



2017 Korean History & Culture Summer Camp

East Rock Institute and Overseas Koreans Foundation sponsored this year's Connecticut Saturday Korean School's Korean History & Culture Summer Camp on August 26th, 2017 in New Haven, CT. This fun day included both traditional and contemporary Korean culture experiences for the 50 children and 20 adults in attendance.

ERI was able to draw upon 65 years of Korean and Korean American cultural research to create an afternoon with meaning and understanding of the different Korean practices.

Demonstrations were set up around the hall and the kids and their families learned about the meaning of the First-year birthday celebration, Korean folk games, Tea ceremony and Cookie Tower craft, Dream Big! Photo session as well as K-pop dance lessons.

Toljanchi (돌잔치), the Korean First-year birthday party was a hit with the kids as they learned about the meaning of items a baby will choose and how that will determine his/her future success!

The people that came included Korean-American children, adoptive families, members of the New Haven community and all possessed a curiosity for Korean culture. It was an incredible family event to learn and enjoy Korean history and culture throughout the day.



Toljanchi display (돌상차림)



Display of Korean historical figures

Fond Summer Memories with the Smith & Koh Families

Board Member, Charles Smith, recalls first meeting Dr. Hesung Chun Koh, ERI Founder, and her family during their annual summer retreats at Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire over twenty years ago. It was no surprise that the two families met up again this year in July at this beautiful resort to enjoy warm days and cool New England evenings.

Right front: Cynthia, Charles, Jamie, Bethie, Katie and Robbie (Newport, RI).



ERI Alumni News



Miss Hyejin Cho, who worked in the Summer 2013 Intern program at ERI, has graduated from Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea and will start her Master's degree studies in France with recognition as a France Excellence Scholarship holder. The French government will support her studies in Communication in Corporate and International Business at Aix Marseille University.

Miss Cho attributes her achievements partially to her direct experience in project management and communication in a global environment during the time she worked at ERI. Through her studies of Korean culture in the US with ERI, she developed a comprehensive understanding of different cultures and societies and this has prepared her for the next step in her life for study in France.

We at East Rock Institute wish her Bon Voyage!

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