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Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Asia Society Korea Center
1st Year Anniversary
Gala Dinner

Asia Society Korea Center

2008 Holiday Luncheon



The Asia Society Korea Center closed off its first year with a Holiday Luncheon on December 23, 2008 at the Lotte Hotel Seoul. The Korea Center's guest speaker for the luncheon was Kathleen Stephens, U.S. Ambassador to Seoul. Ambassador Stephens shared her memories of coming to Korea as a Peace Corps volunteer and as a diplomat who had served in Korea twice before coming back to Korea as U.S. Ambassador. She also elaborated on the shared future in between the U.S. and South Korea, and the importance of the U.S.-R.O.K. alliance.

Special Lecture



Special Lecture by Dr. Michael Green

Dr. Michael Green, Senior Adviser for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Associate Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University, presented to the Asia Society Korea Center's audience at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul. Dr. Green discussed issues concerning North Korea, China, Japan, and South Korea as it relates to U.S. foreign policy. Dr. Green also elaborated on the presidential election and his thoughts about each candidate. The audience, filled with international security and foreign policy enthusiasts, were quite delighted to hear Dr. Green express his views on the northeast Asian region. (September 26)

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Monthly Luncheon Series

September

The Songdo Reconstruction Project: Global Urban Development in South Korea

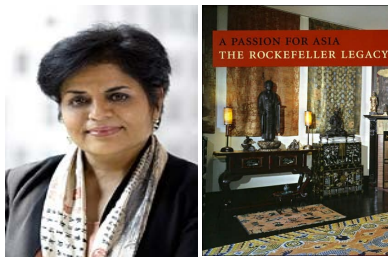


James Tyrrell

Mr. James Tyrrell, Executive Director of Jones Lang & LaSalle in Korea, provided our luncheon audience with a Power-Point presentation on the Songdo Reconstruction Project, which highlighted the New Songdo City Master Plan. Mr. Tyrrell elaborated on the master plan for this new city and its value as Seoul becomes more and more populated. The master plan reflects a strategy that applies state-of-the-art green practices in urban design, engineering, construction, infrastructure and energy systems. After the presentation, Mr. Tyrrell answered a few questions from the audience and stated that he was also planning to live in the new city as well.

October

A Passion for Asia: The Rockefeller Legacy



Dr. Vishakha Desai

Dr. Vishakha Desai, President of the Asia Society global organization was the guest speaker for the Asia Society Korea Center's October luncheon. Dr. Desai provided our select audience with an outstanding presentation on the "A Passion for Asia: The Rockefeller Legacy." The presentation outlined the history of the Rockefeller family's involvement and passion for Asian art, and how the Asia Society as an organization came to fruition. Her presentation included her insights on the quality of Art in Asia and the challenges in procuring major works of arts as well. Dr. Desai became President of the Asia Society global organization in 2004.

November

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Philippine-Korea Relations:

The Role of the Asia Pacific Migrants in South Korea



Ambassador Luis T. Cruz

On November 25, Asia Society Korea Center member led by Dr. Lho Kyong-soo visited to Philippine at the invitation of the Asia Society Philippine Foundation. The AS21 Philippine chapter explained the formation of the AS21 Forum and how the forum acted as the mechanism to bring past, current, and potential members together for future programs and initiatives. The AS21 Philippine chapter will produce a list of candidates screened by an advisory committee. Also the AS21 Philippine center has developed an 'E-Group' online. This system helps to select candidates, speakers for the forum, and special events for the AS Philippine Center. Both organizations decided to further their cooperation based on mutual trust.

2009 Upcoming Luncheons

January 20

Global Refugee Situation: Mixed Migratory Flows in Asia

Guest Speaker:

Janice Lyn Marshall, Representative, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

February 17

Covering Korea in Time of Crisis

Guest Speaker:

Donald Kirk, Journalist

March 17

Effective Internationalization of Korean Firms

Guest Speaker:

Ken Yun, CEO, Samjong KPMG

News & Events

Asia Society Korea Center Holiday Luncheon



From left: Shin Dong-Bin, Co-Chairman, the Asia Society Korea Center; Kathleen Stephens, U.S. Ambassador to Seoul; and Lho Kyongsoo, Co-Chairman, the Asia Society Korea Center

The Korea Center ended 2008 with a holiday luncheon on 23 December at the Lotte Hotel Seoul's Crystal Ballroom. The luncheon featured a children's art exhibition by Da Vinci Bridge Channel Inc., and an art award presentation afterwards, which was received as a success by the Center's audience.

The luncheon was attended by a cross section of national and international figures in the public and private sector such as, former Republic of Korea Prime Ministers Lho Shin-Young, and Lee Hong Koo, National Assembly Member Lee Dalgon, and the Ambassadors of France, Israel, and Costa Rica to Korea. Mr. Shin Dong-Bin, Vice Chairman of the Lotte Group, and Mr. Cho Hyun Sang, Executive Vice President for the Hyosung Group were among the corporate leaders present at the luncheon event.

The guest speaker of the Center's luncheon was Kathleen Stephens, the U.S. Ambassador to Seoul. Ambassador Stephens shared her thoughts on the Northeast Asian region, specifically, the Korean peninsula and the ongoing, invaluable relationship that exists in between South Korea and the United States. In addition, Ambassador Stephens shared her memories of Korea as a young Peace Corps volunteer from 1975 to 1977, and as a Foreign Service Officer who served in Korea as Chief of the Political Section in Seoul from 1984 to 1987, and as Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate in Pusan from 1987 to 1989. Ambassador Stephens stressed the importance of Korea and the U.S. to work together even closer as each nation goes through its respective challenges and changes in the new millennium. She also commented on the importance of the Asia Society in Korea and its important mission of connecting Korea, the Asia-Pacific, with the United States through art, culture, and media programs. Ambassador Stephens' presentation was followed by a brief Q & A session from the audience. Afterwards, Ambassador Stephens had a private meeting with members of the Asia 21 Korea Chapter, which included the presence of the Asia Society Korea Center Co-Chairmen, Mr. Shin Dong-Bin and Dr. Lho Kyongsoo.



From left: Shin Dong-Bin, Co-Chairman, the Asia Society Korea Center; Lho Shin Young, Chairman, Lotte Foundation; Kathleen Stephens, U.S. Ambassador to Seoul; Lee Hong-Koo, Honorary Chairman, the Asia Society Korea Center; and Lho Kyongsoo, Co-Chairman, the Asia Society Korea Center.



ASKC DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR 2008-2009

The ASKC will continue to increase its membership drive at all levels. There will be a strong emphasis on partnership development with key Center donors and prospects. The Center will also continue to work closely with the Asia Society's New York office to further our strategic goals.

The Monthly luncheon series will be further developed in accordance with the Center's program and event development momentum. Approximately 5 events are scheduled to be held in the remainder of 2008 and at least 20 new programs will be launched and/or further developed for 2009. The programs will consist of symposia, cultural events and other programs that will feature a cross section of Korean and Non-Korean leaders in Korea who are leading in their fields of expertise and influencing the relations that exist with the Asia Pacific region and the United States. Most of these leaders will be from the public policy, corporate, cultural, academic, media, technology, and art sectors.

The Center also plans to increase its press and media coverage, and to develop communications and promotional opportunities featuring key events and programs in an effort to build the Center's public profile. Whenever possible, we will establish new program and event series modules that promote each of the Center's strategic goals.

Asia 21 Korea Chapter (K21) News

K21 Visits Ph21



Professor Kyongsoo Lho, Co-Chairman of the Asia Society Korea Center and the members of Asia 21 Korea Chapter visited the Asia Society Philippines Foundation on October 6th, and discussed collaboration in between the two Asia 21 chapters. The visit was very successful and served as a wonderful example of partnership development in between Asia 21 Chapters from different Centers.

Japan Summit 2008

K21 Work-in-Progress

Public Policy Forum

The Influx of Migrant Workers to Korea: Why migrant workers come to Korea and their challenges as migrant workers.

Korean Adoptees: Repatriation issues and bi cultural dilemmas facing Korea adoptees returning to Korea.

International Marriages in Korea: Relationship issues facing Koreans and their foreign spouses, and the experience of foreign spouses in Korea.

Global Asia Society President Visits K21



Dr. Vishakha N. Desai, President of the Global Asia Society, met with Asia 21 Korea Chapter members on October 23rd .

Dr. Vishakha N. Desai, President of the Global Asia Society, was the guest speaker for the Asia Society Korea Center's October luncheon. Following the luncheon, Dr. Desai met with the Korea Chapter members, and discussed the goals and programs for the Korea Chapter

Meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Seoul



During the Asia Society Korea Center's Holiday luncheon event on the 23rd of December, Asia 21 Korea Chapter Chairman, H.S. Cho and K21 members met with Kathleen Stephens, the U.S. Ambassador to Seoul. During the meeting, K21 members presented their future programs and explained the mission and purpose of K21. Ambassador Stephens commended the members of K21 for their vision, initiative and leadership.



Asia Society Korea Center Membership Application Form

The Asia Society Korea Center is a non-profit and non-partisan organization. Your membership support remains vital to our success. We invite you to become a member of the Korea Center and enjoy all the benefits that Asia Society has to offer.

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