort Women," which was to be held on November 25th at the Catholic University of America.

Lucy also informed members about the recent New York Times article titled "The Comfort Women and Japan's War on Truth" by Mindy L. Kotler, Director of Asia Policy

Point and a guest speaker at the 1st KOWIN DC regular meeting of 2014.

## 2015 Membership Retreat

February 27-28, 2015



Ten KOWIN DC members attended the 2015 KOWIN DC membership retreat at an amazing waterfront vacation house in Annapolis, Maryland. Despite the snow, the participants enjoyed each other's company, taking morning walks and preparing delicious home-cooked meals.

During the retreat, members participated in member-led programs including a short story discussion led by Sukza Park about her recent work. She provided *Chamkkot* (참꽃) in Korean version as well as *The Azaleas* in English (the old title was *The Wailing Sea*). There were lively discussions between the author and the readers.

President Young-Key Kim-Renaud shared stories from her experience teaching for one semester at Nanjing University, one of the top five universities - in all areas of study - in China. Senior Vice President Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas delivered a presentation on being a "Global Business Executive" and emphasized that in order to be an effective global business executive, one must conduct herself with honesty and integrity and must treat everyone as an equal. She also provided information on the importance of image making and business and dining etiquette.

Aside from the member-led programs, Lucy Nam provided information on an art exhibition based on a prior competition in conjunction with the 2015 KOWINNER Convention that will take place at the Korean Cultural Center (KORUS House) in Washington D.C. from April 2nd to 30th. Members were asked to encourage college art students to apply for the art contest.



On the final evening several members enjoyed an outdoor spa in a big jacuzzi while others watched a Korean film. A weekend of shared knowledge, stories, and laughter made this year's retreat a memorable experience.

## 2015 First Regular Meeting

March 10, 2015



The first regular meeting of 2015 was held at Far East Restaurant in Rockville, Maryland in March with 24 attendees including preexisting members and new members of KOWIN DC. KOWIN DC President Young-Key Kim-Renaud welcomed everyone and said that she had a great semester in Nanjing University, China and recently came back after staying an extra two months in China. She announced her plan to retire at the end of this academic year. The election to select the next KOWIN DC president took place and Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, the senior Vice President of KOWIN DC was voted to be the next president. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas will assume her presidency this summer.

The reports by each committee chair continued. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, a co-chair of the Publication Committee reminded members that KOWIN publishes newsletters twice a year (winter and spring). However, this year the spring newsletter would be published later instead of April so that it could cover the KOWINNER convention (May 1-3) news along with other news about the winter retreat and the reports of past regular meetings. Sue asked each committee chair to send a short summary (100-500 words) of the activities under her responsibility so that a comprehensive convention summary report could be produced. In addition, she requested members to submit individual member news (under 150 words). All reports should have been submitted by May 10 in both Korean and English. Sue emphasized the importance of our newsletters and website because they are viewed not only by the DC community, but also by other KOWIN chapters, the

Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, and the general public.

The membership committee shared that currently 60 out of the 100 KOWIN DC listed members are active. The membership committee informed that when a new member joins KOWIN after a review of her application and C.V. and submission of the payment of the initiation fee and the first annual dues, Treasurer Junghee Lee will officially send a welcome message.

Komelia Hongja Okim, Professor Emerita of Metal Art at Montgomery College, also provided a special talk entitled "Writing Grant Proposals: A Recent Success Story." She shared her personal experience as a three-time recipient of a prestigious Fulbright grant. As a first time Fulbright scholar, she taught at Hong-Ik University from 1982-1983, and as a second time Fulbright scholar, she taught at Won-Kwang University from 1994-1995. She recently received her third Fulbright grant in the senior category from June 2014 to April 2016. She said that her experiences as a Fulbright scholar allowed her to learn so much more about Korean language, art and culture.

## The Meeting with Korean Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Kim Heejung

March 11, 2015



The Korean Minister of Gender Equality and Family (MOGEF), Kim Heejung, visiting New York City for the UN conference on Women, invited members of the KOWIN Eastern Regional District and the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women (WCCW). Three KOWIN DC members attended the lunch meeting: Lucy Nam (Eastern Regional Director), Young-Key Kim-Renaud (KOWIN DC President), and Yang-Ro Yoon (on behalf of the President, WCCW). In her welcoming remarks, Minister Kim enthusiastically expressed her vision for KOWIN to mature into a potent global forum for women and families of Korean ethnicity. They then had a lively discussion full of wit, humor and laughter on KOWIN-



related issues both in Korea and in the US. These included issues of women's career, work-life balance and career retention, and the education system.

Minister Kim strongly encouraged KOWIN members to attend the 2015 KOWIN meeting to be held in Tong-Young. She appreciated KOWIN DC's mentoring program for young female Korean-American professionals and promised support for the 2015 KOWINNER Convention hosted by KOWIN DC. Minister Kim concluded the meeting by asking KOWIN members to raise awareness of the "Hapchang (Chorus)" project: this is a MOGEF-sponsored youth art and music competition on the theme of the comfort women, aiming to facilitate youths' understanding of the history and ask what lessons can be learned for the future for the world at large. This year's "Chorus" competition is newly open to students of Korean and other ethnicities outside Korea. The first prize carries an award of \$3000. More information is available at <http://www.hermuseum.go.kr/sub.asp?pid=25>

## 2015 KOWINNER International Convention

The joint session of the 5th KOWINNER International Convention and the 8th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Conference was held in Washington DC during May 1-3, 2015 at the Hilton Tysons Corner Hotel. There were many events that took place in conjunction with the convention and the following summarizes each. This report was prepared by Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, KangEun Jeong Olson, and Emily Kessel.

### Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner Reception with a Special Concert



Korean Ambassador and Mrs. Ahn Ho-Young's elegant residence in Washington, DC was the venue for the opening ceremony and reception for the 5th KOWINNER International Convention and the 8th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Conference, while most of the

meeting was held in nearby McLean, VA, May 1-3, 2015. Welcome remarks by KOWINNER CEO, Kyunghee Lee and Ambassador Ahn, and congratulatory remarks by various speakers, including three National Assembly ladies from Korea, Sohn In Chun, Hwang In Ja, and Na Kyung-won, all emphasized the significance of the role of women in improving the human condition in all societies, while praising the increasing contribution that organizations such as KOWINNER have played.

The convention chair, Dr. Lucy Myong Ho Nam, received a special citation for her efforts to organize the conference. As history was being made with this first-ever meeting of the KOWINNER convention in the Americas, the 140 elegantly dressed participants from 14 countries, enjoyed a delicious Korean meal, and a special piano performance by Prof. Yong Hi Moon of Peabody School of Music, Baltimore, and her twin daughters, Andrea Lee, cellist, and Alicia Lee, clarinetist, which was sponsored by the Chicago Sejong Society. The talented trio's music was heavenly and the whole audience was deeply touched when they performed a piece written by Korean American composer, Charles Lee, who was inspired by the true story of a Korean comfort woman, and which included a well-known melody from the Korean folk song, "saeya saeya." The choice of this music was particularly fitting, as one of the main themes of the whole convention was the "comfort women" and other war-time acts of violence against women.

### The 8th KOWIN US Eastern Regional Leadership Conference

The session was attended by 190 participants representing 13 countries. The program began on May 2 with welcoming remarks by Lucy Myong Ho Nam, Convention Chair and KOWIN US Eastern Regional Director, and Kyunghee Lee, Executive Chair, KOWINNER Foundation. The video congratulatory remarks by Heejung Kim, Minister of Gender Equality and Family, Korea and Senator Yonah Martin of Canada were preceded by live congratulatory remarks from Haing Kim, president of the Korean Institute for Gender Equality Promotion and Education, National Assemblywomen In Chun Sohn and Seung-hee You, and Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, UN Assistant Secretary-General.

Our keynote speaker was Dr. Jong Nam Oh, Senior Advisor, Kim and Chang law firm and the Chair of the Board of Scranton Women's Leadership Center. He delivered an inspiring message in line with the theme of the convention, "Let's collaborate. We can make a difference." Two sets of panel discussions highlighting



this theme and dealing with wartime sexual atrocity toward women were held. The first discussion was moderated by Ms. Jae Choi Kim of KOWIN Chicago and the second one by Dr. Jungsil Lee, KOWIN DC member who is the President of WCCW. A special lunchtime presentation was made by Dr. Chun Hee Kim of Keimyung University on the subject of Korean women's virtue of motherhood.

A breakout session divided into 10 different career and subject matters was carried out after lunch. Each group had an assigned mentor and moderator made up of KOWIN members and non-members who have achieved success in their own fields. Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Seminar Chair and Executive Vice President of KOWIN DC presided over the summary presentation of the breakout session. The subject matters dealt were: (1) Education, (2) International Organizations, (3) Law, (4) Journalism / Media, (5) Healthcare / Biomedical, (6) Science / IT, (7) Arts, (8) Business, (9) Government / Politics, and (10) Comfort Women Issues.

Soliciting and confirming an international and national cast of speakers, panelists, mentors /moderators as well as having to deal with publications in both English and Korean were challenging, but we managed to have a successful seminar.



### KOWINNER Foundation & KOWIN DC Gala

On the evening of Saturday, May 2, participants of the KOWINNER Convention came together for an evening of socializing and entertainment. The night kicked off with a cocktail reception followed by a program opening with flag bearers from every country represented at the convention. Providing opening remarks and

congratulatory remarks, respectively, were Kyunghee Lee, Executive Chair of the KOWINNER Foundation, and Young-Key Kim-Renaud, President, KOWIN DC. Jin Hwa Suh and Ko Im were the masters of ceremonies.

Do Ho Kang, Consul-General, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, and Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Seminar chair of this convention and the next President of KOWIN DC, gave a toast and dinner was served. Throughout the evening guests enjoyed a special concert featuring Mozart's 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' performed by the trio Jie Hyue Kim, Heejung Jung, and Youn Young Yi. KOWINNER and KOWIN members then shared group performances ranging from a dance to Tara's 'Little Apple' to a 'Korean Family' skit by our very own KOWIN DC members. Later in the evening, DJ AAROCK had everyone on their feet dancing and many members came onto the stage when a surprise entertainer gave a performance of 'Gangnam Style.'



### WASHINGTON DC Guide Tour & Optional Tour

Four different tours were offered for convention participants: City Tour, Mount Vernon, Freer Gallery Tour, Tysons Galleria Tour on May 3, 2015. 35 people went on a city tour visiting top attraction in D.C. and 15 people traveled to George Washington's historic estate and garden at Mt. Vernon. Around 15 people participated in the Freer Gallery Guided Tour led by KOWIN DC member Jungsil Lee and enjoyed the rich art collection. 25 people participated in the Tysons Galleria tour led by KOWIN DC member Lucy Myong Ho Nam and enjoyed exclusive shopping experiences in 5 luxury stores, where they served door prizes, champagne, wine, gourmet chocolates, Korean rice cakes, gourmet cookies and other beverages.



Young Hi Choi who participated in the Smithsonian Museum Freer Gallery Tour summarizes her tour experiences as follows:

*“Together with Jungsil Lee who guided the tour through the Korean Pavilion in Gallery 14, participants looked around at the Korean porcelain utilizing the inlaying technique. The blend of unique colors and delicate porcelain colors was visible when viewing the master artisan's workmanship and admiring the artistry of our ancestors. Then listening to Professor Lee's interpretation of artwork from the neighboring region of China, Japan, Iran, Assyria, and India, the participants looked around. The most impressive part of the tour was the 'Peacock Room' which was fully decorated with an eastern art collection by an Irish American painter from Washington DC, Whistler. When I looked around, three paintings of the gold peacock could be seen on the front wall, and the rest of the walls were fully displaying the diverse sizes and shapes of the pottery. I also appreciated Whistler's painting and could see the evolution of his painting style in search of escape through drawing two-dimensional and purely abstract paintings of narrative realism. During the tour, participants were able to join the Korean Day event, which Professor Jungsil Lee oversees, and watched the fan dance, Taoist dance, and mask dance performances by Korean American students, as well as an introduction to Korean cooking event.”*



31 people also participated in the optional tour to NY and Canada for 6 nights and 7 days, and 15 people participated in the NY and Boston tour for 3 nights and 4 days). Lucy Myong Ho Nam reports the NY and Canada tour as follows:

*“I rushed to the tour bus for the optional tour leaving behind the four days (including the art exhibition closing reception and KOWINNER Foundation board meeting)*

*of excitement from the convention in Washington D.C. During the first two days, we were together and new friendships developed that were not easy to create during the convention due to the hectic schedule. Our Korean roots allowed complete strangers to become close friends. Many thanks to Stella Yi, President of Stella's Traveland, Inc., for organizing such a wonderful travel itinerary with classy room and board and a gourmet food selection. It was an amazing experience to see the Niagara Falls at night in the hotel room and getting wet on the boat ride. All participants gave positive feedback about the entire tour package.”*

### International Korean Women's Art Exhibition



The Korean Cultural Center, Washington DC held the International Korean Women's Art Exhibition from April 2-30. The exhibition, “Chosen Homeland: Searching for Women's Identify and Unity,”

hosted by the KOWINNER Foundation and sponsored by the KOWIN US Eastern Regional Chapter, was successfully done with over 20 Korean women artists from around the world. Also, three student artists who won the art contest (Julia Kwon, 1st place; Jean Jinho Kim, 2nd place; Zoe Linn Soo-hee Jarvis, 3rd place) had the opportunity to exhibit their artwork along with the established women artists. They received the awards during the KOWINNER Foundation & KOWIN DC gala on May 2.

There was also a one day special exhibition and sale on May 2 at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner hotel during the convention. This exhibition was orchestrated by Prof. Komelia Okim with assistance from Lucy Myong Ho Nam and KangEun Jeong Olson.

### Fundraising Effort: Silent Auction & Cash Donation “Thank you for your kind and generous donations”

The silent auction was very successful, and many people participated by donating and bidding on items from all around the world. The various items were nicely displayed for KOWINNER Convention participants to browse through during the convention and the reception before the May 2nd Gala began. The total amount raised from the silent auction and raffle sales from all donations including KOWIN DC members was \$4,212. The following is the list of KOWIN DC members' names who donated items for the silent auction:



**Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Yang Ro Yoon, Paula Park, Jung Hee Lee, Lucy Nam, Suzanne Kim Doud Galli, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Kwang Ja Kim, Helen Won**

There were also cash donations. The total donated cash amount from KOWIN DC members is \$6,000. The names of cash donors by different categorization was mentioned during the Banquet dinner on May 2, 2015. The full list of cash donors from all around the world were also included in the convention report prepared by Lucy Nam to the KOWINNER Foundation. The following is the list of KOWIN DC cash donors:

Silver donors (\$1,000 – \$2,499): **Young-Key Kim-Renaud, Lucy Nam, Susan Oh, Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas, Yang Ro Yoon**

Bronz donors (\$500 - \$999): **Jung Hee Lee, Stella Yi**

**2015 Second Regular Meeting**

**May 31, 2015**

The 2nd regular meeting of 2015 was held at our own KOWIN DC member, Sukza Park's Residence in Rockville, MD with 27 attendees. The hosts, Sukza Park and her husband Han Hwangbo graciously prepared and donated the cost for the food and drinks for the meeting and other members also brought various food and beverage items to make the dinner even more festive.

Outgoing KOWIN DC President Young-Key Kim-Renaud gave her last remarks as KOWIN DC President mentioning about practicing the three virtues of *chin-sŏn-mi* (seeking truth, doing good for the society, doing things in a beautiful way) in order to live as a well-mannered person in a civilized society. She felt she had become stronger and happier by receiving the energy 'ki' emanating from fellow KOWIN DC members, who are all so active, cheerful, and share in the "can do" spirit. She said that she was happy that KOWIN is going in the right direction and happy to be succeeded by Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas. President Kim-Renaud also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Emily Kessel for her hard work as the Fellow (2014-2015).

Newly elected President Vittas said in her remarks that her vision for KOWIN DC is not very different from former President Young-Key Kim-Renaud's vision. She placed an emphasis on peace and prosperity for KOWIN DC for the coming year and wanted this organization to be a source of energy for everyone in their daily and professional lives. She asked for support for this great organization among us who share the motherland.

Each committee chair gave a report on their recent activities. Lucy Nam gave a report on the recent 2015 KOWINNER Convention and KOWIN Eastern Regional Leadership Seminar, which ended successfully. She thanked everyone who helped to pull off the many overlapping events in great style. She also thanked Sue's great networks which helped bring big name speakers. She said she felt proud of KOWIN members who showed great abilities and many talents throughout the process. The next KOWINNER Convention will be held in Russia. Lucy Nam also gave a reminder of the KOWIN Convention, which will be held during August 25-28, 2015, in Tongyeong, Korea.

A special lecture on "Korean Satellite Programs" was given by Dr. Han Hwangbo, president of STG (Space Technology Group). He explained about the space programs



of South Korea and North Korea. During the lecture he shared his extensive and pioneering experiences of working in this field including the project on Korea Communication, Oceanographic and Meteorological Satellite (COMS).

**Member News**

**Sukza Park**



The Korea Joongang Daily recently published an article about Sukza Park in its "People" section, titled, "Writing Stories at Dawn Before Going to Work at the FDA."

This is an excerpt from the March 15, 2015 article in the Korea Joongang Daily: "She writes about four hours in the morning. Some mornings the creative juice doesn't flow, and she only gets two lines, but she cannot give up writing. Her elementary school teacher once told her, 'You should become a writer.' Since then, she has been stuck on that idea."

Park came to the U.S. in 1969 to join her husband, Han Hwangbo, who was already studying there. After her husband received a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering, she



continued her own studies and became a toxicologist, evaluating the safety of medical products for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. When her husband went back to Korea for 12 years to help develop the Korean space program, she remained in the States in order to supplement her husband's limited income and raise their family. They have three grown children.

Since her 2006 retirement from the FDA, Park has become a full-time writer, fulfilling her lifelong dream. She has finished 12 short stories and just completed a historical fiction novel in Korean titled "Hamel's Children." The novel is about the Dutch merchant, Hendrik Hamel, whose boat was wrecked off the coast of Jeju Island in 1656. He was held captive in Korea for 13 years, and his descendants were left behind when he eventually returned to his homeland. An immigrant herself, Park finds it easy to imagine and empathize with Hamel and the hardships Hamel and his descendants must have experienced as foreigners living in Korea.

She also writes in English. Writing, Park says, is a constant challenge, which she gladly meets. Her stories have won various prizes, including the "New Writer's Award" by the Korean Literary Society of Washington, D.C., the Korean Writers Association of America in New York, and the Korea Joongang Daily in Los Angeles. Recently she received another "New Writer's Award," and her story was published in Seoul in the February 2015 issue of *The Monthly Changjomunye*. Even though she has now lived in the U.S. much longer than in Korea, Park stays in close touch with her native country and says she feels a creative urge to help bridge the two cultures, furthering a greater understanding between the two peoples. The article can be found at <http://joongang.joins.com/article/585/17359585.html>.

### Suzanne Kim Doud Galli



This spring, Suzanne Kim Doud Galli, MD, Ph.D., FACS returned to her alma mater, Smith College, to speak at a Women's Leadership Conference on Taking the Right Risks. Her remarks

were part of a discussion on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields. Suzanne serves as the president of the Smith College Club of Washington DC. She returns as faculty to the Vegas Cosmetic Surgery Conference this June and will speak on Asian eyelid surgery and brow lifts.

### Komelia Hongja Okim



Komelia Hongja Okim, Professor Emeritus of Art at Montgomery College, has received her 3rd Fulbright Research Grant. She will travel to Korea to research and write a book on the different Korean metal surface techniques from ancient to contemporary times. She will examine, compare, and record metal objects at national, university, and private museums, as well as craft centers and antique shops, and will visit living national experts who utilize these techniques. An emphasis of her work will be to illustrate how ceremonial objects used in different periods are applied today in contemporary objects, commercial products, furniture, and at wedding ceremonies. Her book will be the first to cover traditional techniques, historical backgrounds, and contemporary usages by university teachers, crafts artists, and artisans in the metal field in the United States.

### Jamie Younghee Sheen



Jamie Sheen, Founder and CEO of Naisa, the first 501(c)(3) education non-profit dedicated to empowering young Asian leaders across the globe, announced the "Naisa Mentor-Protégé Program."

The Naisa Mentor-Protégé Program is a one of a kind elite program, offering to those admitted access to high profile mentorships with senior executives from various industries in the private and public sectors. The pool of senior executives includes law firm partners, high profile tech entrepreneurs, business leaders, and government officials.



Naisa selects their Protégés from a group of high potential young Asians ranging from top university graduates to promising professionals at global companies, consulting firms, and law firms. These individuals must pass a strict and competitive application process in order to be admitted into the program. Those who wish to become mentors must undergo a screening process as well, but are also personally invited by Naisa's leadership board to join the program.

The goal of the Mentor-Protégé Program is to place emerging young Asian leaders on a fast track to success, and promote diversity by increasing the presence of Asian leadership in the U.S. and abroad. The program matches protégés with mentors for a period of nine months and uses state-of-the-art mentoring software to facilitate mentor-protégé communication in order to set milestones for achievement of goals.

The program will match up to 200 mentors and protégés in 2015, and aims to match 1,000 by the end of 2017 with expected protégé applications of 10,000 from around the world. Applications are open for the first group of Mentor-Protégé matches, and can be found on Naisa's website at [www.naisaglobal.org/mentor-protége-program/](http://www.naisaglobal.org/mentor-protége-program/).

### Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas



Sue-Kyong Shin Vittas attended the 10th Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, held May 20-22, 2015 on Jeju Island, with the theme "Towards a New Asia of Trust and Harmony." The Forum was hosted by the Jeju

Special Self-Governing Province with full support from the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Jeju Forum 2015 served as a platform to discuss and share future directions on sustainable peace and prosperity in East Asia.

Since its inauguration in 2001, the Forum has made a substantial contribution to peace building in Asia with its discussion topics, prominent speakers, and high profile participants from a mix of political and social leaders, thereby establishing itself as one of the major international forums in Asia. This year's forum was

attended by more than 4,000 persons from 50 countries. The speakers included Gerhard Schröder (former Chancellor of Germany), Susilo Yudhoyono (former President of Indonesia), Yasuo Fukuda (former Prime Minister of Japan), John Howard (former Prime Minister of Australia), Joe Clark (former Prime Minister of Canada), and Li Xiaolin (President, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries).

### Young-Key Kim-Renaud



During the fall semester of 2014, Young-Key Kim-Renaud, President of KOWIN DC and Professor of Korean Language and Culture and International Affairs at the George Washington University, had a once-in-a-life time opportunity to spend six months in China, teaching and traveling. She taught two linguistics courses, one senior-level undergraduate and one graduate, at Nanjing University, one of the very best institutions of higher learning in China. She was invited to attend conferences and/or to lecture at other universities including Chongqing and Yanbian. Thanks to the incredible hospitality of her students, colleagues, and their relatives, friends, and even students, she was able to take trips to many different parts of China, including Guilin, Yangshuo, Lijiang, Dali, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Yangzhou, Huangshan, Taishan, Qufu, Chengdu, and Lhasa and other Tibetan cities, and meet people from different cultures and social classes, with some of whom she stays in contact via email.

Young-Key Kim-Renaud published "A Syntactic and Pragmatic Analysis of Subject Honorification," in David J.



Silva, ed., *Inquiries into Korean Linguistics V*: 49-59. 2015.

She also recently gave public lectures at many different kinds of institutions, as shown below:

- (1) "When Science and Humanities Came Together: Korean Phonetic Symbolism Reflected in King Sejong's Alphabet," NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) ANAPA (Association of NIST Asian-Pacific Americans) event for the Celebration of Asian-Pacific Month, Gaithersburg, MD. May 18, 2015.
- (2) "The Making of the Korean Honorific System," East Asian Humanities Lecture Series, The George Washington University, May 12, 2015.
- (3) Philip Jaisohn Distinguished Lecture, University of Pennsylvania ("Korean Honorifics and Changing Language Protocol"), April 14, 2015.
- (4) "Songs and Dances from America, France and Korea," as an invited teacher, Nanjing City Gulou Kindergarten (南京市鼓楼幼儿园), China, January 22, 2015.
- (5) "Significance of Korean Women's Networking throughout the World," Women's Research Center, Yanbian University, Yanji, China, November 23, 2014.
- (6) Chair of the panel entitled, "Research on National Cultural Treasures in the Yanbian Area," and commentator for the entire conference, meeting under the theme of "Current status of preservation of traditional Korean culture and research," Yanbian University, Yanji, China, November 22, 2014.

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