



Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Seoul

Exchange Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome to the Fall Edition of U.S. Embassy Seoul's Alumni Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about some of our recent events and future activities. Please feel free to share this newsletter with other interested individuals.

International Exchange Alumni Website www.alumni.state.gov



Register today on the International Exchange Alumni website www.alumni.state.gov, an online community of alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs. Share ideas and network with exchange alumni, search for grants and funding; find job and volunteer resources and access more than 20,000 free publications and online research tools.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Conventions North East South and WEST!

U.S. Embassy Seoul and the Global Internship Team of the Korean Ministry of Education are hosting WEST conventions in Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Gwangju and Jeju. Interested WESTies should contact [us](#) to attend!

Busan: Pukyong National University, October 30th
Daegu: Keimyung University, October 31st
Gwangju: Chonnam National University, November 5th
Daejeon: Chungnam University, November 6th
Jeju: Jeju National University, November 19th
Seoul: Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, December 6th



Calling All AYLP Alumni in Jeju and Gwangju!

The Exchanges and Alumni Office would like to meet youth exchange alumni in Jeju on November 19th and in Gwangju on November 20th. Please contact [us](#) if you are a US-sponsored exchange or US Embassy's AYLP alum.

International Exchange Alumni



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Please contact us if you want to update your personal information or have any suggestions about alumni activities.

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Sign Up Now for the 8th Annual Alumni-Youth Leadership Program (AYLP)

The 8th Alumni-Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) will be held Monday, January 26th through Saturday, January 31st 2015. Speakers will include U.S. Embassy officials and Korean alumni of U.S.-government exchange programs who are experts in a variety of areas. This year's theme is "Korea – U.S. Youth Partnership in a Global World." All USG-sponsored exchange alumni are welcome to participate in the program. Please contact [us](#) if you want to attend the alumni roundtable luncheon at the National Assembly Restaurant on Wednesday, January 28th 2015, 12:00-1:30pm.

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School of Careers for Women

유리천장을 깨부순 그녀들,
후배에게 망치를 쥐어주다

The School of Careers for Women Turns a New Page

The School of Careers for Women is proud to announce the publication on an e-book based on the seminars which were held last year. The book is available on [Google Play Books](#) and [Ridi Digital Books](#) at no cost.

The School of Careers for Women was a winner of the Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) in 2013 and has supported women's empowerment and sustainable employment for women. The project will continue into 2015 through the continued support of the U.S. Embassy and a grant from H-Jump School of Hyundai Motor Group.

Alumni Highlights



Korean Librarians Book a Visit To US Libraries

In coordination with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and PAS Seoul, five library science professionals attended the American Library Association's annual conference and toured exemplary public and university libraries in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The Korean participants checked out current trends and best practices of the U.S. library system and gained insights into how U.S. libraries respond to the needs of their communities.

Alumni Highlights

“Where Words Fail, Music Speaks”

Hans Christian Anderson

Dr. Alex Lubet, Distinguished Professor of Music, Jewish Studies, American Studies, and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Minnesota gave a presentation to faculty, research scholars, and interested students at Korea University on how music and music education can empower disability groups and strengthen a community’s commitment to disability rights. Fulbright alumna Professor Kim, Hyangeun of Kosin University brought Dr. Lubet to Korea as part of a continued academic exchange with the University of Minnesota. Director of Exchanges and Alumni Richard Roberts discussed U.S. Embassy Seoul’s continued outreach and support for Korea’s disability communities.



U.S. Embassy Seoul Connects Alumni with Congressional Youth Exchange Delegates

The Office of Exchanges & Alumni hosted a reception at the American Center connecting American Congressional Youth Exchange (CYX) participants and Korean alumni from a variety of Embassy and State Department programs including WEST, UGRAD, AYL, and former Embassy interns. The American CYX delegates and the Korean Alumni interacted with enthusiasm and ease as they shared their experiences.



Exchange Alumni Associations

- ❖ **Korea-U.S. Vision Association (KUVA)**
 - Members: Open to all U.S. government-sponsored exchange program alumni
 - To join the association, please email the Association Administrator kuva@hanmail.net
- ❖ **Fulbright Alumni Association of Korea:** To become a member, please contact chuntj@fulbright.or.kr
- ❖ **Eisenhower Alumni Association:** For information, please contact KSS@state.gov.
- ❖ **Humphrey Alumni Association:** For information on the Humphrey program and alumni association, please contact the Korean-American Educational Commission <http://www.fulbright.or.kr/contact.html>
- ❖ **Work, English, Study, Travel (WEST) Alumni Association** www.facebook.com/groups/westalumni/

Alumni Highlights



U.S. Embassy Seoul with Exchange Alumni in Busan and Daegu

Director of Exchanges and Alumni Richard Roberts visited Busan and Daegu as part of PAS Seoul's strategic outreach targeting USG-sponsored exchange alumni who live in regional areas. In a series of discussions with alumni from a wide range of universities, businesses, government and non-government organizations, including KBS Daegu and the Hana Center for North Korean Refugees, the alumni expressed a keen interest in working with U.S. Embassy Seoul to increase engagement through alumni and youth outreach programs. They also ate well!



Go WEST, Young Koreans!

The US Embassy in Seoul partnered with the Korean Ministry of Education to provide an orientation for the 14th round of the Work, English Study, Travel (WEST) program. Public Affairs Assistant Sunny Chang gave congratulatory remarks and presented an in-depth look at "Life in America." Consular Officer Michael Choi spoke about the J1 visa. Since the first group in 2009, the WEST Program has sent over 2,000 Korean students to the U.S. to learn English, intern at American companies, and travel. WEST participants return to Korea with a deeper understanding of the United States and an experience that

gives them a significant edge in a very competitive job market. Former participants actively engage in alumni programs. U.S. Embassy Seoul works closely with Korea's Ministry of Education, the U.S. sponsor organizations, and the State Department in supporting program.

Alumni Highlights

U.S. Embassy Welcomes American High School Students to Korea

Embassy Seoul welcomed fifteen American high school participants in the National Security Language Initiative-Youth (NSLI-Y) program, a merit-based scholarship sponsored by the State Department. This is the largest group ever for a full academic year. The students will spend the coming year learning Korean, living with Korean families, and studying in local public high schools. NSLI-Y is seeing an increase in the number of applicants for Korea, and the Office of Exchanges and Alumni is creating more opportunities for the participants to interact with the Korean public.



Pop Culture Vs Real America: The Fiction of Pulp Fiction and Not So Desperate Housewives



PAS Seoul partnered with the Korean U.S. Vision Association (KUVA) to welcome twenty five exchange alumni who had participated in the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP), Congressional Youth Exchange Program (CYX), Work, English, Study, English (WEST), and Fulbright programs. PAO Robert Ogburn gave opening remarks and Regional English Language Officer (RELO) Thomas Santos led a lively discussion on the intersection of pop culture as portrayed in the media and what it really means to live and work in the United States. Senior alumni and their younger counterparts discussed what America means to them and how their experiences shaped their understanding of US culture.