

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Korea Society holds major events and fundraisers to draw public attention to the U.S.-Korea relationship and to help support its programming activities.



Amb. Chung Mong-joon

### SPECIAL ENVOY CHUNG MONG-JOON

January 24

Special Envoy **Chung Mong-joon**, along with a delegation including Ambassador Han Sung Joo, Acting President of Korea University; General Hwang Jin Ha, National Assemblyman; and Professor Kim Woo Sang, member of the foreign affairs advisory board of Lee Myung-bak's transition team, visited New York for a special President's Roundtable dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Approximately 30 guests joined to hear and discuss what Special Envoy Chung and his delegation foresee in the future of the U.S.-ROK relationship.



President Lee Myung-bak



H.E. Ban Ki-moon

The Korea Society honored the Republic of Korea's newly elected president, **Lee Myung-bak** at its 2008 annual dinner, held at The Plaza Hotel in New York City. President Lee's attendance, his first public event in the United States as president, served as a powerful affirmation of The Korea Society's special role within the U.S.-Korea relationship.

**Carlos M. Gutierrez**, U.S. secretary of commerce; United Nations Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon**; and **Christopher Hill**, U.S. assistant secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; introduced President Lee, who expressed his confidence in the future of U.S.-ROK ties.

"The Korea-U.S. alliance is poised to leap forward to become a strategic alliance of a new kind," said Lee. "I earnestly hope that [The Korea Society] will take an even greater role in lifting our bilateral ties to the level of strategic alliance."

President Lee presented The Korea Society's 2008 James A. Van Fleet Award to the U.S. Peace Corps volunteers who served in Korea, which was accepted by former Peace Corps director **Kevin O'Donnell**, and to **Don Oberdorfer**, former *Washington Post* diplomatic correspondent and current chairman of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.

## 2008 ANNUAL DINNER

April 15



(l-r) Mrs. Margaret Gregg, President Lee Myung-bak, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Mrs. Ban Ki-Moon



(l-r) First Lady Kim Yun-ok and Amb. Alexander Vershbow



(l-r) President Lee Myung-bak and Mr. Kevin O'Donnell



The Hon. Carlos M. Gutierrez



(l-r) Mr. Hur Dong-Soo, President Lee Myung-bak and Mr. Don Oberdorfer

The 2008 Annual Dinner was chaired by Chung Mong-Koo, chairman of the Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group; Stanley C. Gale, chairman of Gale International; Spencer H. Kim, chairman of CBOL/Celltron; Nam Yong, vice chairman and CEO of LG Electronics; and Yun Jong-Yong, vice chairman and CEO of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.







## THE KOREA SOCIETY AT NASDAQ

August 22

NASDAQ invited President Evans J.R. Revere and the staff of The Korea Society to mark the opening of the eighth annual New York Korean Film Festival by presiding over the closing bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York's Times Square.



Kris Oh and Evans J.R. Revere

## 2008 VAN FLEET TOURNAMENT AWARDEES

*Low Gross—Van Fleet Award*  
Kris Oh

*Low Gross—Second Place Individual*  
Sam Roh

*Low Net—First Place Individual*  
Myong Ok Park

*Low Net—Second Place Individual*  
Young Heon Kim

*Longest Drive*  
Kevin Kim

*Closest To The Pin*  
Jeongho Nam

*Low Net—First Place Team (Men)*  
Ji Hee Chung  
Yong Byoung Cho  
Hong Joo Kim  
T.S. Kwon

*Low Net—First Place Team (Women)*  
Myong Ok Park  
Bohak Kwon  
Min Kyong Suk

*Most Honest Golfer*  
Steven Lazarus

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VAN FLEET GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 15

The Van Fleet Golf Tournament returned to the beautiful Alpine Country Club in Demarest, New Jersey, in 2008. The 80 men and women, playing in 20 teams, tested their skill on the challenging, A.W. Tillinghast-designed course. Preceded by a sumptuous breakfast, the day's play produced some remarkable scores, as well as an opportunity for friends and supporters of The Korea Society to network and strengthen relationships. Top players and teams were recognized at the dinner awards ceremony that brought the tournament to a close. Each winner received valuable prizes from The Korea Society's generous sponsors. As per tradition, Hyundai's hole-in-one prize—a 2009 Hyundai Genesis—went unclaimed.

## AMBASSADOR HAN SEUNG-SOO

*September 22*

Ambassador Donald Gregg hosted a Chairman's Forum at the Korean Consulate in honor of His Excellency Han Seung-soo, prime minister of the Republic of Korea. During the forum, which was attended by approximately 28 guests, Ambassador Han spoke about South Korea's role in dealing with emerging global challenges.



(l-r) Han Seung-soo and Evans J.R. Revere



## YEAR-END PARTY

*December 17*

As 2008 drew to a close, The Korea Society celebrated the enthusiastic friendship of all those members and supporters who had made the year such a success. Over 250 old friends and first-time visitors met at The Korea Society's offices in New York to mingle and network over Korean food, drinks and live jazz. Ambassador Donald P. Gregg, chairman of The Korea Society, and Evans J.R. Revere, president of The Korea Society, thanked all the guests for their support, and after highlighting the year's key initiatives, predicted more success in 2009.