

Newsletter for Servas Korea



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About Us:
Servas Korea (SK)
Organization

Executive Committee – led
by National Secretary
(Choi, Byung Wan).

11 regional branches and coor-
dinators.

Total active members: 402 (Jan
2016).

Website: [http://www.servas.
or.kr](http://www.servas.or.kr).

Korean Tourism Organization
Website : [http://english.visitko-
rea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp](http://english.visitko-
rea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp).

Enthusiastic Servas Koreans

Servas activities began in 1965
by Dr Lee, Donghun, a medical
doctor practicing in Busan.. Offi-
cial Servas Korea organization
was established in 1976. Since
1977, Servas Korea (SK) has an-
nually issued the host list. Servas
Korea is growing fast and larger
thanks to the eager activities by
its members, participating in the
international gatherings, hos-
ting international travellers and
visiting hosts around the world.
Servas Korea is well-known for
its top hospitality and enthu-
siasm. We are ready to do our
part in the Servas International.

SK EXCO MEETING,
JANUARY 2016

When: January 9th – 10th 2016.

Where: Damyang, Jeolla Pro-
vince.

Host: Jeon Nam Branch.

Participants: 30 (EXCO mem-
bers, regional coordinators, and
other Servas Koreans).

Activities: Conference for 4
hours, visiting historic places
and hiking to the snow-covered
mountain top.

The conference continued
for four hours consecutively
with heated discussions and ar-
guments on many agenda, inclu-
ding new projects for 2016 and



Participants In front of Gasa Literary
Museum.

publishing the history book for
Servas Korea.

There were also presentations
regarding to how to write LOIs,
how to interview the candidates
for Servas membership, how to
join Dolphin Team, and mana-
gement of homepage, etc.

The next day some of the parti-
cipants visited a few traditional
pavilions situated on hills with
unique history , while others
went hiking to the top of the
snow-covered mountain.



The view of Gasa Literary Museum
from outside.

New Korean Working Group Elected

11 key persons are elected for the new term(Jan.2016-Dec.2018),
headed by Mr. Choi, Byung Wan, the National Secretary, du-
ring the National General Meeting in Seoul(Nov. 28-29).

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Newly elected executive committee are being introduced

National General Assembly for 2016 held in Seoul

When: November 28th – 29th, 2015.

Where: Seoul Youth Hostel, Seoul.

Host: Seoul Branch.

Participants: 124 including 2 Japanese, 2 Thais, 1 Taiwanese, 1 Chinese and 1 Dutch.

Activities: Guided tour around Han-Ok village, conference, and walking along the Seoul Fortress Wall and hiking up to the Namsan Beacon Fire Station.

The National General Assembly for Servas Korea, 2015 was held at Seoul Youth Hostel on November 28th through 29th. The venue was located on Namsan, one of the most beautiful hills in Seoul. 124 people including a Taiwanese, two Japanese, two Thais, one Chinese and one Dutch also joined the event.

Before the conference, we toured around the Han-Ok Village, and appreciated the unique beauty and architectural features of traditional Korean wooden houses. During the conference the

newly elected working group was introduced.

The new national secretary, Choi, Byung Wan was full of ambition and vowed he would do his best to expand Servas Korea into the world.

The next day we walked along the Seoul Fortress Wall and up to the Namsan Beacon Fire Station. The view from there was gorgeous though the sight wasn't as clear as we hoped because of the drizzling weather.



2015 National General Assembly in Seoul



Entrance to Namsan Trail

Discover Korea in Gangneung

When: September 5th – 6th, 2015

Where: Gangneung, Gangwon Province

Host: Gangwon Branch

Participants: 140 including 1 Chinese

Activities: walking along the unfrequented beach, bonding events, and visiting a temple



Discover Korea in Gangneung, Gangwon Province

140 members joined Discover Korea, an annual event of exploring the hidden beauty of Korea.

Gangwon province is located on the far north-eastern part of Korea and is not an easy place to visit for Koreans living in other parts of Korea, though it is abundant with excellent landscapes of both the sea and the mountains.

Before the conference we walked along the empty beach, watching the horizon. Visiting a temple, Hyuhyu Hermitage, was an unforgettable experience.

The temple was located on a cliff and the sea in front of it was teeming with small fish. During the conference we enjoyed our friendship and fellowship through games and presentations on Servas activities of each regions.

On the second day, we all started on a trip to Little Gungang which is known for its magnificent mountains and dazzling waterfalls. It was like we jumped into another world.



The mesmerizing view of Little Gungang.

SICOGA 2015 in New Zealand

When: October 10th – 16th, 2015.

Where: Totara Springs, Auckland, New Zealand.

Host: Servas New Zealand.

Participants: 179 from all over the world.

Activities: General Assembly, mingling with each other and small trips.

A delegation of 13 members of Servas Korea participated in the Servas International General Assembly, which is held every 3 years.

It was the first experience for many of us to join in the General Assembly. A week at the conference in Totara Springs in Matamata, near Auckland was very special in every way. We mingled with Servas people from all over the world, exchanging cultures and sharing ideas.

A day out bus trip through the heartland of New Zealand with all the other participants was fun and informative.

We strengthened our friendship with them through a lot of conversations during the trip. It was an unforgettable collection of beautiful moments.



Korean Servas members at Lake Taupo.



Servas International 2015 in Totara Springs-We are one.



Korean delegates singing Korean folksong ‘Arirang’ and Maori folk song ‘Po Karekare Ana’ on the stage during SICOGA



East Asian Meeting in SICOGA
(Members from Korea, Japan, China and Taiwan got together for friendship).

The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway.

- Henry Boye -

Servas International Travelling

We went out to the world to meet our fellow Servas members and they welcomed us to their home and shared their lives with us.



7 Servas Koreans joining in Nagoya regional meeting in Japan.



Miseon and Suwako in Seki city, Gifu prefecture in Japan.

The ornaments of your home are the people who smile upon entering time and time again.

Welcoming Travellers Into Our Home

We have welcomed many Servas travellers into our homes and lives. It is always a great pleasure to have guests in our homes, which is an exciting way of learning about life.



Nagata Suwako from Japan with Junghee, Misun and Eum Jaeryang in the garden.



Junghee with the Whalls in Christchurch, New Zealand.



Kim, Chae Hwan and Tak, Giju with Jackie Holland in Wellington, New Zealand.



Yun, Young Bum and Kim, Yun Jung with Fred and his family in Auckland, NZ.



Junghee and Youngsoon with Jeniffer in Auckland, New Zealand.

- Maralee Mckee -



Sebastian Zielinski from Poland at the top of Halla Mountain.



Mrs. Gubo from Japan with Servas Busan members.



Julen and Sarah from Belgium with Han, Dong Ho in Jeju.



Yong Mow Chung and Wai Leng Chia from Malaysia visiting a girls' high school.



Daniel Hayes from USA with Han, Dong Ho and Yi, Chung Hun in Jeju.



Jo McIntire from USA with Yang, Whang Il in Jeju.



Yong Mow Chung & Wai Leng Chia from Malaysia with Han, Dong Ho in Jeju.



The Geerdinks from the Netherlands in Choonchun hosted by Kim, Hyeryun.



Michael Hung from Taiwan with Yun, Young and Kim, Yun Jung in Yuncheon city.

Korean traditional bean paste
at Yi, Byung Hun's mom's.
Yi, Byung Hun's mom keeps her
crock of soy sauce, bean paste,
red pepper paste, etc on the roof-
top of her house.

Jeju, the most popular spot among travellers

We can tell from the above that Jeju is surely the most popular place for foreign



Mrs. Ogata and Mrs. Yoshioka from Japan tasting doenjang.

Servas members. The island's mixture of volcanic rock, frequent rains, and temperate climate, make it very similar to the Hawaiian Islands in the U.S. Thus the island offers visitors a wide range of activities: hiking on Halla-san (South Korea's highest peak), catching sunrises and sunsets over the ocean, viewing majestic waterfalls, riding horses, or just lying around on the sandy beaches.

Servas Tribes for Hobbies

We have several spontaneous groups for developing language skills or exercising, which expands our minds and keeps our bodies fit.



Members of Servas Busan are learning Spanish once a week.



Passionate cyclists from Servas Busan.



Thank you so much! Gracias!
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