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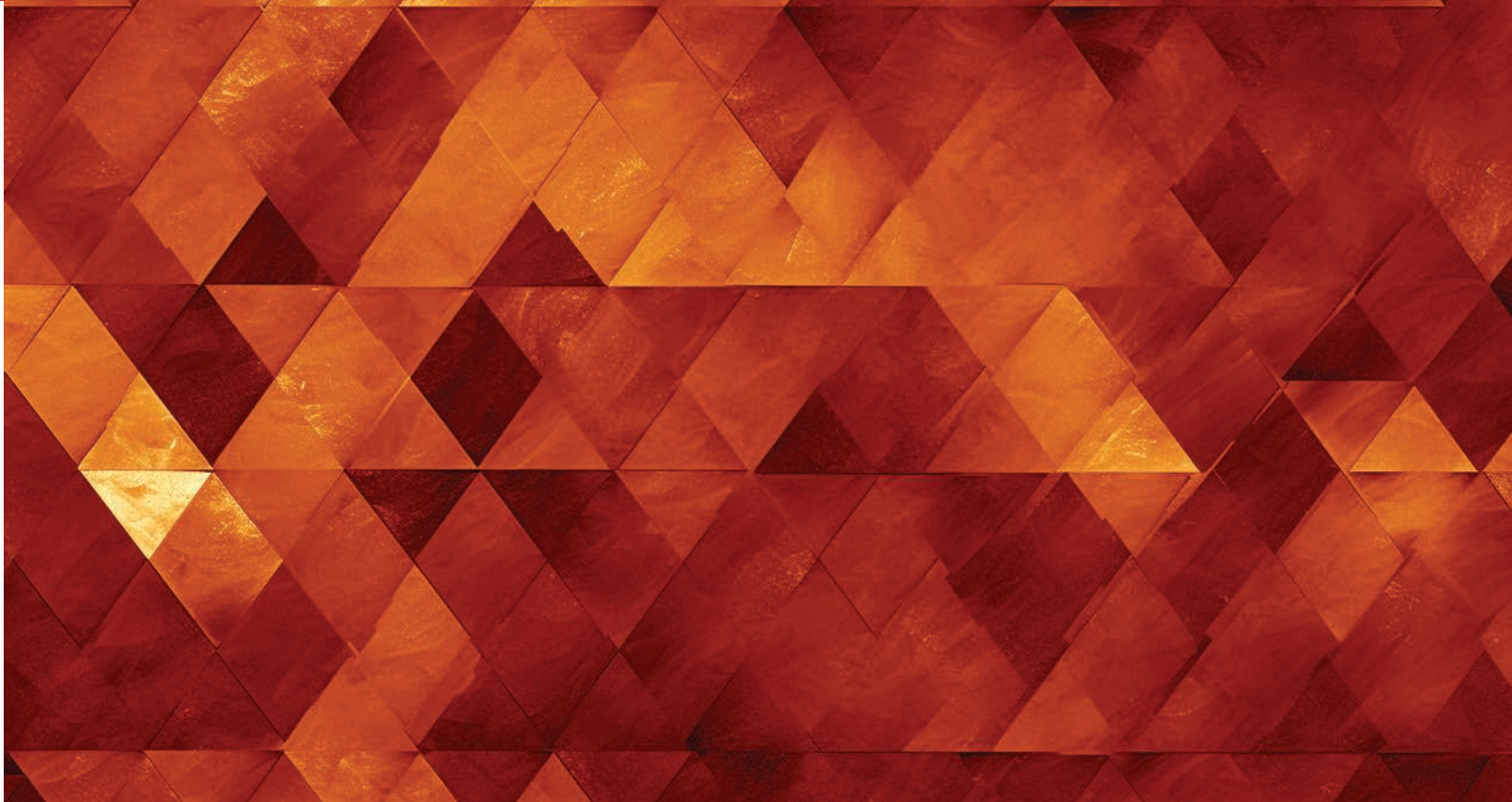
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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,

Since our founding by General James A. Van Fleet in New York City in 1957, The Korea Society has continued to promote its mission of furthering awareness, understanding and cooperation between the peoples of America and Korea. The Society seeks not only to enhance the spirit of goodwill and friendship between our two nations, but also to serve as a bridge between the peoples of the two countries and a forum to effect positive change through public diplomacy and facilitating networks for exchange.

The Society's premier event, our 2023 Annual Dinner, was held in honor of the rich 70-year history of the U.S.-ROK alliance at The Plaza Hotel in New York City on September 20. In recognition of significant contributions to the economic ties between our two countries, we honored the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEd) and the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) with our prestigious Van Fleet Award. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and KITA Chairman Christopher Koo accepted the awards in person on behalf of their respective organizations. The evening also featured a keynote speech from Governor Kemp as well as virtual remarks from U.S. Representative for California's 40th Congressional District Young Kim.

The 70th anniversary celebrations also included a conference held at Princeton University in May titled The US-Republic of Korea Alliance after 70 Years: Legacy and Trajectory, produced in partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York. The two-part panel explored topics from security and diplomacy to the role of Korean-Americans in the dynamic U.S.-ROK relationship, and featured speakers such as then Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea H.E. Park Jin and the Governor of New Jersey Phil Murphy. We also held a conference at UC San Diego in October commemorating the legacy and future of the 70-year alliance, jointly hosted with the Korea Defense Veterans Association and the Korea-Pacific Program at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS UCSD).



The Korea Society takes pride in promoting insightful and relevant programming in the Arts & Culture, Corporate, Education, and Policy areas. Our Education department celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Project Bridge Youth Ambassador Program in 2023, and our Korean Language Program, also in its 30th year, enjoyed its most successful year to date with enrollment doubled from 2022. The Society also added to its prominent Leadership Interview Series with President Byrne and Board Chair Ambassador Kathleen Stephens interviewing distinguished corporate leaders and industry experts such as FILA & Acushnet Holdings Corporation Chairman Gene Yoon, POSCO Group Chairman Jeong-Woo Choi, and President and Global Chief Operating Officer of Hyundai Motor Company José Muñoz.

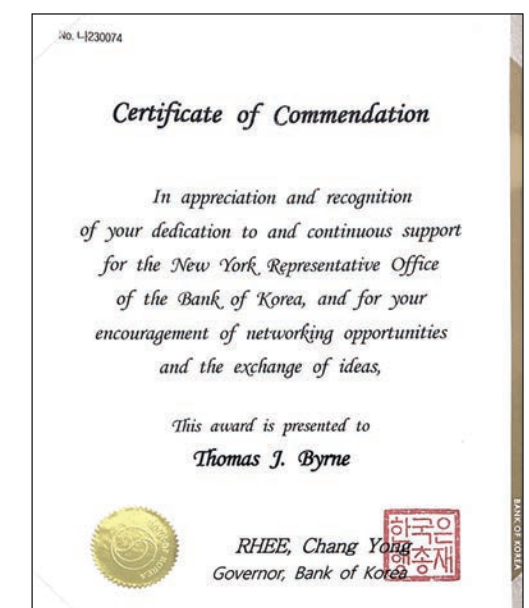
In 2023, the Society received several honors, reflecting excellence, innovation and relevancy in its programming and activities: the Community Bridge Award from the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) and a Certificate of Commendation from the Governor of Bank of Korea. In addition, The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy recognized President/CEO Thomas Byrne as Honorary Ambassador for Foreign Investment Promotion for Korea.

We thank our members and friends for your generous support. We hope that you will continue to assist the Society in its mission as stated back in 1957 – to further awareness, understanding, and cooperation between our two great nations. Today, that mission is more important than ever as we focus on the promotion of strong security, economic and cultural ties between the two countries, which is in the national interest of the U.S. and is critical for peace and prosperity not only for the Korean peninsula, but for the world.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Stephens  
Chair of the Board of Directors /  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Korea

Thomas Byrne  
President and CEO





# 인사말

친애하는 회원 및 후원자 여러분,

코리아 소사이어티는 1957년 제임스 밴 플리트 장군이 설립한 이래로 한미 양국 상호 간의 인식, 이해 및 협력을 증진하기 위해 노력해왔습니다. 저희 기관은 두 나라 사이의 친선 도모뿐만 아니라, 양국 국민 간의 교량 역할, 나아가 공공 외교와 교류 네트워크 조성을 통해 긍정적인 변화를 이끌어내는 포럼 역할을 수행합니다.

9월 20일에는 본 기관의 대표적인 행사인 연례 만찬이 한미 동맹 70년의 깊은 역사를 기리기 위해 뉴욕 플라자 호텔에서 개최되었습니다. 본 행사에서는 양국 간 경제적 유대에 중요한 기여를 한 조지아주 경제개발부와 한국무역협회에게 저희 기관의 권위 있는 밴 플리트 상을 수여했습니다. 이 날 브라이언 캠프 조지아 주지사와 구자열 당시 한국무역협회 회장이 각 기관을 대표하여 공동 수상했습니다. 기조연설은 브라이언 캠프 주지사가 전달했으며, 캘리포니아 제40선거구의 영 김 연방 하원의원도 비디오 연설을 통해 참여했습니다.

5월에는 한미 동맹 70주년을 기념하기 위해 주 뉴욕 대한민국 총영사관과 공동으로 “한미 동맹 70주년: 유산과 행보”라는 주제의 학회를 프린스턴 대학교에서 개최하였습니다. 참가한 패널들은 안보와 외교뿐만 아니라 한미 관계 속 재미동포들의 다양한 역할 등에 대해 논의했습니다. 박진 당시 대한민국 외교부 장관과 필 머피 뉴저지 주지사도 특별 연사로 참여하였습니다. 또한 10월에는 UC 샌디에고에서 70년 동맹의 유산과 미래를 기념하는 학회를 주한미군전우회와 UC 샌디에고 국제정책전략대학원의 한-태평양 프로그램과 공동으로 주최하기도 했습니다.

코리아 소사이어티는 예술과 문화, 기업, 교육 및 정책 분야에서 통찰력 있고 유의미한 프로그램을 홍보하는 데에 큰 자부심을 가지고 있습니다. 특히 2023년에는 교육 부서의 프로젝트 브릿지 청소년 문화 교류 프로그램이 30주년을

맞이했고, 한국어 프로그램 또한 2022년과 비교해 등록 인원이 두 배로 증가함으로써 가장 성공적인 30주년을 보냈습니다. 한편 리더십 인터뷰 시리즈에서는, 토마스 번 회장과 캐슬린 스티븐스 이사장이 윤윤수 휠라 홀딩스 & 아쿠쉬네트 회장, 최정우 당시 포스코 홀딩스 회장, 그리고 호세 무뇨스 현대 자동차 사장 겸 글로벌 최고운영책임자와 같은 저명한 기업 대표들과 업계 전문가들을 인터뷰하는 시간을 가졌습니다.

2023년, 코리아 소사이어티는 프로그램과 활동의 우수성, 혁신성 및 연관성을 인정받아 뉴욕한인회로부터 커뮤니티 브릿지상과 한국은행으로부터 한국은행 총재 포상을 받는 영예를 얻었습니다. 뿐만 아니라 토마스 번 회장은 산업통상자원부로부터 한국 투자 홍보대사로 임명받기도 했습니다.

다시 한번 회원 및 후원자분들의 아낌없는 지원에 깊은 감사를 표합니다. 코리아 소사이어티가 1957년부터 추진해 온 한미 상호 간의 인식, 이해 및 협력 증진이라는 임무를 위해 앞으로도 계속해서 지원해주시기를 소망합니다. 양국 간의 강력한 안보, 경제, 문화 관계 증진에 힘쓰는 일은 미국의 국가적 이익 및 한반도를 넘어 세계의 평화와 번영에 큰 영향력을 미치기에 오늘날 저희의 임무는 그 어느 때보다 더 중요할 것입니다.

감사합니다.

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# KEY NEW INITIATIVES

New initiatives set the tone for a year of impactful programming. The Society’s new initiatives in 2023 were:

The Society extended its National Outreach Initiative to the west coast in San Diego, California where we conducted a panel commemorating the legacy and future of the 70-year alliance. This initiative was jointly hosted with the Korea Defense Veterans Association and the Korea-Pacific Program at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS UCSD) and featured experts Stephen Haggard, director of the Korea-Pacific Program at GPS UCSD, Allison Hooker, former U.S. Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asia, Munseob Lee, Associate Director in GPS’s Korea-Pacific Program, and Korea’s former trade minister Yoo Myung-hee.

In 2023, The Korea Society introduced Partnership Events as a distinct subcategory of Corporate Programs, designed to maximize its capacity to host a variety of events in collaboration with diverse partners. This year, The Korea Society partnered with the Korea Investment Corporation, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York, EnoB (add here two or three words describing EnoB) and the New York Korean Financial Forum.

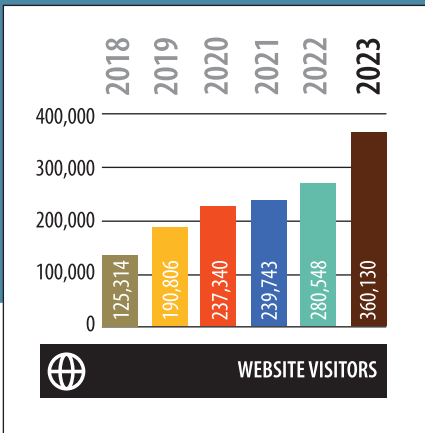
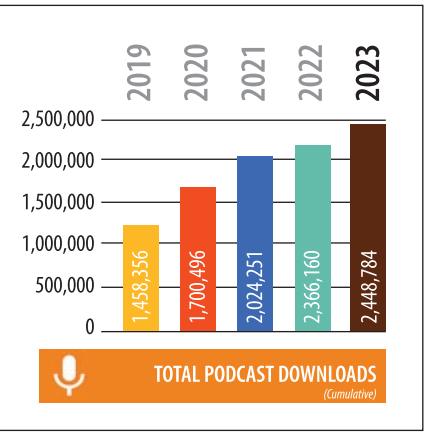
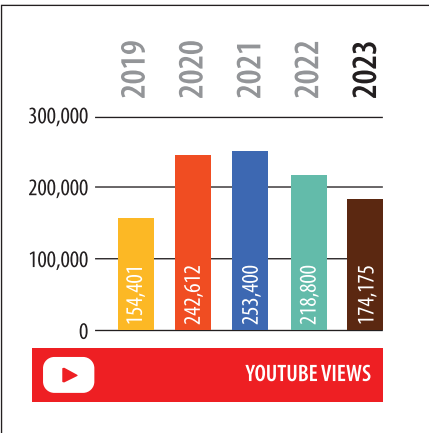
## KEY HONORS

The Korea Society was proud to accept the following honors for our commitment to our mission in 2023:

In June, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy in conjunction with KOTRA granted President/CEO Tom Byrne a role as Honorary Ambassador of Foreign Investment Promotion for Korea.

In December, President Byrne accepted the Commendation from the Governor of Bank of Korea, the first time the award was open to foreign-based organizations.

The Korea Society was also awarded the Community Bridge Award from the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) in December, which President Byrne accepted on behalf of our organization at the January 2024 Gala Dinner.



# PROFILE AND AUDIENCE

The Korea Society continued to further its presence in both print and digital media in 2023. The total number of media hits from January 1st to December 31st was 526; a 39.8% increase from the year prior. These media hits featured the Society’s programs and events as well as quotes and commentary from Society staff and board members. In February 2023, President Byrne was interviewed by The Korea Times on the likelihood of a US-NK summit this year. President Byrne was also featured in April on a Channel News Asia segment on the topic of South Korean President Yoon Seok Yeol’s state visit. In a May article for The Korea Herald, President Byrne wrote about the maturity and development of the 70-year US-ROK alliance, and in November, President Byrne gave an interview with Korea JoongAng Daily on increased Korean investment in the United States and the role that soft power plays in this “K-investment wave.” These appearances in reputable media reflect The Korea Society’s standing as a prominent and respected source for analysis and commentary. We will continue to nurture our media relations as well as seek new connections with top-tier outlets in 2024.

The Korea Society continues to cultivate a prominent voice across online platforms. From January 1 to December 31 of 2023, the Society’s website had over a record 360,130 visitors. From January to December 31st of this year, The Korea Society’s podcasts surpassed over 336,885 downloads, also a record high, bringing our cumulative total podcast downloads to over 2,400,000. Our YouTube Channel, an influential platform where the Society’s programs are recorded and live streamed for online audiences, accumulated over 174,000 views from January 1 to December 31, 2023; in the same time period, our channel subscribers grew to 15,925, an 9.5% increase from the year prior. The Society’s social media accounts show high audience engagement and interest across the board. Our LinkedIn page has grown substantially, attracting an audience of 4,424 followers, a 45.2% increase from the year prior. Our Instagram account has amassed over 8,724 followers as of December 31 (a 25.8% increase), and the Society’s Twitter account has maintained a prominent presence with over 33,700 followers. The Korea Society will continue to further its presence in print, online, and social media in 2024.





## SPECIAL EVENTS

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The Korea Society held four special events this year: The Annual Membership Party, Golf Tournament, Global Financial Leaders Forum, and Annual Dinner. As 2023 marked the 70th Anniversary of the US-ROK Alliance, The Korea Society used these gatherings filled with our biggest supporters and benefactors as conduits for reaffirming its commitment to maintaining the great relationship between the U.S. and Korea. Combining aspirations for strengthening individual and corporate partnerships, raising funds for our organization's activities, creating opportunities for networking and development, and engaging our audience with the important subjects in the US-ROK relationship, The Korea Society's efforts were rewarded with the community's enjoyment of these special events.

## THE KOREA SOCIETY 2023 ANNUAL DINNER

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S.- ROK ALLIANCE



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

THE PLAZA  
NEW YORK CITY



Annual Dinner



Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the US-ROK alliance, The Korea Society held its premier event, the Annual Dinner, on September 20th at The Plaza Hotel. The Korea Society's most prestigious honor, the General James A. Van Fleet Award, was awarded to the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD) and the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) in recognition of the two organizations' extraordinary contributions to US-Korea economic ties. The award was presented to Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia and Christopher Koo, Chairman of KITA, on behalf of their respective organizations (see bottom photo).

At this year's gala, the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Study Group on Korea, representing California's 40th Congressional District, Young Kim joined the celebration with virtual remarks emphasizing the importance of the US-ROK relationship. Governor Brian P. Kemp also delivered a glowing keynote speech highlighting Georgia's commitment to further developing its friendship with Korea. The I LOVE DANCE team presented the evolution of the K-Pop Dance and brought joy to all of our guests, while Vivian Lee, Emmy Award-winning anchor and reporter, adeptly guided us through the evening as the Master of Ceremonies.





# Annual Membership Appreciation Party



We kicked off 2023 with our Annual Membership Party on Thursday, January 26, as the next in our longstanding tradition of hosting a yearly celebration for our members in appreciation of their support and generosity throughout the year. However, this year's gathering was particularly special as we welcomed over 100 attendees to The Korea Society's event space for the first time since the pandemic. With keynote remarks by New Jersey Assemblywoman Ellen J. Park (see middle right photo above) and a live concert by G-Hwaja, a creative music band featuring a blend of Western and Korean traditional instruments, the celebration was filled with the spirit of The Korea Society's mission of social and cultural integration. We also demonstrated our organization's gratitude for our supporters' contributions through a silent auction and raffle. The event, full of festivities, food, and networking opportunities, also served as a venue for developing interest in The Korea Society's membership program for our invited guests.

# Golf Tournament

The 32nd Annual Van Fleet Memorial Golf Tournament proved to be another success this year. The tournament took place on June 12th at Baltusrol Golf Club, where it gathered 76 golf players within The Korea Society's community of members and friends, all of whom are enthusiastic about promoting fellowship and supporting the organization's mission. The event provided a valuable opportunity for participants to unwind, engage in recreational activities, foster social interactions, and forge new connections, with a special emphasis on lessons from the LPGA Class A instructor.





# ARTS & CULTURE

The Arts & Culture department continues to promote the diversity and excellence of Korean culture and champion artists and creators in various media. In 2023, many of our programs were presented in hybrid format, combining in-person presentation at our event space with live webcast or video release. The Arts & Culture department also continues to offer pre-recorded programs, which works particularly well with Korean-speaking guests, as the video presentation includes English subtitles. Also increased in number are off-site programs presented in partnership with other New York cultural institutions, such as Pen America's World Voices Festival, New York Public Library, Columbia University, and more. By providing a variety of programs and ways to view them, the Arts & Culture department is attracting new demographics and audiences to The Korea Society.

## Exhibitions

In 2023, The Korea Society continued its mission to showcase Korean and Korean-born artists through exhibitions and artist talk programs.



### Seongmin Ahn | Enchanted Reality

1/19-4/14/2023

The year began with multi-media artist Seongmin Ahn's solo exhibition Enchanted Reality in The Korea Society gallery space.



### Koreatown LA/NY

5/4-8/17/2023

In May, a poignant portrait of the Koreatown communities in Los Angeles and New York was presented by two young Korean-American photographers, named Koreatown LA / NY.



### Counterpoint | Three Ceramic Artists

9/14-12/8/2023

The final exhibition of the year, Counterpoint: Three Clay Artists, opened in September, featuring Janny Baek, Steven Young Lee, and Sunkoo Yuh, who offered new perspectives on ceramic art shaped by cultural and social influences.



Art & Artists



In spring, Professor Sunglim Kim from Dartmouth College explored Korean folk painting, minhwa, in her lecture titled *Minhwa: Korean Paintings of the People, by the People and for the People*.



Contemporary Korea

Throughout the year, The Korea Society's Arts & Culture department continued to explore the global popularity of contemporary Korean culture through various programs.



DRESS HISTORY OF KOREA



Critical Perspectives on Primary Sources

In summer, Dr. Minjee Kim and Professor Kyunghee Pyun presented an online discussion on "Dress History of Korea," offering comprehensive and current approaches to interpreting dress and fashion in Korea.



In spring, Steve Chung, Chief Global Officer of CJ ENM, discussed the emergence and success of K-Content in front of an in-person audience. Followed by Elise Hu, former NPR bureau chief in Seoul, who presented a journalistic report on the fast-growing industry of K-beauty in her book *Flawless: Lessons in Looks and Culture from the K-Beauty Capital*. Fiona Bae, an acclaimed author and communication expert, celebrated the global rise of K-style in her book *Make Break Remix: The Rise of K-style*.



In winter, Korea's Ambassador for Cultural Cooperation, Sohn Jie-ae, engaged in a conversation exploring the secret behind the fascination and popularity of K-Culture in *The Korean Wave: Where Did It Come From and Where Is It Going?*



## Cuisine and Food Culture

The Korea Society continued to expand its popular culinary programming by offering programs covering diverse topics related to the business, preparation, and cultural significance of Korean food and food culture.

Michelle Li, an award-winning journalist and co-founder of the Very Asian Foundation, discussed how to introduce to children of all backgrounds the classic and modern Korean dishes and food culture of Korea in *A Very Asian Guide to Korean Food*.

Later in the year, acclaimed two-Michelin-starred chef Junghyun (JP) Park invited the audience to discover the delicious and joyful world of Korean cuisine known as Hansik when he presented his first cookbook *The Korean Cookbook*.

A VERY ASIAN  
GUIDE TO  
KOREAN FOOD



Very Colorful

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The Korean Cookbook

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## Film & Media

Throughout the year, The Korea Society showcased Korean and Korean-American storytellers in film and media.

Highlights included Karen Han's presentation on "Bong Joon Ho: Dissident Cinema" in January.

In March, a screening of "Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV" was presented in collaboration with the Asian American Writer's Workshop and Film Forum, followed by a conversation with filmmaker Amanda Kim moderated by Mary H.K. Choi.

In June, The Korea Society sponsored a special screening of "Specially Processed American Me" at Flushing Town Hall, with a subsequent talkback on the impact of the Korean War on the Korean American community.

In July, an online panel discussion on "The Films of Kim Ki-young" was conducted with participation from film scholars and critics.

The year concluded with a December screening of the award-winning short film "Take Me Home," followed by a Q+A session with director Liz Sargent and the film team.



## Performing Arts

This year, The Korea Society co-presented and sponsored a variety of Korean music and theater performances in partnership with other cultural institutions.

In February and March, "HAN!" was showcased at Jersey City Theater Center and La Mama Theater, featuring Hyun Ju Baek.

In March, a captivating program blending traditional Korean music with contemporary influences was presented at Roulette in Brooklyn, led by master multi-instrumentalist "gamin".

In April, The Korea Society sponsored "The Dive: The

Songs of Julia Riew" at 54 Below, Broadway's supper club, featuring Fred Ebb Award Winner Julia Riew.

In May, The Korea Society supported the return of the nine-piece South Korean ensemble ADG7 to New York City, presented by the World Music Institute at Le Poisson Rouge.







## Literature

In the fourth year of its Author Talks video series, The Korea Society featured conversations with award-winning Korean novelists. Cheon Myeong-kwan talked about his English debut *"Whale,"* shortlisted for the 2023 International Booker Prize, while Zainichi Korean writer Yu Miri discussed her novel *"The End of August."*

Throughout the year, The Korea Society hosted numerous Korean and Korean American authors in front of live audiences. Heinz Insu Fenkl discussed his novel *"Skull Water"* in February, offering a haunting inter-generational coming-of-age story set in South Korea. Gina Chung presented her debut novel *"Sea Change"* in April, and Patricia Park discussed *"Imposter Syndrome"* at an event co-presented by The Korea Society at the Strand bookstore in New York City.

The Strand also hosted Pen America's World Voices Festival featuring Han Kang and her latest English translation *"Greek Lessons,"* with The Korea Society as a Cultural Partner. Kyung-Sook Shin visited The Korea Society for a rare appearance in the U.S. for her English translation *"I Went to See My Father."*



In the fall, Angie Kim discussed her bestselling novel *"Happiness Falls"* with Susan Choi. Frances Cha and Aram Kim explored the intricacies of writing books for children emphasizing humor and diversity in *Behind the Scenes: Writing a Picture Book*. Poet Don Mee Choi's translation of Kim Hyesoon's poetry was celebrated at Columbia University, supported by The Korea Society. The Korea Society also hosted a program on poets translating other poets, and translator Anton Hur promoted *"Djuna's Counterweight"* while moderating E.J. Koh's discussion on *"The Liberators."*







or Company

## CORPORATE

The Korea Society's Corporate Programs provided the international business community with unique access to the issues and individuals that define the U.S.-Korea business relations in a rapidly changing global environment. In continuation of this effort, our ongoing Leadership Interview Series delved into major issues with distinguished business leaders that impact the economic partnership between the U.S. and Korea.

“Corporate partnerships provide The Korea Society and our supporters with invaluable networking opportunities, facilitating connections with potential donors, volunteers, and like-minded organizations in diverse sectors.

We also continue to establish meaningful partnerships with business, corporate, and other stakeholders in the United States and Korea. Corporate partnerships provide The Korea Society and our supporters with invaluable networking opportunities, facilitating connections with potential donors, volunteers, and like-minded organizations in diverse sectors. Recognizing this importance, the Society has introduced Partnership Events as a new subcategory of Corporate Programs to maximize our capacity to host many types of events with various partners.







## Leadership Interview Series

Building upon the success of its second year, The Korea Society's Leadership Interview Series has expanded its roster of featured speakers in 2023. This series serves as a dynamic platform highlighting the contributions of esteemed leaders from both the United States and Korea, fortifying the multifaceted relationship between the two nations. These speakers offer valuable insights into their personal and professional experiences, spanning areas such as business, economics, education, and governance. The series has featured notable figures including Gene Yoon, Chairman of FILA Holdings & Acushnet Holdings Corporation Jeong-Woo Choi, CEO of POSCO Holdings and Chairman of POSCO Group and José Muñoz, President and Global Chief Operating Officer of Hyundai Motor Company. These thought-provoking discussions with leaders are made accessible to the public through online platforms, providing ease of access and viewing. The Korea Society actively leverages these reciprocal relationships with the interviewees to promote and strengthen economic ties between the U.S. and Korea, with a notable impact in areas such as business and finance.





# Global Financial Leaders Forum

In 2023, responding to its widespread popularity, the Global Financial Leaders Forum extended its impact by hosting events in both April and October, adding to its customary October occurrence. This adjustment not only facilitated broader participation but also provided extended opportunities for dialogue within the financial community. Both events were co-hosted by The Korea Society, Maekyung Media Group, Korea Finance Society, and Korea Investment Corporation, with the National Pension Service sponsoring the April event.



The Global Financial Leaders Forum continued its tradition in October at The Plaza Hotel in New York. Themed “Winning Strategies for a New Economic Order,” the invitation-only gathering featured Chuck Schumer, New York’s Senator and Senate Majority Leader Scott Kleinman, Co-President of Apollo Global Management; José E. Feliciano, Co-Founder of Clearlake Capital; along with an impressive lineup of speakers. The first annual U.S.-Korea Finance Excellence Award honored notable inaugural awardees, including Mike Joo, Managing Director and COO of Bank of America; Sung-taek Hwang, CEO of Truston Asset Management; and Sandor Hau, Managing Director of Charlesbank Capital Partners.



The New York Global Financial Leaders Forum in April at Lotte Palace New York proved to be a notable success. Themed “How to Survive an Economic Inflection Point Under Uncertainty,” the invitation-only event gathered over 150 senior executives and seasoned investors from Wall Street and major financial institutions in Korea. Distinguished speakers, including Stephen A. Schwarzman, Chairman, CEO, and Co-Founder of Blackstone Alex Chi, Americas Co-Head of Private Credit at Goldman Sachs Asset Management; and Thibault Gournay, C-CIO of Anchorage Capital Group addressed topical issues in two panel discussions: “How to Navigate the Economic Maelstrom” and “Downside Protected Investing in Times of Macro Uncertainty.” NYC Mayor Eric Adams also delivered special remarks as a surprise guest.



Simultaneously, the K-Wall St. Platform, held at The Korea Society, marked its second annual program within the Global Financial Leaders Forum framework, connecting aspiring finance professionals with seasoned mentors. Participants received guidance from Korean American young professionals from Permira, Advent International, Briarwood Chase Management, DCM Ventures, and Blue Owl Capital, offering valuable insights and mentorship in navigating the financial industry.





# KOREAN AMERICAN NEXT-GENERATION NETWORKING EVENT

## Partnership Events

In 2023, The Korea Society introduced Partnership Events as a distinct subcategory of Corporate Programs, designed to maximize its capacity to host a variety of events in collaboration with diverse partners. These events serve as a crucial collaborative platform, offering organizations and professionals ample opportunities to cultivate cooperation across diverse sectors. This year, The Korea Society successfully partnered with organizations including Korea Investment Corporation, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York, and EnoB. These partnerships facilitated the co-hosting of events such as the New York Korean Financial Forum featuring Soonkyu (SK) Shin, Fixed Income Credit Research Analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., as the speaker for the program “Living a Balanced Life in a Capitalistic Society: A Veteran Wall Street Analyst’s Views” and the Korean American Next-Generation Networking Event, which featured speakers including Euy Whan Kim, Consul General of Consulate General of the ROK in New York; Jae Lee, Managing Director of Bank of America; and Yuna Yang, Founder of Yuna Yang Collections. These events have proven particularly successful in attracting young professionals and students eager to learn from industry leaders.





# Young Professionals' Network (YPN)

Throughout 2023, the Young Professionals' Network (YPN) program series explored a range of conversation topics, speakers, and formats to fulfill the mission of offering emerging professionals a platform for gaining learning and development opportunities, exposure to different industries and career backgrounds, and a community for networking. Over the course of the year, The Korea Society generated a total of four uniquely valuable YPN programs, each highlighting guest speakers from diverse professional fields: Our Future with AI: A Conversation with Professor Jeongki Lim, K-Startup New York Mentoring Day (partnership event), Beyond Boundaries: A Conversation with Sang A Im, and Leading with Vision at Kakao Mobility: A Conversation with Senior Vice President Dr. Christopher Chang.

Within this list, The Korea Society invited variety to ensure accessibility for our audience members, whether they may be interested in programs held in-person or remotely, featuring single guest speakers or panels, and covering subjects in STEM or liberal arts. With the help of partnerships with organizations including the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) and Genesis House, along with the collaboration of our local and globally-invited speakers, YPN realized success this year through greater engagement and participation, viewing numbers, and interest in the entire organization's activities.





## EDUCATION

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By taking advantage of the explosion of interest in all things Korean and launching new initiatives and enhancements to our *Korean Language Program*, the Society realized a two-fold enrollment increase as compared to 2022. Similarly we achieved sizable participation in our workshops geared to middle and high school educators and students that exceeded even pre-COVID 19 interest. And the department's longest-running program, *Project Bridge Youth Ambassador*, celebrating its 30th Anniversary in 2023, continued to see its recognition grow among New York City public high schools as well as Korean sponsors that support its ten-day study tour, an annual highlight of this academic year long program.

For the higher education community a new grant program was piloted in 2023 that generated a great deal of attention. The Society's *Undergraduate Korea Study Abroad Travel Grant* provided \$2,000 'topping off' funding for select U.S. undergraduates wishing to study abroad in the Republic of Korea but who lacked adequate resources to cover their travel costs. Lectures in our *Current and Future Directions in Korean Studies* series attracted large audiences from not only higher education communities but K-12, business, arts and other communities. Additionally our *7th Annual Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture* saw record numbers of individuals competing for this 'rising star' award.



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# Project Bridge Youth Ambassador Program



2023 Project Bridge Youth Ambassadors at Panmunjom



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New York City Youth Ambassadors with their graduation certificates  
Project Bridge Curriculum



The Korea Society initiated the Project Bridge Youth Ambassador Program in 1993 to address racial divides and the devastation of Koreatown following the Los Angeles race riot. For many of these 30 years the program has been a collaboration between The Korea Society in New York City (NY) and the Pacific Century Institute in Los Angeles (LA) serving urban public junior and senior high school students. Since 2019 the Society has partnered with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, located in Missoula at the University of Montana (MT)—initially just four students were supported but this was increased to eight in 2023 to ensure equity with LA and NY. Partnering with the Mansfield Center has expanded

not only the demographic reach of the program but also has incorporated a rural and indigenous student perspective. In 2023 the Society’s support for the Center included instructional content and resources, joint workshops, full funding for travel costs to and in Korea, and partial funding for administrative support.

A total of 24 students—eight junior or senior public high school students from each location—were selected through a rigorous competition. A goal of the NY selection was to ensure student diversity, and in 2023 the eight youth ambassadors hailed from all five boroughs and represented a wide-range of backgrounds.

Youth ambassadors in NY engaged in a series of 15 workshops during the academic year, held both in-person and virtually; four were offered jointly with LA and MT via Zoom. In these workshops students explored Korean pre-modern and 20th century history as well as the economic factors leading to the Miracle on the Han, inter and intra-peninsula developments and regional trends. They also investigated art, cuisine, fashion, educational system differences, government, language, and literature. Further the NY students visited the Korean exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The full cohort of 24 also participated in an exciting, interactive and highly instructive simulation of the decision-making process leading the U.S. to

enter the Korean War that was offered virtually by the White House Decision Center at the Truman Museum and Library located in Independence, Missouri which was fully funded by the Society. And, as a key goal of the program was to hone the youth ambassadors’ leadership and intercultural competence skills, the role culture plays in shaping a society’s behavior was stressed throughout.





2023 Project Bridge Study Tour

An excited group of 24 youth ambassadors, very eager to experience Korea first-hand and meet Koreans in their own environment, arrived in Seoul on April 2, 2023. During this tour they received significant exposure to many people, activities, and places in Korea of historical and social significance. Whenever possible we visited locations related to the workshop topics. They had the privilege to meet with leaders in government, business, education, and the arts.

The youth ambassadors also had three wonderful opportunities to engage with students their own age. They visited Jeonbuk Foreign Language High School in Jeollabuk-do and Daedong Taxation High School in Seoul. For the first time, the tour included two days in Daegu where they heard from Mayor Hong Jong Pyo and interacted for a full day and a half with Daegu Youth Organization Council students. With this group they visited Daegu’s E-World and Expo Park. As one student wrote, “Meeting and having time with the Korean students is key. Comparing and sharing an experience with another person who is halfway across the world is very endearing and enriching.”



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- Ewha Womans University
- Daedong Taxation High School
- Daegu Youth Organizational Council
- Jeonju Foreign Language High School



CORPORATIONS, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENT

- CKD Kochon Education Foundation
- DMZ and Panmunjeon
- HD Hyundai
- Hyundai Motor Company
- Daegu Metropolitan City, Mayor’s Office
- Daegu Metropolitan City, Youth, Women & Education Bureau
- Jeollabuk-do Center for International Affairs (JBCIA)
- Korea International Trade Association
- POSCO
- United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission

HISTORICAL and CULTURAL SITES

- Aspan Park-Daegu
- Blue House
- Bulguksa Temple & Seokguram
- COEX
- E-World & Expo Park – Daegu
- Gyeongbokgung Palace
- Gyeongdong Rail Village – JBCIA
- Hangeul Museum
- Insadong Market
- Kim Koo Museum and Library
- Myeongdong Market
- Pohang Space Walk
- Seonunsa Temple Stay – JBCIA
- Tumuli Park & Tombs

In addition to these visits, youth ambassadors toured museums—the National Hangeul Museum was new this year—palaces, the DMZ, Hyundai Motor Company, HD Hyundai shipping facilities as well as the POSCO campus, experienced a temple stay and much more. As one student wrote, “Project Bridge has allowed me to better understand Korean culture as a whole (hierarchy/ respect, values, etc) and also made interacting with Koreans a lot easier. I hope to use this program as a ‘stepping stone’ of sorts to future study abroad in Korea (hopefully), and perhaps even a longer stay when I’m older.”



Final Community Presentation and Project Bridge Alumni

Our final community presentation offered in a hybrid in-person/virtual format, A Celebration of 30 Years of Project Bridge, was attended not only by family, friends and teachers of the youth ambassadors but by many alumni. The program included remarks from many individuals including: Mr. Thomas Byrne, President and CEO of the Society; Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, President and CEO of KEIA and Chair of the Society’s Board; Dr. Gerry Krzic, President of Friends of Korea (note: students become lifetime members of FoK upon completion of the Program); Mr. Sung Won Bae, Director, Korea Foundation USA; Ambassador Donald Gregg, Former President of the Society and founder of the program; Dr. Christine Hagedorn, Rosemont College and a coordinator on the first study tour; alumni and the youth ambassadors themselves. Many alumni during the dinner that followed shared their stories and described how the program had changed their lives.





# Education Lectures and Events



In 2023, the department continued to host the Society's Future and Current Directions in Korean Studies series. One of the lecture highlights of the year was Dr. Mark Peterson's A Look at Korea as a Frog Outside the Well -- An Outsider's Perspective on Korean History. Dr. Peterson offered his unique take on Korean history which differs from the standard narrative taught in Korea since liberation from Japan. It is a point of view that he finds his Korean audience appreciates for its radical departure from orthodox history and finds "refreshing," "positive" and "uplifting."



We also offered Tiki-Taka: Ways of Seeing Beyond Architecture With Design. The architects and educators Dr. Dongsei Kim and Dr. Dongwoo Yim drew from their recent publications—Drawing Hwa-Chaeng: Mapping Contested Territories and Accessories respectively—to examine the contemporary practice of architecture and design in Korea, emphasizing its socio-political impact. Ms. Jean Im who is a curator and designer, moderated



# Middle and High School Workshop Visits



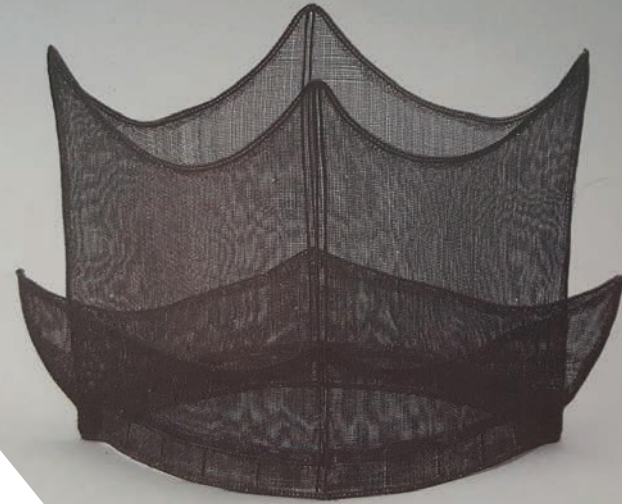
The Society was delighted to experience a robust return to hosting student and teacher workshops held both at The Korea Society and off-site at schools and organizations in 2023. The six workshops offered in 2023—four offered at the Society and two off-site—reached 329 students and educators, quadrupling the numbers reached in 2022. In addition to customized workshops, established workshop curriculum included: Korean history, Korean war/armistice-related topics, Sijo writing, Korean language and etiquette, cuisine, literature discussions such as Pachinko, and exploration of the current art exhibitions at the Society.





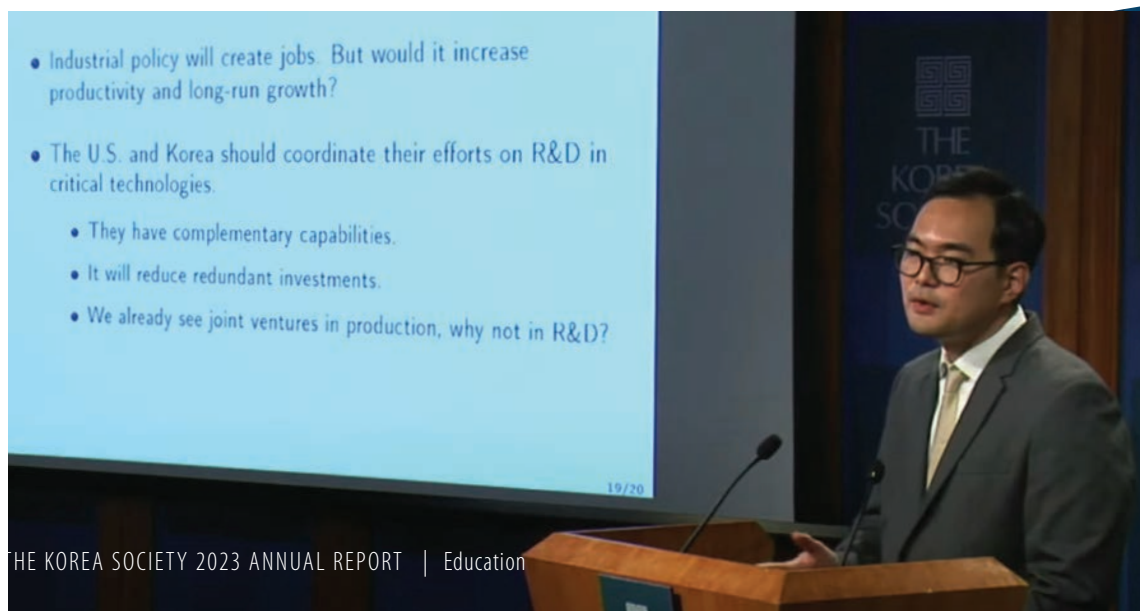
## Sherman Family Emerging Korea Scholar Lecture

Dr. Munseob Lee of the University of California San Diego received the 7th Annual Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Award for his timely lecture, *The Return of Industrial Policy: Lessons from Korea*. Dr. Lee stressed the need to draw lessons learned from Korea's earlier experience emphasizing the intricate nature of industrial policy. He stressed the need for a thorough evaluation of its costs and benefits before implementation, especially now given the current bipartisan support for substantial bills in the U.S. aimed at revitalizing industrial policy. As one application reviewer stated, "At this critical time Lee revisits the effectiveness of Korean industrial policy during a high development phase to glean useful insights for Korea, the U.S., and beyond."



## Student Study Abroad Travel Grants

In fall 2023, the Education department initiated an Undergraduate Korea Study Abroad Travel Grant as part of its strategy to promote greater awareness, understanding and cooperation between the people of the U.S. and Korea. This travel grant was created to ensure that a wide-range of undergraduate students have opportunities to study and live in Korea, particularly those for whom the high cost of travel to and from Korea can present a significant burden. The intent of this *'travel topping off'* grant, awarded directly to the student, is to defray travel expenses for students who would normally struggle financially to realize the life-changing experience of studying abroad and, most importantly, the opportunity to cultivate an in-person understanding of Korea and its people. A total of six students, studying abroad for a full academic term, each received a \$2,000 grant and attended: Chung-Ang, Incheon National, Sogang, Seoul National, or Yonsei universities.



- Industrial policy will create jobs. But would it increase productivity and long-run growth?
- The U.S. and Korea should coordinate their efforts on R&D in critical technologies.
  - They have complementary capabilities.
  - It will reduce redundant investments.
  - We already see joint ventures in production, why not in R&D?



The Korean Language Program

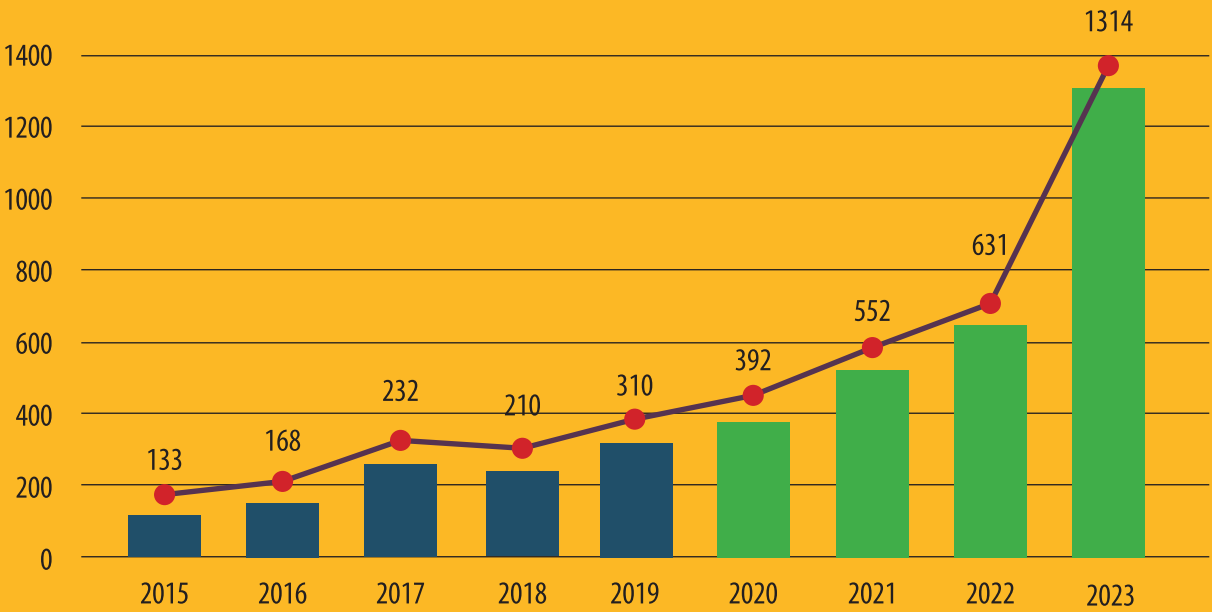
From its modest beginnings in 1994 with only two classes, the Korean Language Program (KLP) has evolved into a comprehensive, nine-level year-round program offering four terms: a winter, spring, and fall 10-week term and a summer 8-week term.

KLP has experienced explosive enrollment growth recently, especially since the Society’s move to online instruction in 2020. The high quality of our instructors—most with university teaching experience—our robust recruitment and marketing outreach, flexible scheduling, small class size and reasonable tuition are all contributing factors to the program’s growing success. While growth has been steady over the years, after fully revamping the structure of our programming this past year—both moving from a three term to a four term program and introducing additional upper level courses for our beginning and intermediate learners—our enrollment surpassed all previous records, doubling in just one year from 631 in 2022 to 1,314 in 2023.

With this growth the KLP has reached a broader and more diverse audience. No longer restricted to in-person study for individuals in the greater New York City metropolitan area, in 2023 we attracted participants from 43 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. as well as 13 countries including Brazil, Canada, China, England, Germany, India, Jordan, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Korea, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

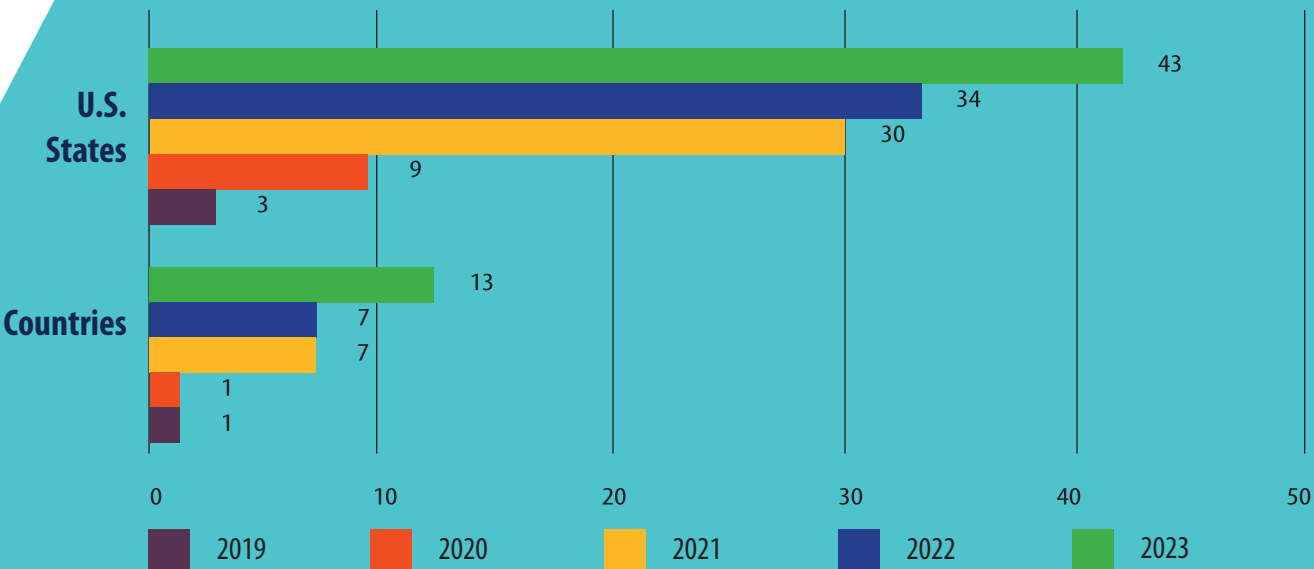
In 2023 KLP offered a total of 106 classes, our largest number to date with approximately 27 courses per term, capping class size at 15 to ensure optimal interaction among the students and with the instructor. Course offerings ranged from Beginning Korean I to Advanced levels along with a variety of conversation and topic-based classes. Launched this year was a Business Korean series as well as Korean Literature, Beginning Hanja, advanced level News and Discussion, and Upper Beginning Conversation courses. Beginning level courses and Conversation courses are among the most popular. And we enrolled slightly more new than continuing students this year.

KLP Nine-Year enrollment Comparison  
2015-2023



NOTES:  
1. Columns in Green reflect move to online courses  
2. 2020 online for summer & fall only. 2021 first year fully online.

Five-Year Country U.S. States and Territories Comparison

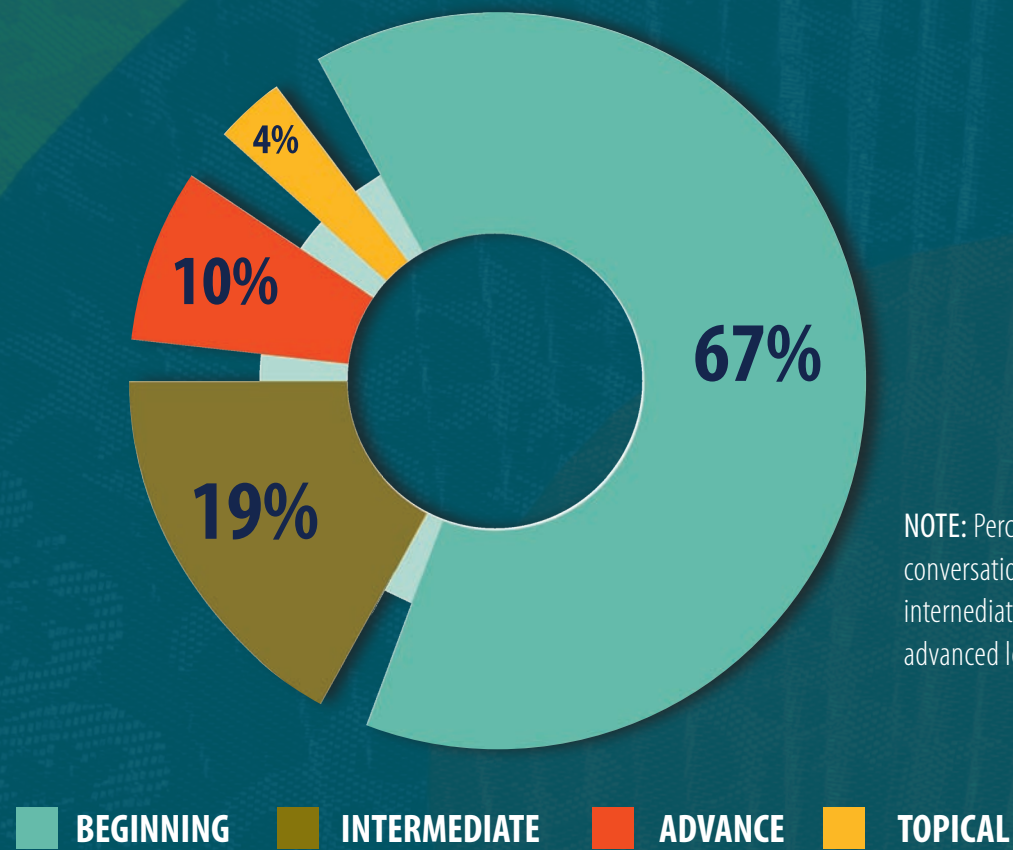


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## Average 2023 Annual Enrollment by Level



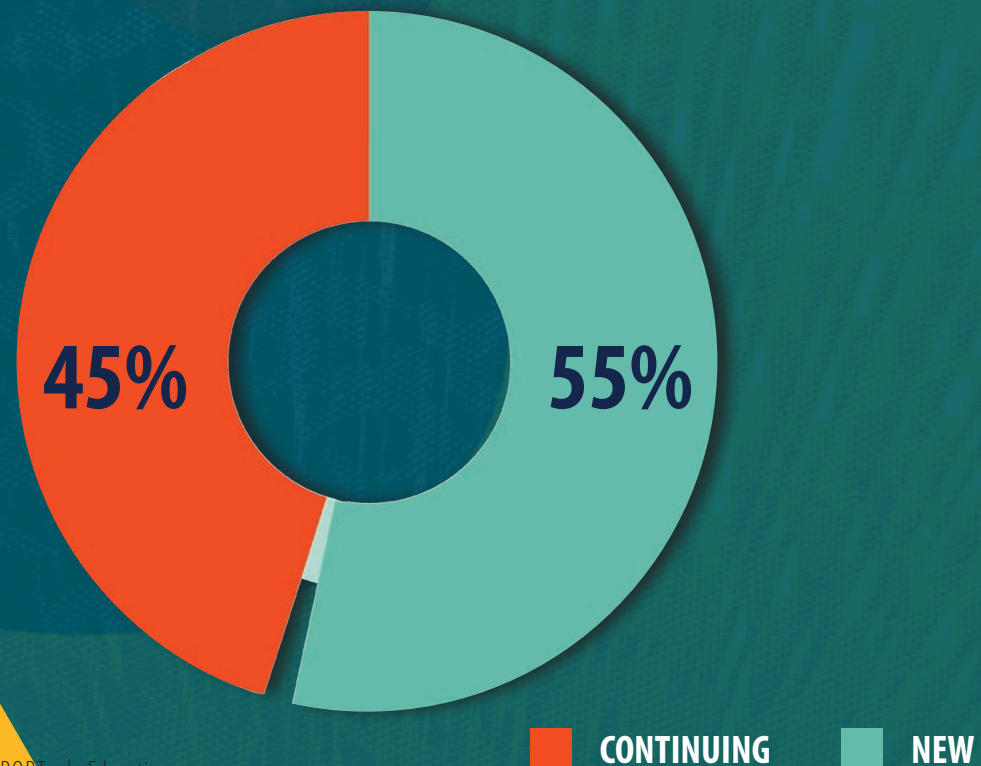
NOTE: Percentage of students enrolled in conversation classes averages 38% at intermediate level & 72 % at the advanced level



### Supplemental KLP Offerings

Initiated in 2021 in response to student requests for additional speaking practice, KLP introduced supplemental no-fee K-Chat practice sessions for beginner and low-intermediate learners and discussion opportunities for intermediate and advanced levels, rebranded this year as K-Dialogue. Demand for these free practice sessions has steadily grown as has the number of sessions offered and the introduction of study materials that serve as resources and reinforce learning from regular courses. In 2023 we launched a new supplementary practice, Hangeul Help, designed to assist beginning students in understanding and using the Korean alphabet. In total throughout 2023 we conducted 35 practice sessions.

## Annual 2023 Percentage of New & Continuing Students







# POLICY

In 2023, the Policy Team conducted an array of informative and engaging programs designed to promote and increase interest, knowledge, and discussion on the importance of Korea and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. The Society serves as a platform for discussion and dissemination of knowledge that impacts decision makers and the general public alike through insightful content and networking opportunities. Programming covered topics of crucial relevance to Korea-U.S. relations, including security, diplomacy, politics, and economics. Public and private in-person programming was complemented by a robust rollout of digital content via video, podcast, and social media. To improve mutual understanding and foster friendship, the Policy Team also hosted visiting South Korean officials, South Korean academics, and think tank researchers for dialogues.

The Policy Team targets key demographic audience groups, providing timely insights and access to influential thought leaders across government, media, think tanks, academia, and the corporate world. In 2023, the Policy Team held more programs and achieved a bigger impact when compared to the previous two

years, with an increase in both Youtube viewership and program registrations.

The Society celebrated the rich 70-year history of the U.S.-ROK Alliance and examined the trajectory of the relationship with two prominent programs in 2023. In May, The Korea Society partnered with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York to hold a conference at the Syngman Rhee Lecture Hall in Robertson Hall at the Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs. The first panel explored the historical, security, and diplomacy aspects of the Alliance, while the second panel explored the role of Korean-Americans in the dynamic ROK-US relationship. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and former ROK Foreign Minister Pak Jin made keynote remarks. Additionally, in October the Policy Team conducted a program at UC San Diego titled, The U.S.-Republic of Korea Alliance at 70: Legacy and Future, produced in partnership with the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) and the Korea Pacific Program at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS).

## THE U.S.-REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALLIANCE AT 70: LEGACY AND FUTURE



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The Society’s Policy team is led by policy director Jonathan Corrado and supported by policy program officer Chelsie Alexandre. Van Fleet nonresident senior fellow Dr. Katrin Katz advises and participates in policy programming. To maximize impact and reach, the Society’s Policy team worked with partners such as the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA), the Korea-US Alliance Foundation (KUSAF), the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI), the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), the Atlantic Council’s Indo-Pacific Security Initiative (IPSI), and Columbia University’s APEC Study Center.







## Kim Koo Professional Series

In 2023, the Policy team conducted two rounds of its Kim Koo Professional Series. It welcomed Joseph Kim, George W. Bush Presidential Center and Seohyun Lee, Columbia University SIPA to speak on Common Misconceptions about North Korea; Jean Lee, Wilson Center and Michael Barnhart, Mandiant, to speak on North Korea's Cyber Threat; Barbara Demick, author of *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea*, to speak on Writing About North Korea; Suzanne DiMaggio, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jerome Sauvage, Sauvage Associates, and Joe Terwilliger, Columbia University, to address Talking with North Korea; David Maxwell and Hee-Eun Kim, Center for Asia Pacific Strategy, to speak on The Peninsula Long View: Political Warfare, Grey Zone Provocations, and Unification; and Robert Bruce, Spathe Systems, on his Father's Experience in the Korean War.



## ROK Government Roundtables



In July, Korea Society President and CEO Tom Byrne, Policy Director Jonathan Corrado, and Policy Program Officer Chelsie Alexandre met with a delegation from the People Power Party to discuss the importance of the alliance and coordination on economic issues from both the U.S. and ROK perspectives. The delegation was led by former People Power Party Leader Assemblyman Kim Gi-hyeon.



In June, the Society welcomed the Ministry of Unification and the Unified Future Planning Committee to learn about the New Unified Future Initiative and share opinions on the state of affairs on the Korean Peninsula and surrounding region. The delegation was headed by Unification Minister Kim Yung-ho.





## The U.S.-ROK Alliance: Legacy and Future-Oriented Evolution

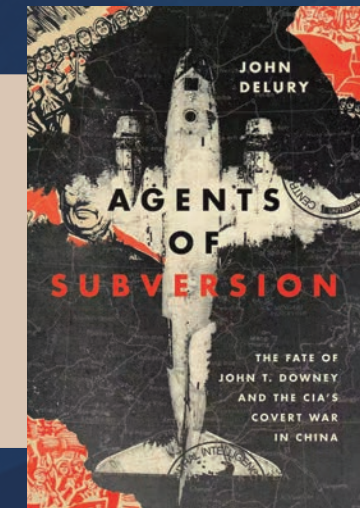
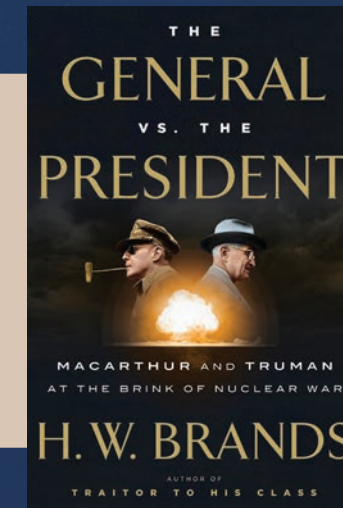
In April, the Society conducted a program on the major diplomatic, security, and economic takeaways from the U.S.-Korea Summit between U.S. President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol. The Korea Society was joined by former ROK Minister for Trade Yeo Han-koo, Van Fleet Nonresident Senior Fellow Dr. Katrin Katz and The Washington Post Seoul Bureau Chief Michelle Ye Hee Lee, in conversation with Korea Society President and CEO Tom Byrne.

In November, the Society conducted a program that explored the opportunities and limits for U.S.-Korea-Japan trilateral cooperation. An expert panel, composed of specialists from each of the three nations, investigated these questions and more in conversation with Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado. Panelists included: Van Fleet Nonresident Senior Fellow Dr. Katrin Fraser Katz, Kangwon National University Professor Kuyoun Chung, Asia Society Policy Institute D.C. Office Director for Political-Security Affairs Emma Chanlett-Avery, and Keio University Professor Nishino Junya. In December, the Policy Team held a program to highlight the findings of recent opinion surveys revealing American and Korean views on the ROK-U.S. Alliance and foreign policy more generally.



## Historical Foundations of the US-Korea Relationship

In February, the Society conducted a discussion with Dr. Henry W. Brands, Professor and Jack S. Blanton Sr. Chair in History at the University of Texas at Austin, about his book *The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War*. In March, The Society conducted a conversation with Dr. John Delury, Professor of Chinese Studies at Yonsei University, on his new book, *Agents of Subversion: The Fate of John T. Downey and the CIA's Covert War in China*. This roundtable and pre-recorded video explored a Korean War era mission in China that went wrong, resulting in the 20-year imprisonment of an American operative named John T. Downey. This program was moderated by Korea Society President & CEO Thomas Byrne.



In July, the Society commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953. The Society gathered at The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Battery Park, Manhattan to honor Veterans who served in The Korean War, including Korean War Veterans Association Area Commander Salvatore Scarlato. This event was produced in partnership between The Korea Society and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York.



## Dynamic Korea

In January, the Society conducted a discussion titled *South Korea's Demographic Challenge* on the causes and consequences of South Korea's shrinking birth rate, including its impact on social and civic relations, the economy, and the military, as well as an exploration of efforts to reverse the trend. The program featured Washington Post reporter Min Joo Kim, Wall Street Journal reporter Dasl Yoon, University of Missouri Assistant Professor Dr. Aram Hur, and Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy at the American Enterprise Institute Dr. Nicholas Eberstadt, in conversation with policy director Jonathan Corrado.

In February, the Policy Team, in conjunction with the Education Department, conducted a program titled, *Consequences of Korea's Compressed Modernity*, exploring the implications of Korea's rapid economic development on the family unit and society at large, featuring Seoul National University sociology Professor Chang Kyung-Sup.

In August, the Society conducted a program titled *The South Korean Nuclear Debate* on the debate surrounding whether South Korea should acquire an indigenous nuclear deterrent. Dr. Clint Work, Korea Economic Institute of America (KEI), Dr. Lami Kim, College of Security Studies at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Dr. Bee Yun Jo, Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, and Dr. Hyun-Binn Cho, The College of New Jersey, discussed with Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado and policy program officer Chelsie Alexandre.

In September, the Society hosted a book talk titled *Keeping At It: The Quest for Sound Money and Good Government* which showcased the Korean translation of a memoir written by the late Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker. This program featured William R. Rhodes, CEO of William R. Rhodes Global Advisors and author of *Banker to the World*, which includes a foreword written by Volcker, and insights from Christine Harper, a member of Bloomberg's editorial board, on Volcker's extraordinary life and legacy.

In October, the Society conducted a book talk titled *How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia* with Dr. Aram Hur, who discussed her most recently released book *Narratives of Civic Duty: How National Stories Shape Democracy in Asia*. This program was a collaboration between The Korea Society's Policy Department and the Education Department, and the discussant was Dr. Darcie Draudt, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs.

In November, the Society hosted a film screening titled *CHOSEN: A Film Screening and Q&A* of a documentary that follows five Korean Americans of vastly diverse backgrounds with competing political views as they run for U.S. Congress in 2020. Director Joseph Juhn joined for an intimate Q&A session after the film in conversation with policy program officer Chelsie Alexandre, providing opportunities for audience members to ask questions.



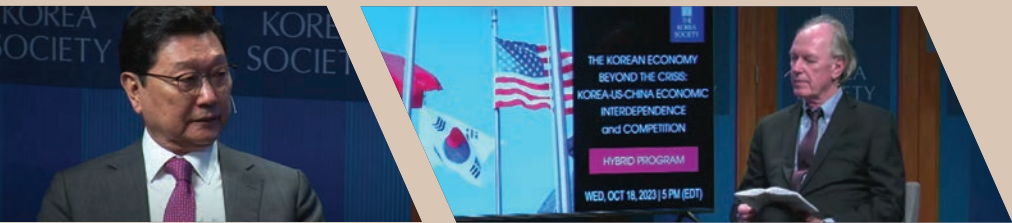
## Korea’s Regional Relations

In September, the Society conducted a program titled *Chinese Views of North Korea’s Uncertain Future* featuring Dr. Sungmin Cho, professor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, an academic institute of the U.S. Department of Defense, based in Hawaii, on his research that analyzed Chinese texts focusing on North Korea’s regime stability, the country’s uncertain future, and the potential unification of the Korean Peninsula. This program was a collaboration between The Korea Society’s Policy Department and the Education Department, and was moderated by policy director Jonathan Corrado.



In October, the Society conducted a program titled *The Korean Economy Beyond the Crisis: Korea-US-China Economic Interdependence and Competition* with former Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Energy of the Republic of Korea Duck Koo Chung, also the Founder and Chairman of the NEAR Foundation (North-East Asia Research Foundation). This conversation was moderated by Korea Society President and CEO Thomas Byrne.

In September, the Society conducted a program titled *New Nuclear Dynamics of Northeast Asia* produced in cooperation with the Atlantic Council’s Scowcroft Center. This panel discussion investigated how regional shifts in nuclear weapons capabilities and evolving doctrines affect the Korean Peninsula and beyond, with a focus on North Korea’s quickly developing nuclear and missile deterrent, the maturing nuclear capabilities of the People’s Republic of China, the US-ROK Alliance’s evolving nuclear posture, Russian aggression, and the role of trilateral US-Korea-Japan security cooperation. The panel consisted of: Matthew Kroenig, Vice President and Senior Director of the Atlantic Council’s Scowcroft Center for Strategy, Markus Garlauskas, director of the new Indo-Pacific Security Initiative of the Atlantic Council’s Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Dr. Sue Mi Terry, and Major Jessica Taylor, USAFR and Princeton University, in conversation with Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado.



## North Korea and Inter-Korean Relations

In April, the Society conducted a program titled *The North Korean Cyber Threat* which featured Jean Lee, co-host of the BBC’s Lazarus Heist podcast and public policy fellow with the Wilson Center, and cybersecurity expert Michael Barnhart, with the threat intelligence firm Mandiant and who was formerly Cyber Team Lead at the US Senate and signals intelligence collector in the intelligence community. The discussion was moderated by policy director Jonathan Corrado.

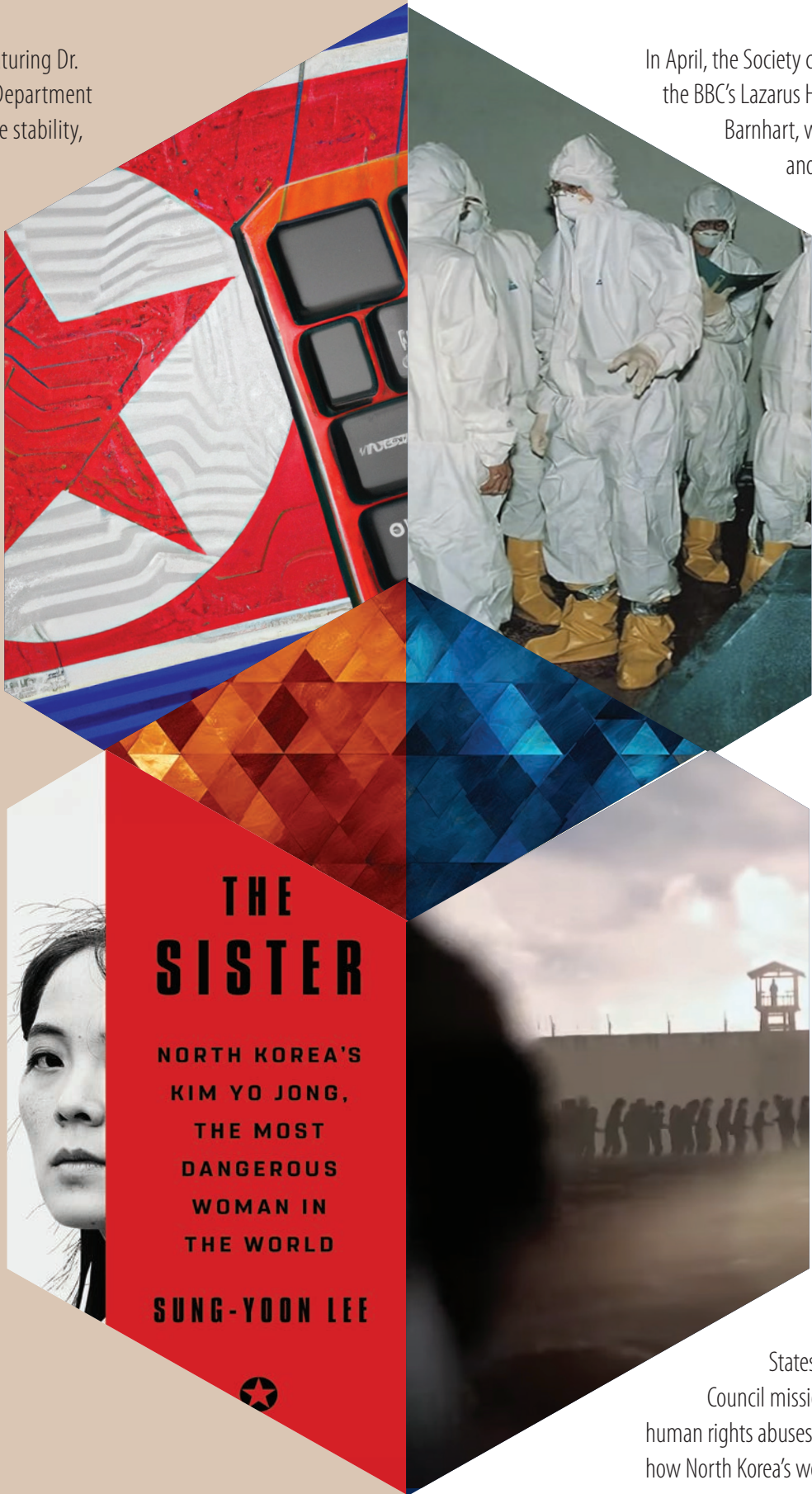
Also in April, the Society conducted a program titled *North Korea: Lessons Learned and Creative Thinking* that aimed to cultivate fresh ideas on U.S. policy toward North Korea and coordination with ally South Korea by mobilizing a nuanced understanding of past lessons. The program featured Professor Jeong-Ho Roh, Director of the Center for Korean Legal Studies, Jenny Town, Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center and the Director of Stimson’s 38 North Program, and Keith Luse, Executive Director of the National Committee on North Korea (NCNK), in conversation with policy director Jonathan Corrado.

In May, the Society conducted a book talk titled *Hinge Points: An Inside Look at North Korea’s Nuclear Program* with Dr. Siegfried Hecker, who discussed “his on-the-ground experience at the North’s nuclear center at Yongbyon,” unpacking the ramifications of North Korea’s technical developments in the context of fateful foreign policy decisions by Washington, Seoul, and Pyongyang. This program was moderated by Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado.

In June, the Society conducted a session titled *Behind the Headlines: Human Rights and Human Stories in North Korea* that went behind the headlines to explore human rights and human stories in North Korea, with four renowned experts at the front lines of journalism and advocacy: Eiji Han Shimizu, Director of the animated movie True North, Kim Young Hwan, Senior Researcher of NK Net, Ishimaru Jiro, Director of Asia Press Osaka, Eun Kyoung Kwon, Director of NK Net. This program was moderated by Korea Society policy director Jonathan Corrado.

In September, the Society hosted the book launch titled *The Sister* for the release of Dr. Sung-Yoon Lee’s *The Sister: North Korea’s Kim Yo Jong, The Most Dangerous Woman in the World*. Dr. Lee, Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, was in conversation with policy director Jonathan Corrado.

With Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and LINK, the Society co-hosted a private roundtable on human rights issues in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) during the United Nations General Assembly in September. The meeting was invitation-only and off-the-record. Attendees included Ambassador Julie Turner, the United States Special Envoy for North Korean Human Rights Issues and officials from several other UN Security Council missions. The focus of the discussion was on ideas for more effectively elucidating how North Korea’s human rights abuses serve as a foundation to the threats North Korea poses to international peace and security, and how North Korea’s weapons development programs and human rights abuses are interlinked.





## Youth and Next Generation Engagement

In March, the Society conducted a session titled *Futuring Peace in Northeast Asia: Youth Dialogue* together with the United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (UN DPPA) where youth leaders had the opportunity to conduct crisis mitigation simulations on various scenarios in the Northeast Asia region.

Also in March, the Society hosted a group of 23 international university students from various study programs at Copenhagen Business School to help further their understanding of Korea before they went on to represent the Republic of Korea in the National Model United Nations conference at the United Nations.

In June, following a public program titled *Behind the Headlines: Human Rights and Human Stories in North Korea*, a group of 10 students from the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA) joined the speakers for a special interactive session providing them with a unique opportunity to interact directly with experts on the topic of North Korean Human Rights

In July, the Society cooperated with the Asia Society Policy Institute for a session on *Building Trade Ties with Korea's Emerging Female Leaders*. The participants learned about the mission and work of the Society, and the Policy Team shared the programs and initiatives we have undertaken to promote Korea's foreign policy and



enhance understanding of Korea in the U.S., in light of Korea's increasing significance in the Indo-Pacific region.



In September, the Society welcomed a cohort of cadets from the Korean-American Relations Seminar at the United States Military Academy West Point for the release of Dr. Sung-Yoon Lee's *The Sister: North Korea's Kim Yo Jong, The Most Dangerous Woman in the World*. Following the public event, the cadets had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Lee in a private roundtable setting about Kim Yo Jong, North Korea policy in the U.S., Korea's regional relations, and the U.S.-ROK relationship.

In October, the Society partnered with the National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) to host NCAFP's 2021 and 2022 Emerging Leaders for a roundtable discussion on North Korea policy. In the recorded conversation, titled *The Future of North Korea Policy: A New Framing of the Challenge* and available on podcast, NCAFP Emerging Leader (2021) and Korea Society policy director, Jonathan Corrado, Shaquille James (U.S. Air Force, 2021), Nazanin Zadeh-Cummings (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, 2022), and Marialaura De Angelis (Track2Asia, 2022) discussed a new framing of the North Korean challenge, new approaches to engaging with North Korea, and transitional justice and contingency scenarios.





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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS		
	DECEMBER 31	
	2023	2022
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$2,599,500	\$2,849,881
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	21,844,725	19,169,173
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	106,278	124,593
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE, NET	325,234	825,427
PREPAID EXPENSES	22,914	24,854
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT NET	771,490	881,202
RIGHT TO USE ASSET	3,008,255	3,665,702
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,678,396</b>	<b>\$27,540,832</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$124,774	\$83,847
LEASE LIABILITY	3,258,506	3,978,520
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,383,280</b>	<b>4,062,367</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	12,546,729	12,422,382
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	12,748,387	11,056,083
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,295,116</b>	<b>23,478,465</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,678,396</b>	<b>\$27,540,832</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2023  
(with Summarized Comparative Totals for the year ended December 31, 2022)

	2023			2022
	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,310,207	\$272,177	\$1,582,384	\$2,055,848
PROGRAM REVENUE	491,326	-	491,326	281,177
SPECIAL EVENTS, NET OF DIRECT COSTS OF \$292,583 AND \$287,659 FOR 2023 AND 2022, RESPECTIVELY	654,994	-	654,994	1,000,765
GOVERNMENT GRANT	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDITS	-	-	-	54,900
CONTRIBUTED NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	-	18,000	18,000	79,606
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	1,028,646	(1,028,646)	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,485,173</b>	<b>(738,469)</b>	<b>2,746,704</b>	<b>3,472,296</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
PROGRAM SERVICES	2,618,557	-	2,618,557	2,403,527
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES				
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	499,596	-	499,596	497,535
DEVELOPMENT	637,431	-	637,431	575,915
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>1,137,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,137,027</b>	<b>1,073,450</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,755,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,755,584</b>	<b>3,476,977</b>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(270,411)	(738,469)	(1,008,880)	(4,681)
<b>NON OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
INVESTMENT RETURN - NET	394,758	2,430,773	2,825,531	(2,354,812)
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>124,347</b>	<b>1,692,304</b>	<b>1,816,651</b>	<b>(2,359,493)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>12,422,382</b>	<b>11,056,083</b>	<b>23,478,465</b>	<b>25,837,958</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$12,546,729</b>	<b>\$12,748,387</b>	<b>\$25,295,116</b>	<b>\$23,478,465</b>



STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	2023	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$1,816,651	\$(2,359,493)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	145,585	142,259
RIGHT TO USE ASSET AMORTIZATION	(62,567)	(13,902)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED (GAIN) LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	(2,174,114)	2,952,165
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	18,315	(91,343)
(INCREASE) IN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE	500,193	(420,924)
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN PREPAID EXPENSES	1,940	(705)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	40,927	(34,880)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	286,930	173,177
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS	(1,711,052)	(3,277,668)
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF INVESTMENTS	1,209,614	2,981,043
EXPENDITURES FOR FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT	(35,873)	(12,809)
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(537,311)	(309,434)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(250,381)</b>	<b>(136,257)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,849,881</b>	<b>2,986,138</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$2,599,500</b>	<b>\$2,849,881</b>

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# 2023 CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS



Thu, January 12  
South Korea's Demographic Challenge



Tue, January 17  
Bong Joon Ho: Dissident Cinema with Karen Han



Thu, January 26  
Annual Membership Party 2023



Thu, February 9  
HAN !



Tue, March 7  
Global View Series: Agents of Subversion with Professor John Delury



Fri, March 31  
“gamin & ensemble: Korean Music & Beyond”



January 9 - March 20  
Korean Language Program Winter Term



Thu, January 19  
Seongmin Ahn | Enchanted Reality (January 19 - April 14, 2023) Opening Reception



Tue, February 7  
Heinz Insu Fenkl - Skull Water



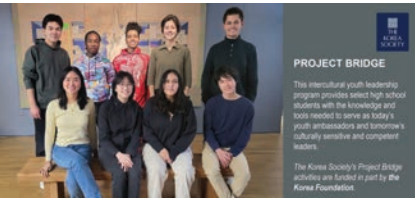
Thu, February 16  
The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War



Tue, March 21  
Artist Talk: Seongmin Ahn with Eleanor Hyun



Sat, April 1 - April 13  
Project Bridge Youth Ambassador 10-Day Study Tour to the Republic of Korea



January 14 – June 8  
Project Bridge Youth Ambassador 2022-2023 Program



Tue, January 24  
A Very Asian Guide to Korean Food with Michelle Li



Thu, February 9  
Consequences of Korea's Compressed Modernity



Fri, February 24  
Imposter Syndrome, The Korea Society & The Strand Present: Patricia Park



Mon, March 27  
Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV



Wed, April 5  
Minhwa: Korean Paintings of the People, by the People, and for the People by Sunglim Kim





**April 10 - June 19**  
**Korean Language Program**  
**Spring Term**



**Tue, April 18**  
**New York**  
**Global Financial Leaders Forum**



**Thu, April 27**  
**Young Professionals' Network**  
**Our future with AI**  
**A Conversation with Prof. Jeongki Lim**



**Wed, May 3**  
**Interview with**  
**FILA & Acushnet Holdings Corporation**  
**Chairman Gene Yoon**



**Tue, May 9**  
**K-Content on the World Stage: Emer-**  
**gence, Explosion, and Staying Power**  
**with Steve Chung**



**Fri, May 19**  
**The US-South Korea Alliance**  
**after 70 Years: Legacy and Trajectory**



**Tue, April 11**  
**Gina Chung: Sea Change**



**Thu, April 13**  
**Kyung-Sook Shin**  
**with Jenny Wang Medina**



**Thu, April 27**  
**THE DIVE: THE SONGS OF JULIA RIEW**



**Wed, May 3**  
**ADG7 @ Le Poisson Rouge**



**Thu, May 11**  
**Hinge Points: An Inside Look at**  
**North Korea's Nuclear Program**



**Tue, May 23**  
**FLAWLESS Lessons in Looks and Cul-**  
**ture from the K-Beauty Capital with**  
**Elise Hu**



**Thu, April 13**  
**The North Korean Cyber Threat**



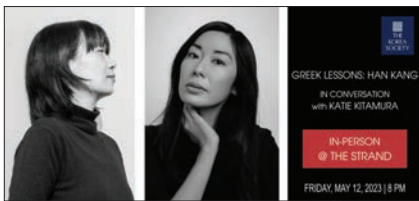
**Thu, April 27**  
**North Korea: Lessons Learned**  
**and Creative Thinking**



**Fri, April 28**  
**US-Korea Summit Analysis**



**Thur, May 4**  
**Koreatown LA/NY**  
**(May 4 - August 17)**  
**Opening Reception**



**Fri, May 12**  
**Greek Lessons: Han Kang**  
**In Conversation with Katie Kitamura**



**Thu, May 25**  
**Make Break Remix: The Rise of**  
**K-style with Fiona Bae**

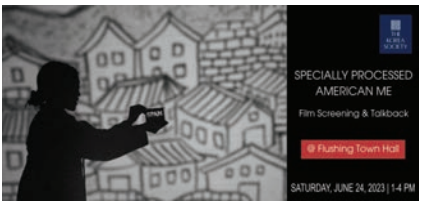




**Wed, May 31**  
**Interview with POSCO Group Chair-  
 man Jeong-Woo Choi**



**Mon, Jun 12**  
**32nd Annual Van Fleet Memorial  
 Benefit Golf Tournament**



**Sat, June 24**  
**Specially Processed American Me -@  
 Flushing Town Hall**



**July 8 - August 31**  
**Korean Language Program  
 Summer Term**



**Thu, July 27**  
**Korean War Armistice Day  
 Commemoration 2023**



**Fri, September 8**  
**Chinese Views of North Korea's Uncer-  
 tain Future**



**Thu, June 1**  
**Artist Talk: Emanuel Hahn**



**Thu, June 15**  
**Behind the Headlines: Human Rights  
 and Human Stories in North Korea**



**Tue, June 27**  
**Author Talks: Cheon Myeong-kwan**



**Thu, July 13**  
**Dress History of Korea**



**Tue, August 22**  
**The South Korea Nuclear Debate**



**Fri, September 8**  
**Angie Kim: Happiness Falls  
 with Susan Choi**



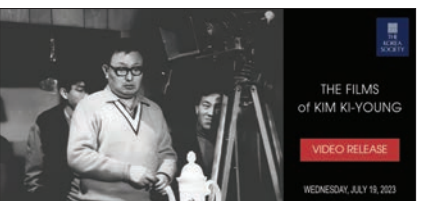
**Thu, June 8**  
**Project Bridge Youth Ambassador  
 30th Anniversary Celebration**



**Thu, June 15**  
**Young Professionals' Network  
 K-Startup NY Mentoring Day**



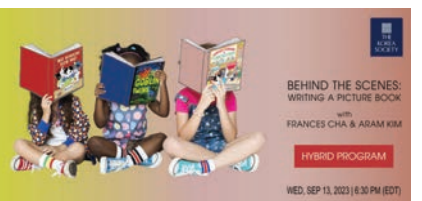
**Thu, July 6**  
**Artist Talk: Janice Chung**



**Wed, July 19**  
**The Films of Kim Ki-young**



**Tue, August 29**  
**Interview with President and  
 Global Chief Operating Officer, Hyun-  
 dai Motor Company, José Muñoz**



**Wed, September 13**  
**Behind the Scenes:  
 Writing a Picture Book**





**Thu, September 14**  
**COUNTERPOINT | Three Ceramic Artists**  
 (September 14 - December 8, 2023)  
 Opening Reception



**Thu, September 21**  
**New Nuclear Dynamics**  
**of Northeast Asia**



**Wed, October 4**  
**The U.S.-Republic of Korea**  
**Alliance at 70:**  
**Legacy and Future**



**Fri, October 6**  
**Korean and English Bilingual**  
**Poetry Reading**



**Wed, October 11**  
**Living a Balanced Life in a**  
**Capitalistic Society "A Veteran Wall**  
**Street Analyst's Views**



**Wed, October 18**  
**The Korean Economy Beyond the**  
**Crisis: Korea-US-China Economic**  
**Interdependence and Competition**



**Fri, September 15**  
**The Sister**



**September 25 - December 9**  
**Korean Language Program**  
 Fall Term



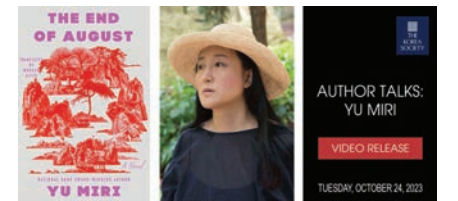
**Wed, October 4**  
**From DMZ Colony to Phantom Pain**  
**Wings: An Evening with**  
**Kim Hyesoon and Don Mee Choi**



**Tue, October 10**  
**New York**  
**Global Financial Leaders Forum 2023**



**Thu, October 12**  
**Artist Talk | Three Clay Artists**



**Tue, October 24**  
**Author Talks: Yu Miri**



**Wed, September 20**  
**2023 Annual Dinner**



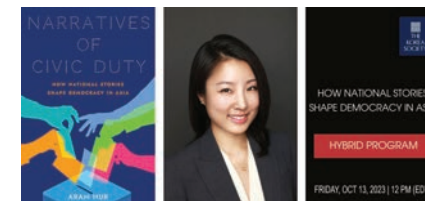
**October 1, 2023 - May 31**  
**The Fate of Frankenstein**  
**@ The New York Public Library, Ste-**  
**phen A. Schwarzman**



**Thu, October 5**  
**Keeping At It: The Quest for Sound**  
**Money and Good Government**



**Tue, October 10**  
**2023 K-Wall St. Platform**



**Fri, October 13**  
**How National Stories Shape Democ-**  
**ocracy in Asia**



**Thu, November 2**  
**Chosen:**  
**Film Screening and Director Q&A**

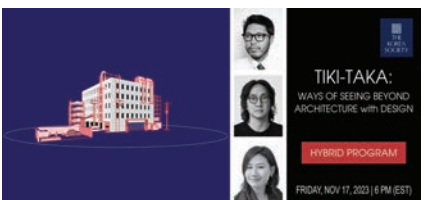




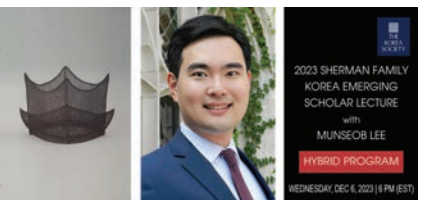
**Mon, November 6**  
**A Look at Korea as a Frog Outside the Well**  
 An Outsider's Perspective on Korean History



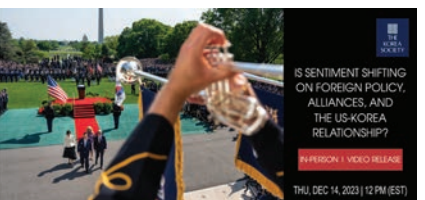
**Thu, November 9**  
**New Horizons for US-Korea-Japan Trilateral Cooperation**



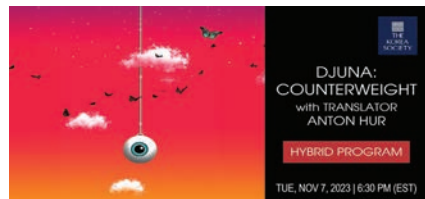
**Fri, November 17**  
**Tiki-Taka: Ways of Seeing Beyond Architecture with Design**



**Wed, December 6**  
**Sherman Family Korea Emerging Scholar Lecture 2023**



**Thu, December 14**  
**Is Sentiment Shifting on Foreign Policy, Alliances, and the US-Korea Relationship?**



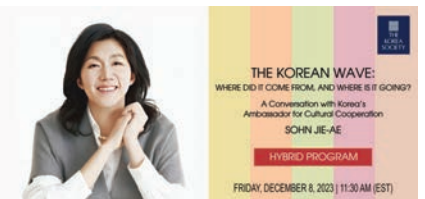
**Tue, November 7**  
**Djuna: Counterweight**  
 with translator Anton Hur



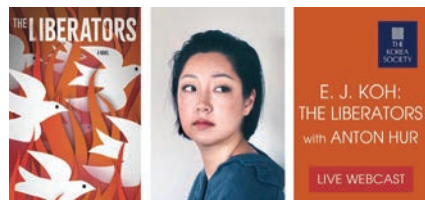
**Mon, November 13**  
**The Korean Cookbook**  
 with Chef Junghyun Park



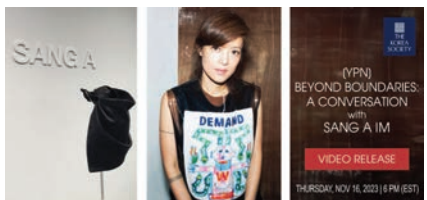
**Thu, November 30**  
**YPN: Leading with Vision at Kakao Mobility: A Conversation with SVP Christopher Chang**



**Fri, December 8**  
**The Korean Wave: Where did it come from, and where is it going?**



**Wed, November 8**  
**E. J. Koh: The Liberators**  
 with Anton Hur



**Thu, November 16**  
**Beyond Boundaries: A Conversation with Sang A Im**



**Tue, December 5**  
**Take Me Home @ Marlene Meyerson JCC**



**Fri, December 8**  
**Korean American Next-Generation Networking Event**



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