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I. President's Message

Dear Colleagues in Higher Education and Supporters in North America,

I trust that you had a wonderful holiday season.

As you may already know, the Korean-American University Professors Association (KAUPA) was established in 1986 in South Carolina, and is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary organization whose membership includes professors, research scientists, post-docs, and academic administrators of Korean origin working at higher education institutions in the U.S. and Canada. KAUPA is a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian organization, and is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. Its main purpose is to facilitate cooperation and participation among its members in sharing mutual interests in scholarly, professional and social activities related to higher education in and between North America and Korea as stated in the attached By-Laws.

Through the strong leadership of past presidents and officers, and more importantly the passion of dedicated members, KAUPA has become one of the more versatile professional organizations in the country. Among our activities, we have promoted our goals by encouraging and facilitating education, research and services among members including academic exchanges of scholars and scholarly works between North America and Korea. During my tenure thus far, I visited the presidents of several Korean universities, including Dr. Sungmo Kang of the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Dr. Youngjoon Kim of the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), Dr. Youngsik Kim of the Kumoh Institute of Technology (KIT), Dr. Mujae Cho of the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), Dr. Dukho Im of Hanyang University, and Dr. Nak In Sung of Seoul National University (SNU). Topics of discussion included exchange programs, housing for KAUPA members, and Winter/January Term courses, etc. In fact, KAUPA was able to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with KAIST on October 1, 2014, and I was able to teach a University of Rhode Island (URI) course at KAIST from December 27, 2014 to January 9, 2015 as a pilot project. With the thoughtful support of KAIST, my course went very smoothly. I highly encourage that our members to develop such courses not only to teach students in

respective U.S. universities but also for prospective KAIST students. If you need any further information and/or assistance regarding this matter, please contact me at any time.

On June 6, 2015, KAUPA successfully held an international conference regarding Dokdo at the Omni Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. Titled “Sovereignty over Dokdo from the Historical, Political and Cultural Perspective,” this conference covered a myriad of issues on territorial and maritime concerns. The conference was jointly organized by KAUPA and the Northeast Asian History Foundation (NAHF) and supported by URI’s College of Engineering. More than 60 scholars attended the conference to share their ideas in two sessions and a roundtable discussion. We were particularly pleased to have a significant number of representatives from the U.S. Naval War College and Roger Williams University Law School. The keynote speaker was Prof. James Kraska from the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College. His speech was entitled “The International Law of Territorial and Maritime Disputes in East Asia.” The event also included a special music program performed by our four distinguished KAUPA members: Profs. In Dal Choi, Youngsuk Kim, Woonjung Kim and Ryu-Kyung Kim. Following the event, the Honorable Consul General of the Republic of Korea Song Jun Ohm hosted the banquet.

On July 25, 2016 I paid a visit to POSTECH to celebrate its 30th Anniversary with Secretary General Jongsung Kim. During the visit, we had a meeting with POSTECH President Dr. Doh Yeon Kim and Professor Euiho Suh of the POSTECH Department of Industrial Engineering to explore an academic exchange between KAUPA and POSTECH. Professor Suh arranged the visit and the meeting. I also made a presentation on “Sustainable Infrastructures and Systems for Eternal Peace and Prosperity” to faculty and graduate students. I also paid courtesy visits to three members of the National Assembly of Korea: Hon. In Sook Park, Hon. Yonghyun Shin and Hon. Mioak Mun. During the meetings, I promoted the activities of KAUPA, and sought support from the Korean National Assembly. On July 27 and 28, I paid courtesy visits to KAIST President Kang, National Research Foundation (NRF) Director General Moon, and University of Science and Technology (UST) President Moon. At the NRF, an agenda of sponsorship for the publication of the 2017 KAUPA Directory was discussed to celebrate the 30th Anniversary. Consul General Song Jun Ohm of the Republic of Korea in Boston invited K-A professors and scholars for a friendly talk and dinner on December 15, 2016. The main topic was “The Role of K-A Professors in North America,” and Prof. Sekyung Shklar and I had keynote speeches. Finally, KAUPA provided financial support to the Korea-America Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences (KAGES).

As to news regarding our members during the past year, our dedicated KAUPA Treasurer, Professor Woonsup Choi, has been serving as President of KAGES. A faculty member and former interim dean at the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee, Prof. Jeong, started his role as the new Dean of the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University in Kansas on July 1, 2016. The University of Missouri Board of Curators announced the appointment of Dr. Mun Y. Choi as the 24th President of the University of Missouri System. Prof. Mun Young Choi has been serving as the Provost and Executive Vice President of University Connecticut since 2012.

Our members from music colleges are also planning an appreciation recital at Carnegie Hall in New York City for 1,000 Korean War/defense veterans and their spouses on July 27, 2017. If you need any further information, you may contact the Organizing Committee (Prof. Youngsuk Kim, Prof. Indal Choi and Prof. Myungjong Lee) and/or me. Should we be unable to secure enough funds (\$150,000), we may want to use the United Nations (UN) hall as an alternate venue to hold the recital. If any of you have good contacts at UN, please assist us in securing this alternate site.

KAUPA has been maintaining an online directory of Korean and Korean-American professionals in higher education in North America. The information in the database has been collected mainly through online searches of published material. We have tried our best to be accurate and up to date. However, should any of the information entered in the database be incorrect, you can assist us by filling out the attached membership application and/or renewal form or by contacting us with additional information. We encourage you to become a member of KAUPA, if you have not joined yet. In order to become a member, you can register and pay the annual membership fee of \$35 to our Treasurer, Prof. Woonsup Choi, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, P.O.Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413, USA. All paid members will receive a [printed copy of the 2012 directory](#). For further inquiry, please contact Prof. Choi at choiw@uwm.edu or (414) 229-2671.

Thank you, and I am looking forward to working with you more closely in the near future. I hope you will have much fortune in this Rooster year, and I wish you and your family joyful celebrations in the upcoming Lunar New Year days.

II. KAUPA Activities and Member News

1. 2016-17 Executive Committee

We are pleased to inform you of the following 2016-17 Executive Committee members who have been working for KAUPA:

President: Kang-Won Wayne Lee of the University of Rhode Island
V. President: Uk Heo of University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (resigned and to be replaced soon)
Secretary General: Jongsung Kim of Bryant University
Treasurer: Woonsup Choi of University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Membership Director: Young Bae Choi of Regent University of Virginia
Artistic and Cultural Director: Young Suk Kim of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Scholarship Committee Chair: Kee Bum Kang of Naval Postgraduate School

I trust that the above officers will carry out the 30th Anniversary and other events effectively until the end of the 12th term (12/31/17).

2. 2016-17 Board Members

We are also pleased to inform you that the following Board Members have been dealing with major policy matters:

Prof. Ki-Hyon Kinney Kim of University of Central North Carolina
Prof. Hang Yul Rhee of West Virginia Sheppard University
Prof. Hongtaek Thomas Hahn of University of Californian at Los Angeles
Prof. Yoon Shik Park of George Washington University
Prof. Nakho Sung of Tufts University
Prof. Sunwoong Kim of University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Prof. K. Wayne Lee of the University of Rhode Island (Ex Officio)

3. Scholarship Fund and Application

The Scholarship Committee was established in 2016 as follows:

Prof. Kee Bum Kang of Naval Postgraduate School (Chair)
Prof. Dewey Ryu of University of California at Davis
Prof. Nakho Sung of Tufts University
Prof. Young Suk Kim of Mansfield University
Prof. K. Wayne Lee of the University of Rhode Island (Ex Officio)

The Committee held a teleconference on December 19, 2016, and elected Prof. Kang of NPS as Chair. The committee also prepared scholarship committee policy, the application form, and the scholarship announcement as attached.

The Committee received initial donations from the following members and supporters (as of 1/19/17):

Prof. Jae O. Kang (\$200)
Prof. K. Wayne Lee (\$200)
Prof. Sekyung Oh Shklar (\$65)
Ambassador Song Jun Ohm (\$35)
JD Juhyung Harold Lee (\$35)

If any of you want to donate to the 30th Anniversary Scholarship fund, please send your check to KAUPA Treasurer: Prof. Woonup Choi, Dept. of Geography, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413.

It should be noted that the deadline for the scholarship application is February 28, 2017.

4. KAUPA Facebook

Thanks to our Membership Director Prof. Young Choi's initiative, a KAUPA Facebook account was created on Jan 1, 2017. The address is <https://www.facebook.com/kaupa.kaupa.520> To access the KAUPA homepage, you can access your Facebook account and type in "KAUPA" in the "Find Friends" menu option located next to the Facebook search window box. If you do not have a Facebook account, you need to create your own first at <https://www.facebook.com> and try to access KAUPA Facebook homepage. KAUPA announcements and KAUPA newsletters will be posted using the Facebook account and also will be linked with the KAUPA homepage at <http://cms.kaupa.org/> as necessary.

We posted the KAUPA Newsletter 16-2 to Facebook and it can be accessed freely. Please add KAUPA as your friend by sending your invitation to KAUPA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask by sending your e-mail to KAUPAHQ@gmail.com.

5. Brain Network Summit on June 23, 2017

KAUPA plans to hold a Brain Network Summit with SNUAA-USA at Hilton Boston/Woburn, 2 Forbes Road, Woburn, MA 01801 on June 23, 2017. The theme will be the balanced development of the natural sciences and humanities fields, as well as a creative research environment for raising future Nobel laureates. This summit may be held jointly with KSEA and/or NRF.

6. Recent Member News



Prof. Sung-Mo "Steve" Kang informed us that he will return to California in February after serving as the 15th President of the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). President Kang is an electrical engineering scientist, professor, author, inventor, and entrepreneur. He was appointed as the second chancellor of the University of California, Merced in 2007. He was the first department head of foreign origin at the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prof. Kang teaches and has written extensively in the field of computer-aided design for electronic circuits and systems; he is recognized and respected worldwide for his outstanding research contributions. President Kang has led the development of the world's first 32-bit microprocessor chips as a technical supervisor at AT&T Bell Laboratories and designed satellite-based private communication networks as a member of technical staff. President Kang holds 15 U.S. patents and has won numerous awards for his groundbreaking achievements in the field of electrical engineering. He was the president of the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society, founding editor-in-chief of the IEEE Transactions on VLSI Systems, and an IEEE distinguished lecturer. He was also president of the Silicon Valley

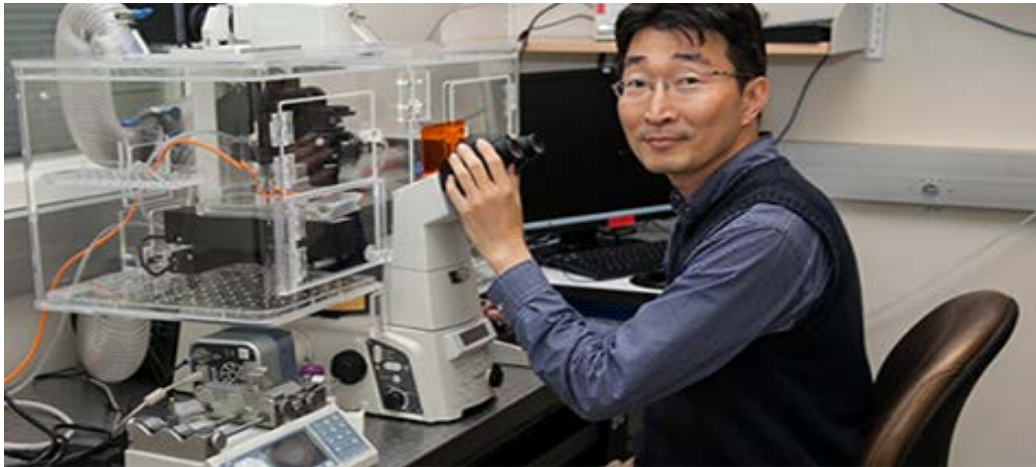
Engineering Council and continues to serve on advisory committees for projects in the U.S. and internationally. Also as an entrepreneur, he co-founded a fabless mobile memory chip design company named ZTI, originally in Sunnyvale, now in San Jose. We want to congratulate President Kang's achievement for KAIST to reach as a globally recognized university, and welcome him back to the US and KAUPA.

With great fanfare and an array of symbolic gifts, the University of Missouri — Kansas City (UMKC) welcomed Dr. Mun Y. Choi to campus. He called the campus “a crown jewel” in “one of the best university systems in the United States” on December 2, 2016. Prof. Choi will become the 24th president of the University of Missouri System on March 1, 2017. He concluded an advance tour of the system's four campuses with his first visit to Kansas City. In a speech to a packed audience of students, faculty, staff, alumni and civic leaders at the Student Union, President Designate Choi called on the entire university community to “pursue excellence each and every day.”



Korean-American Oil and Gas Engineers Association (KOEAA) held its 2016 General Assembly in Houston, TX on December 8, 2016. KOEAA elected Dr. Sangsoo “Sam” Ryu of ExxonMobile as 2107 Chairperson.

Prof. Deok-Ho Kim of University of Washington (UW) received a five-year NIH R01 grant to develop tissue engineered human neuromuscular junctions for modeling axonal neuropathy. Congratulations to Prof. Kim and his lab! Prof. Kim's new R01 will support his group's work to apply novel stem cell and tissue engineering strategies to investigate the underlying etiology of a common debilitating peripheral neuropathy (Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease; CMT).



Prof. Jay S. Kim of Boston University (BU) successfully served as Founding Director General for the Korea Innovation Center (KIC) in Washington D.C. and returned to Boston University.

7. Directory Update

The new Membership Director, Prof. Yong Choi of Regent University will continue to work on updating the 2012 Directory with the help of Prof. Wooseup Jeong of Emporia University of Kansas and Prof. Sunwoong Kim of UWM. The updated directory is scheduled to be published in 2017.

III. Announcements

1. KSEA Youth Science & Technology Leadership Camp and National Mathematics & Science Competition (NMSC)

One of our sister organization, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) (President, Prof. Jaehoon Yu) is recruiting students who want to participate in the 2nd Youth Science and Technology Leadership Camp (YSTLC). This Camp will be held from August 6 through 12, 2017 in the Washington, D.C. area. The current target for camp participants is approximately 20 students. YSTLC is mainly composed of: (i) extensive coaching on exploring STEM in real field settings by visiting various laboratories, (ii) detailed mentoring by senior and junior experts in STEM fields, (iii) learning to interpret professional conference programs, and lectures, (iv) gaining knowledge on future trends in STEM, (v) understanding the importance of

networking, and (vi) meeting Nobel Prize winners to acquire a passion for STEM. You may check www.ksea.org for further details and contact KSEA HQ at sejong@ksea.org to ask specific questions.

KSEA will also offer the National Mathematics & Science Competition (NMSC) to challenge and inspire students. The KSEA NMSC is also dedicated to elevate mathematical abilities, talents, and scientific innovation of all students. The NMSC 2017 will be held on April 8 and please contact for details to database@ksea.org. It may be noted that KSEA-NE will host NMSC 2017 at MIT 54-100.

2. Membership Solicitation and 2017 Membership Fee Drive

We encourage you to become a regular or associate member of KAUPA, if you have not done so yet. To become a member, you can register and pay the annual membership fee of \$35 (1/1/17 to 12/31/17). Please send the attached application along with the fee to the Treasurer of KAUPA: Prof. Woonsup Choi, Dept. of Geography, University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413.

We are also receiving 2017 membership dues (1/1/17 to 12/31/17) from current KAUPA members.

3. NetPeople Offer

A Korean communication Company, cetPeople (한국통신업체 (주)넷피) wants to provide an incentive to KAUPA members to use its cell phones in Korea. If applicable, please contact Mr. Jaihyung Chung at allnet3382@naver.com.

4. Economics Columnist Wanted

News Journal needs an Economics Columnist. If interested, please contact Dr. Sangchul Oh (시사저널-미주판 편집장) at his cell [714 388 2107](tel:7143882107) or e-mail wdfforum@naver.com.

5. News Contribution

To help us share your news on your recent academic, professional activities, achievements and other news of interest, email Jongsung Kim, the KAUPA Secretary General and Professor of Economics, Bryant University at jkim@bryant.edu. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.