GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By Christopher Y. Park, M.D., Ph.D.

It has been an extremely busy year for East Rock Institute (ERI), and no doubt, this fall will be no different. In addition to the many exciting ERI activities and events that you can read about in more detail in this newsletter, the fall will also be a time of reconnection and engagement, as reflected in ERI’s commitment to bridge communities in the U.S. and Korea through innovative collaborations with local and international collaborators. These activities not only will take us into exciting new areas by engaging our communities close to New Haven, but also by continuing to build and strengthen the many important personal and organizational relationships we have established to make ERI’s innovative programs possible.

One of the most gratifying aspects of my duties as ERI President is the opportunities I’m given to meet new people and friends and to spread the “gospel” about ERI’s work. Since our last newsletter, I have had the chance to speak to fellows of the yKAN Charles Khym Leadership Development Program in New York (June 29), as well as the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) Young Generation and Professional Forum in New Jersey (Aug. 8) where I presented my personal story as well as ERI’s authentic leadership model. Through these activities, ERI continues to reach out to young KA adults to share its leadership model, based on our original research and exploration of core Korean and Korean diaspora values. In doing so, I have seen firsthand the power Korean culture has to inspire the next generation of KA leaders if presented in a meaningful and relevant way to young KAs. Consistent with this goal, I recently worked with the ERI Board and staff to host high school students from Changwon City, Korea, at the Whitney Center in Hamden, CT, on July 23 in a program entitled, “Cross-Cultural Competence: Intercultural and Intergenerational Forum.”

This fall, the ERI staff and volunteers will be kept busy. ERI will host the 3rd International Conference on the Cross-Cultural Aging Initiative, “Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living: A Comparative View” on November 1, at the Whitney Center, as well as the Ninth Annual Teach Korea Teachers Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the Hopkins School in New Haven, CT. For the first time, we will organize the workshop in cooperation with the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools. ERI will also launch a new leadership training program for KA high school students on Sunday, November 17, in Teaneck, NJ. We will provide seminars on Korean culture and authentic leadership to students, as well as offer advice and counseling to both students and their parents regarding college admissions and career development. Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, ERI’s co-founder and chair, will be the keynote speaker at this very special event, and young KA professionals from the Tri-state area will serve as panelists and mentors for the students. We are very excited about this new initiative and hope everyone will come out to support us.

On a personal note, I recently completed the leadership development fellowship sponsored by the Network of Korean American Leaders (NetKAL) through USC’s School of Social Work. I found the program to be an extraordinarily enriching experience, and I hope to apply the lessons learned moving forward as I serve as one of the stewards of ERI’s values and legacy. In addition, the fellowship allowed me to make new friends from all around the U.S. and world, and I’m happy to report that this group of amazing future leaders has now been inexorably touched by ERI.

With the upcoming events detailed in this newsletter, I hope ERI will continue to touch people’s lives in concrete and powerful ways. Please continue to read on to learn more about ERI’s recent accomplishments and upcoming events. I encourage you to participate in, and support, these programs in whatever way you can. Together, we can continue to share the beauty of Korean and Korean diaspora culture with all!

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By Hesung Chun Koh, Ph.D.

Thanks to our dedicated officers, Board members, staff, volunteers and many supporters during the last several months, East Rock Institute has been extremely busy but exciting, productive and uplifting. It is a pleasure to share some of the highlights from New Haven. Kindly check the announcement for the forthcoming events at ERI and join us in October and November for programs that promise to be novel and stimulating.

General Updates

We successfully completed a number of very important projects. Since a detailed description of most of these activities is covered by the President’s report and in this newsletter, my report will be selective and brief.

This summer, our dedicated staff in New Haven included five summer interns, Professor Jung-Ki Kim, who is a visiting scholar, Ms. Youngaie Kim, who is ERI’s digitization project manager, Ms. Eunyoung Jang, our office manager, and I. We worked closely with our President, Dr. Christopher Park, whose primary position is in New York City.

1. **Korean National Library –Koh Family/East Rock Institute Archive Digitization Project:** We completed the second year project report. It is hoped that the National Library of Korea applies metadata and makes the content available to the general public in the future. This project not only provides Koh/ERI’s unique resources to be preserved and will eventually be made accessible to readers from all around the world, but also provides the opportunity for us to assess Koh/ERI’s special intellectual properties, and the documentation necessary to appreciate our ERI’s history and legacy.

2. **Summer Internship:** We completed a highly successful two month summer internship program for Korean-American college students. Perhaps it was the best we ever had in a number of different ways. The interns created a video report as part of their evaluation of the summer experience and presented the videos at the ERI summer picnic at Light House Point Park before they departed. Drs. Robert LaCamera and Charles Kim, ERI Vice Chairs, along with many Korean-American and Yale community members, enjoyed the interns’ very positive presentation about their experiences at ERI. This was the ninth year that ERI benefitted from summer interns from Ewha Woman’s University, Korea. We are deeply grateful to Professor Ae-Kyung Choi for her conscientious and unwavering support, which insures success for the program.

3. **Changwon Mayor’s Visit:** A luncheon meeting was held with the Changwon City Mayor on April 29 at Whitney Center. Dr. Wan-su Park, a recipient of “the World Mayor Prize” given by The City Mayors Foundation, and seven other businessmen visited ERI and co-host, Whitney Center. This was a very positive gathering where both American and Korean parties enjoyed and enhanced respect for each other. We agreed to continue collaboration in the areas of education and aging.

4. **Developed Cross-Cultural Competence: Intercultural and Intergenerational Forum:** This was an innovative way to combine leadership, wellness, and educational programs for a hundred gifted Changwon high school students and a dozen retired professionals at Whitney Center using a small group discussion method. This meeting also provided an excellent opportunity for our summer interns to experience a democratic teaching and learning method. The feedback from the three different age groups was equally positive. Professor Jung-Ki Kim introduced us to the Changwon educational program and he brought over one hundred important visitors from Korea to East Rock Institute over the past four years. Without his wisdom and continued dedication, we would not have had the opportunity to meet and work with a large number of talented and well-behaved high school students from Korea. It was a pleasure to initiate a very effective and rewarding intergenerational forum with retired professionals at Whitney Center. (See the front page of *Post Chronicle*, July 31, 2013 at www.ctpostchronicle.com, vol. 6, issue 33 with the title of “Cultural Competency”. See also the *New Haven Register*, August 28, 2013, “Special Visitors” in the Community Section.)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): ERI signed an MOU with Changwon City to work on the aging and educational programs. We made further exploration with one of the outstanding high schools in the United States for a future ERI/Changwon project.

6. Cross-Cultural Aging Conference: The Third International Aging Conference, which will be held on November 1, 2013 at Whitney Center, CT, will include international leaders in aging research and administration from Korea, Washington DC, Yale, Changwon and Seoul National Universities. (See page 9 of this newsletter for detailed information about the conference.)

7. LeadingAge Annual Conference Educational Panel: A panel entitled, Cross-Cultural Competence in Senior Living, organized by Hesung Koh, was selected as one of the 150 educational panels to be held at the annual meeting and Expo of the LeadingAge in Dallas, TX October 26-30, 2013. (Annual attendance at this meeting, formerly called the National Association for Aging, is said to be over 6,000 people.)

8. BU-ERI joint Web development: Kwang Lim and Hesung Chun Koh: A Study in Korean Diaspora in Boston during 1950-1964 is moving forward under the direction of Professor Dana Robert of Boston University School of Theology. A team at ERI will be working with Hesung Koh to share information and primary data with the Boston University team, which includes three second-year Ph. D. candidates. (See http://www.bu.edu/cgcm/research/korean-diaspora-project/)

Other News

- We wish to call attention to the remembrance for one of our long time and dedicated board members, Dr. Ward Goodenough. Donations in his memory can be sent to the American Philosophical Society. ERI received a very gracious thank you from Professor Oliver Goodenough of Vermont Law School.

- We wish to thank Yale Divinity School, and in particular, Dean Harold Attridge, who sponsored the last several ERI annual teachers’ conferences.

- We are happy to announce our new collaborator, Hopkins School, a prestigious independent school in New Haven, which was established before Yale University. Hopkins has offered ERI their facilities for our October Teach Korea Corps workshop.

- The number of visitors to East Rock Institute headquarters increased over the past several months.

- Readers of Koh books from all around the world, including China, Australia, Seoul and Pusan Korea sought educational consultation. Visitors include professors from Korea who are interested in joint educational programs for their students, newly arrived scholars to Yale University and Yale Law School, Yale World Fellows from Korea as well as the “World Mayor”.

- Asian Brush Painting Art Exhibit called Perspectives on East and West by Hesung Chun Koh opened on September 28, 2013 at Whitney Center with an artist’s talk followed by a reception.

Thanks to the large number of her friends and colleagues from her church, ERI family, and communities, it was a beautiful afternoon of celebration and friendship. This exhibit is related to the forthcoming Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living conference to be held at Whitney Center on November 1.

We regained the confidence and pride in what we do well from a number of different ways to approach cultural competence programs. It was uplifting and encouraging to hear comments from a renown retired Yale Professor who wrote after participating in our intergenerational forum, “I gained more from this program than what Korean students did from me.” He was rather humble yet we know we can serve a larger audience than just diaspora - Korean youth as well as mature retired professionals.

In this rapidly globalized world, ERI’s comparative culture approach combining theory and practice are paying off. ERI is well poised to work on the cultural competence enhancement program for the young or old. The most exciting aspect of our exposure at the LeadingAge Conference is to test out the relevance of ERI programs in a larger and more diverse community that serves beyond those related to Korea.

In conclusion, we wish to extend our cordial invitation for you to attend any of the forthcoming coming programs of ERI. We wish to express our deep gratitude to all of you who continue to support us, encourage us and help us to grow in the midst of unprecedented financial challenges.
Farewell to Dr. Margaret Drickamer
& Hello to Dr. Stephen Latham

Dr. Margaret Drickamer, who moved to University
of North Carolina Medical School from Yale Medical
School, and Dr. Stephen R. Latham, J.D., Ph.D. Director,
Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Yale University joined
Drs. Hesung Koh, Jung-Ki Kim and Ms. Youngaie Kim for a
Korean dinner at Seoul Restaurant, New Haven.

Dr. Drickamer was a speaker at the Changwon and
Seoul National University Conferences in 2012 in Korea and
one of the major supporters of the Cross-Cultural Aging
Initiative. Dr. Latham, a current Yale host for Professor
Jung-Ki Kim from Changwon National University, will be
one of the two speakers at the final session, "What Have We
learned?" at the Third International Conference on Cross-
Cultural Aging Initiative to be held at Whitney Center on
November 1, 2013.

By Youngaie Kim, KNL-Koh/ERI Archive Digitization Project Manager

According the three-year Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25,
2010 between the National Library of Korea and East Rock Institute, the second year
project was launched as of May 2012 with the detail Agreement. In February 2013,
the digitization project was completed with the submission of all of the digitized
contents and original texts; the annotation of the second project was completed and

The contents of the second KNL-ERI project include ERI publications,
Dr. Hesung Chun Koh’s select publications, partial Koh family news articles, etc.
This project will promote ERI’s paper-based educational archives to digitized forms
when the Korean National Library includes their meta data and makes it available to
the general public. As a result, ERI resources will be more visible and accessible for
global usage in the near future.

Inji Bae said “While working on KNL
project, I realized how important it is to
support many non-profit organizations
that try hard to enhance the image of
Korea.”

(KRL interns working on KNL project)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS !

● 9th Annual Teach Korea Workshop “Korean Culture and History for Educators”
Oct. 22
Hopkins School, New Haven, CT
(See ERI website or Connecticut Association for Independent School, Professional Development website for further details)

● The LeadingAge Annual Conference and Expo: Educational Panel on Cross-Cultural Competence at
Senior Living by Dr. Hesung Chun Koh and Prof. Jung-Ki Kim from ERI, and Mike Rambarose, CEO of Whitney Center
Oct. 29
Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX
(See LeadingAge annual conference website for further details)

● Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living at Third International Conference of Cross Cultural Aging Initiative
Nov. 1
Cultural Arts Center, Whitney Center, Hamden, CT
(Registration deadline is October 15, 2013. Space is limited and early registration is recommended)

● Dream Big, Your Future Awaits You
Nov. 17
World of Wonder, Teaneck, NJ
Congratulations Dr. Charles C.S. Kim for the Order of Civil Merit, Mugunghwa Medal!

Dr. Charles Kim received the Order of Civil Merit, Mugunghwa Medal, which is the highest honor bestowed to a civilian by the government of the Republic of Korea. Dr. Charles Kim is a thoracic and vascular surgeon at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, CT. During the past thirty years, Dr. Kim devoted his time and effort to enhancing the image of Korea through his various community activities including his active engagement in East Rock Institute as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, volunteering work in the medical field, and many others. As a Chair of the Connecticut Saturday Korean School, he exhibited his dedication to promoting Korean language and culture and in helping young Korean Americans to connect with their Korean roots. In addition, he is an Advising Director of the Korean American Society of Connecticut, a member of the Board of East Rock Institute, an elder at the Connecticut Korean Presbyterian Church, and Vice President of the Miller-Memorial Community. Thank you for all your dedicated service to Koreans, Korean-Americans and beyond!

2013 ERI SUMMER INTERNSHIP:
My Experience at East Rock Institute

By Catherine Kil

This rewarding experience has also inspired me to serve the community through educational programs in the future.

Through a number of different ERI activities in the Greater New Haven community, I had opportunities to connect with both Koreans and Americans from the local community and from my homeland, Korea. One such opportunity was our musical performance at a local religious community, First and Summerfield United Methodist Church, where Seokyung Lee and I played flute duets. The ERI picnic was another event where I met and socialized with Yale postdoctoral fellows, Korean and American community leaders, and with young children. Throughout my internship at ERI, I had the opportunity to meet and develop a connection with people from different churches and from different age groups.

As a local host to fellow interns from Korea and the mid-West, I gained new insight. I previously thought service to my own culture, Korea, and its diaspora community can only be effective if one is a successful professional. However, working with interns from Korean colleges and high school students from Changwon, Korea allowed me to realize that there are ways to give back to the Korean community even now as a student. Connecting with my own ethnic group and my roots can be achieved by taking small steps - just like my interaction with Korean interns and high school students this summer. As much as I enjoyed the summer at ERI, I learned more about my own culture and importance of cultural competency in a working environment and in global leadership throughout my involvement in ERI programs and activities. This memorable summer experience with the ERI family has also helped me gain exposure to the Korean-American community and to develop a sense of social responsibility. With continued learning at ERI, I wish to serve both the local American and Korean American communities as a Korean-American, musician and scholar.
Changwon-Whitney Center-ERI Joint Project
Cross-Cultural Competence: Intercultural and Intergenerational Forum

By Jung-Ki Kim, Visiting Scholar, Yale University, ERI & WC

South Korea’s Changwon City, with a population of 1.1 million, created an international exploration program in 2008 in which highly gifted high school juniors are sent to the northeastern region of the United States. Ninety students from the top ten percent of their high school classes are selected each year for the program. The purpose of the program is to learn American culture and history, and to train the students in global leadership through cultural and social exploration of the most advanced high schools, universities and institutions in the United States. Two Changwon City school inspectors and a Changwon City official accompanied the group of ninety students this year.

The talented high school students from forty six high schools in Changwon visited East Rock Institute and Whitney Center and participated in the cross-cultural competence program called Intercultural and Intergenerational Forum held at Whitney Center on July 22, 2013. Following the opening remarks by Whitney Center President Mr. Mike Rambarose, the students were divided into thirteen groups within which they actively engaged in discussions facilitated by Prof. Charles Forman, Ms. Joan Anderson, Dr. Dorothy Singer, Ms. Judy Evenson, Prof. George Seligman, Prof. Herbert Kaufman, Dr. Robert LaCamera, Ms. Muriel Lipman, Dr. Sandy Wirth, Prof. Jung-Ki Kim, Ms. Youngae Kim and Ms. Catherine Kil. The facilitators from ERI and Whitney Center learned about Korean culture and custom while the Changwon students learned about American culture, resulting in a true mutually beneficial experience. Dr. Christopher Park, President of ERI, was the moderator of the forum and Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, Chair of East Rock Institute, summarized outcome of small group discussion at the plenary session.

The Changwon students gave positive feedbacks about the program. One example is the feedback from HyoWon Joo, who was the reporter of one group. She said, “We didn’t have an opportunity to use English, although we are on a tour in an English speaking country. However, this program provided us the opportunity to learn about American culture and to speak English. Although our English is not advanced, Prof. Charles Forman guided us well through the discussion. We want to give thanks to Prof. Forman and to all other facilitators. This wonderful opportunity does not come often. If I could, I’d love to participate in such a program again in the future in order to learn English and to learn more about different aspects of cultures.”

Thank you Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, Dr. Christopher Park and Mr. Michael Rambarose for your warm welcome, sincerity and generosity in hosting this special forum.

Book Review:

Women’s Authentic Leadership (2007) by Hesung Chun Koh

Reviewed by Hee Seon Lim from the Rou family in Sydney, Australia

Last July, my family visited the United States for a month to allow my daughter, Jasmine, to participate in the Yale Summer Institute for the Gifted three week Residential Program on the Yale University campus. The most memorable and meaningful moment during the visit came when I met Dr. Hesung Chun Koh on the campus. Though we had only a short period of time together, she gave me profound and enlightening advice, and introduced me to her book, Women’s Authentic Leadership. It helped me to understand how to fulfill the role of mother and wife while working and confidently searching for a future direction in my own life.

Dr. Koh has actually been my parenting mentor for a long time. I was concerned about how to properly bring up my daughter, a second-generation immigrant, in Australia with no family or relatives living on the continent. Because of this, I read Dr. Koh’s books on education: Authentic Leadership (2006), Be a Human Rather Than an Elite (2009), Meaningful Aging (2010) and A Person with Life Purpose Will Succeed (2012). These books brought me to the recognition of how to raise children well and how to live a life after they leave home for the world.

I do not hesitate to say Women’s Authentic Leadership is the best among her books because of the inclusion of her marriage and all the challenges she had to go through to establish herself as an outstanding comparative culturologist in America. This book also has assisted me to broaden my horizon in regard to life as a wife and mother, and as a Korean woman in the world. I have an earnest hope that this book will be published in English, enabling our children of the future generations to read it and to awake to what it reveals.
REMEMBRANCES OF DR. WARD GOODENOUGH
For Long Time Board Member, Dr. Ward Goodenough, a True Gentleman and Scholar Whose Renowned Intellect Matched His Warm Heart, Humility and Virtue.

By Hesung Chun Koh, Chair of ERI

As Ward’s Korean-American friend, I had the special fortune of knowing him for almost 50 years. I admired and loved Ward and his remarkable Ruth.

It was an honor to have Ward as a distinguished member of the Board of Directors at East Rock Institute (ERI), the oldest non-profit related to Korea. Over more than twenty years, Ward helped ERI grow and gain international attention. As co-founder of ERI and Chair, I saw firsthand how his contributions impacted our organization in a very special way.

Ward, we will never forget your authentic friendship and the steady, unwavering support that you provided almost until the end of your life.

I met you for the first time 49 years ago, when I was on the professional staff at the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF) at Yale University. You were most admired and respected as Chairman of the Board of Directors there. I had the special fortune of gaining your approval and support, personally and professionally, during my years at HRAF and especially at ERI from 1985 onward. Despite your demanding schedule, in the midst of all your commitments, you did not hesitate to help us at ERI as my mentor and guide. You helped us promote cultural understanding between East and West with special attention to Korea and Koreans. We drew from your profound leadership across a wide range of fields, most notably anthropology and archeology. You attended many if not almost all of ERI’s board meetings. When I was on sabbatical and out of country, you cheerfully took over our journal editing and produced our Korean Archeology volume of Sarah Nelson. Through your example, you inspired others to serve.

I still vividly recall the time you supported me in Costa Rica in 1995, traveled with us to Korea to lecture at Seoul National Keymyong and Cheju National Universities. We toured Korea’s major historical places and met Who’s Who of Korea at a dinner meeting hosted by the law firm Kim and Chang. I also vividly remember how our 4-year-old William and 6-year-old Emily, accompanying their parents Harold and Christy, had such a great time with Ruth throughout the ten day trip. Ruth was not only an accomplished child psychologist but a truly affectionate practitioner of what she wrote. I am happy to report that both William and Emily, now also Yale alumni, share with you the rich experience of a Yale education. They are currently working and studying in New York City.

Ward, you honored me, my family and also ERI with your most loyal support even after retiring from ERI Board, until the last year of your life. We were touched by your visit to our home in New Haven when you wanted to introduce your newfound love and companion of over 12 years, Joan. I remember this as one of my most memorable days. How thoughtful of Joan to remember us and send us your latest news.

May you rest in peace with the satisfaction of knowing how you touched so many different people’s lives and became such a precious ally to the Korean people. Drawing from your profound knowledge of anthropology and your rich intercultural upbringing under extraordinary parents, you gave of your time and resources to support our common cause of bridging cultural understanding between East and West. You did this with grace, style and substance, and the utmost dedication.

We love you, and we salute you as a special mentor and exemplary role model for the scholar and humane leader.

A remembrance
by Woong Bum Lee, M.D.

When you are with someone and feel cared for, protected… when your feelings change to delight and you are left more gentle and confident…then you know that whoever else has been with you, God has also been with you.

God is the source of all our comfort no matter the apparent source…a spouse, a friend or some special person.

Dr. Ward Goodenough was one of those special people.

He had rare wisdom, knew people and possessed a profound understanding of the essence of human life. He was a highly regarded leading scholar who contributed greatly to the fields of anthropology and archeology. But, he was far more than an exceptionally intelligent scholar.

The Dr. Goodenough I knew was a gentleman. He was a man of courage and sorrows… a man well acquainted with grief.

He was a man of depth who was deeply rooted in the earth.

His humanity and compassion held many of us steady though difficult times.

He has now died and with him he has taken a treasured part of our past.

There is a brief, but poignant, quote at the end of Hemingway’s Farewell to Arms that speaks to the Dr. Goodenough I will always remember with great fondness: The world breaks everyone, then some become healed at the broken places.

We salute you dear Dr. Goodenough… and we ask God to bless you, for you surely blessed us.
You are cordially invited to:

- **9th Annual Teach Korea Workshop: “Korean Culture and History for Educators”**
  
  **DATE:** Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
  **WHEN:** 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
  **WHERE:** Hopkins School, 986 Forest Rd, New Haven, CT 06515  
  **WHO:** History/Social Studies teachers, school administrators and faculty, as well as all who are interested in expanding their cultural competency.  
  **COST:** $50  
  **WHAT:** This interactive workshop is being organized in conjunction with the Connecticut Association for Independent Schools (CAIS) and will offer a wonderful opportunity for teacher participants and faculty from East Rock Institute to explore Korean culture and its global impact.  
  The registration fee includes lunch, which will include classic traditional Korean dishes.  
  To register, please go to: [http://www.caisct.org/RelId/634952/ISvars/default/Teach_Korea.htm](http://www.caisct.org/RelId/634952/ISvars/default/Teach_Korea.htm)  
  For more information, please contact East Rock Institute:  
  [www.eastrockinstitute.org](http://www.eastrockinstitute.org) or (203) 624-8619

- **Dream Big, Your Future Awaits You:**  
  Authentic Leadership for Young Korean-Americans
  
  **DATE:** Sunday, November 17, 2013  
  **WHEN:** 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
  Registration begins at 12 PM  
  **WHERE:** World of Wings, 1775 Windsor Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666  
  **WHO:** High school students and their parents  
  **COST:** Students $50  
  Student and Parents: $100  
  East Rock Institute is a non-profit organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The ticket cost is tax-deductible.  
  For more information, please contact East Rock Institute or visit our website,  
  [www.eastrockinstitute.org](http://www.eastrockinstitute.org)
• **Cross-Cultural Competency in Senior Living: A Comparative View**

3rd International Conference on the Cross Cultural Aging Initiative

**November 1, 2013 · Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden, CT 06480**

**Host:** East Rock Institute (ERI) and Whitney Center in corporation with Seoul National University (SNU), Yale School of Nursing and Changwon National University (CWNU)

**Date:** November 1 (Friday) 2013, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Cultural Arts Center, Whitney Center, Hamden, CT

**Registration:** $20 dollar registration fee includes lunch and pre-conference materials.

**Deadline for registration is October 15th.**

Please send your registration via one of the following methods:

1) Mail to East Rock Institute, 251 Dwight Street, New Haven, CT 06511;
2) Email to eri3@pantheon.yale.edu, eastrock3@gmail.com; or,
3) Fax to 203-624-7933. Inquiries, please call 203-624-8619.

The payment deadline is October 20. **(Check payable to East Rock Institute)**

Space is limited and therefore early registration is encouraged.

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Donation will be acknowledged in the conference program booklet.

Hesung Chun Koh, Ph.D. (Co-founder and Chair, ERI), Mike Rambarose, M.B.A. (President & CEO, Whitney Center), Robyn Stone, Ph.D. (Executive Director, LeadingAge Center for Applied Research and Senior Vice President of Research, Washington, D.C.), Katie Sloan (Executive Director, International Association for Home and Aging Services), Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN (Dean and Annie Goodrich Professor Yale School of Nursing), Dorothy Singer, Ph.D. (Senior Research Scientist Emerita, Yale Psychology Department and Co-Director, Yale University Family Television Research and Consultation Center), Jung-Ki Kim (Professor, Public Policy Analysis & Evaluation, Changwon National University)
ERI RECEIVES GIFTS OF BOOKS

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the following remarkable books authored by Korean and Korean-Americans. They are:

#1 Nae Susung Omoni, (Mothers Who Are My Mentors) by Mija Hoe, Seoul: Bogosa, 2013. (181 pages)

Professor Mija Hoe was born in Kangnung, Kangwon Province, Korea. She was educated at Ewha Woman’s University; earned a Ph.D in Korean Literature from Dan-guk University, Korea; taught at Ewha Woman’s University; and retired from Sung-shim Women’s University as a professor of Korean Literature. She is the mother of Dr. Chulgeun Yang (who is the husband of ERI’s dedicated office manager Eunyoung Jang) and the grandmother of Timothy and Titus Yang.

Her book, entitled Nae Susung Omoni (Mothers Who Are My Mentors), examined the writings of accomplished scholar-officials about reflections of their mothers and memoirs by these women. Prof. Hoe chronicled fourteen outstanding mothers of the Choson Dynasty of Korea and how these women raised their sons with compassion and wisdom. She included the writing of Shin Sa Imdang, one of the most famous woman scholar and artist in Korea. These women were educated in the yangban class families and studied Chinese classics and women’s primers as well as history books. These women were not only well educated themselves, but wise, virtuous and very filial to their own parents as well as to their parents-in-law. They often were in charge of the management of the large household while their husbands were dispatched to other regions as inspector general, governors and high officials. Nevertheless, they not only managed their own household and educated their children, but also helped other neighbors in the community. In the preface to the book, Dr. Hoe also introduced Dr. Hesung Chun Koh’s educational philosophy, the seven tenets of authentic leadership, which ERI also upholds.

#2 Kkumul Iruo Turimnida, (Live Your Dream) by Chae Young Lee (also known as Celina Lee), Paju: Tal, 2012. (375 pages)

Celina Lee is a Korean woman lawyer who was born in the U.S., but left for Korea with her parents when she was 3 years old. She went to Korean grade school, returned to the U.S., graduated from MIT, and worked in the financial field. Celina received a law degree from the University of California’s Berkeley Law School and is currently practicing law in New York City. She is a host of a Korean-American talk show. Celina visited ERI and interviewed Dr. Hesung Chun Koh in order to write about Dr. Koh’s son, Howard Kyongju Koh, MD, MPH, in her book.

#3 Kgot Si Ppurinun Maumuro (With the Mind of Scattering Flower Seeds) by Kyesong Lee, Seoul: Books World, 2010. (317 pages)

A successful Korean-American entrepreneur has chronicled the challenges and rewards of his life in America through astute power of observation and superior skills of journalism. This is a vivid description of life of the Korean diaspora in an intimate and enjoyable way. Mr. Kyesong Lee is the president of the Korean Ethical Forum (KEF). In 2010, Mr. Kim invited Dr. Hesung Chun Koh for the Korean Ethical Forum meeting to deliver the keynote address in Atlanta, GA and has been a supporter of ERI ever since.

#4 Insaeang Un Naengmyeone Mat Ikke Tuseyo (Life is Like Korean Cold Buckwheat Soup. Do Enjoy) by Ki Hoon Kim, Seoul: Chom’tap Publishing Co., 2013. (295 pages)

Author Dr. Ki Hoon Kim is a retired economics professor from Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. This is a collection of his articles published in Hanguk Ilbo, Chung Ang Ilbo, Seoul National University Alumni association journal, and other such periodicals. The articles are essays that reflect on the lives of Koreans in America. Dr. Kim is a humorous author who often depicts complex cultural situations with equally syncretic Korean foods such as Bibimbap, rice with a wide variety of mixed vegetables and meat, or Naengmyeone, Korean cold buckwheat soup with many delicate spices, which is a popular summer cuisine for many Koreans. Mr. Kim is a member of Connecticut Senior Golf Club and is also an active member of the Korean-American Seniors’ Association (KASA), where Dr. Hesung Chun Koh was invited to present her book, Meaningful Aging.

ERI FAMILY NEWS

Christopher Lee started at Yale Law School this fall! After spending the past year as a healthcare investment banker at Credit Suisse, he hopes to study health policy and corporate law. Christopher Lee served as a managing editor of ERI News in 2010. He is grateful to Dr. Hesung Chun Koh and East Rock Institute for their mentorship and support over the years. He looks forward to staying in touch with ERI members in New Haven and beyond.

Dr. Hesung Chun Koh’s Solo Art Exhibition

Dr. Koh held solo art exhibition at Whitney Center, CT on September 28th, 2013. Whitney Center Cultural Arts Center full of audience enjoyed Dr. Hesung Koh’s Art talk on “Perspectives on East and West.” Whitney Center residents’ exhibits will be displayed until the end of the year.

(Left: Dr. Hesung Koh gave art talk, Right: friends from MA., Upper State New York, Northern CT and Greater New Haven area)
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(Changwon Mayor, Dr. Wan-su Park, and officials from Changwon, Korea visited ERI)

(Changwon City officials visited Whitney Center)

(The Rou Family visited Dr. Koh from Sydney, Australia)

(Ms. Hyunji Lee from Seoul National University with her mother Ms. Youngaie Kim and Dr. Hesung Koh)

Left: Mr. Chen Xi from DIG Co., Limited, Shenyang, China visited ERI with his parents and daughter, Baihui, with Chinese translation of Koh books.

Right: Prof. Sung-Gon Lee from Dongseo University, Korea and his son, Young Joon Lee, visited ERI

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