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It has been a year since our last publication of School of Tomorrow, Asia's newsletter. In this second publication of *The Asian Journal*, we are featuring South Korea. The republic of Korea is located in East Asia. The population is around 51.7 million, ranking twenty-eight in the world, and the land area of the country is the 107th largest in the world. So, Korea's population density is the 3rd highest among Asian countries. 9.7 million people (19% of the whole population) reside in Seoul, the capital city of Korea, which outnumbers those of New York or London by 1.5 million.

Due to the increase in global popularity of Korean culture, Korean pop music, films, dramas, food, and goods are spread throughout many countries in the world. One of the interesting things in the Korean culture is Korean age. In Korea, babies are a year old on the day they are born, and people get another year old on January 1st. Therefore, a baby born on December 31st turns two years old the following day. Korean language makes extensive use of honorifics if it is spoken to someone older. Also, Koreans show respect toward the elderly with special attitudes. Don't be embarrassed when Koreans ask for your age. They want to know so that they can address you accordingly.

Korean cuisine is composed of cooked rice (*bap*), broth (*kuk*), and various side dishes. Koreans do not drink much water in the middle of the meal because they have hot broth. A meal is usually served on the table all at the same time, whereas a Western or Chinese meal is served one dish after the other.

South Korea's topography consists mainly (63%) of hills and mountains, which results in easy access to hiking or trekking. Hiking mountains in fall is especially highly recommended to enjoy the beautiful scenery of autumn colors. Also, it is worth visiting and staying in the village of Korean traditional houses (*hanok*). By taking even a short break in a *hanok*, you can feel the warmth and be relaxed with a cup of tea after walking among the modern buildings.

There are about sixty schools in Korea using the A.C.E. curriculum. SOTA Korea also offers homeschool services. Should you need more information, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sangkey Park, the Consultant of SOTA Korea at sangkey.park@sotakorea.com. You can also visit their website at www.sotakorea.com. Alternatively, if you are interested in reading up about School of Tomorrow, Asia, feel free to visit our website at <https://www.schooloftomorrowasia.com>.

대한민국은 아시아 대륙 동쪽 끝에 위치한 국가입니다. 인구는 약 5,170만명으로 세계 28위, 면적은 세계 107위로서 국가 인구밀도가 아시아에서 세 번째로 높은 나라입니다. 수도 서울에 974만명이 거주하고 있는데, 이는 뉴욕, 런던에 거주하는 인구보다 약 150만명 더 많은 숫자이며, 한국 전체 인구의 약 19%가 서울에 거주하고 있습니다.

한류를 통해 한국노래, 영화, 드라마, 음식 및 제품 등 한국문화가 세계에 소개되고 있습니다. 재미난 한국문화를 소개하자면, 먼저 한국나이가 있습니다. 한국에서는 태어나자마자 한 살이 됩니다. 그리고, 새해 첫날 한 살을 먹습니다. 따라서, 12월 말에 태어난 아이는 다음 날 두 살이 됩니다. 상대방이 나이가 많으면 존대하기 위한 존중어와 태도양식이 있습니다. 한국 사람들이 당신의 나이를 물어보더라도, 당황하지 마세요. 더 친해 지려고 던지는 질문입니다. 식사문화와 관련해서는 음식을 차례로 먹는 시간전개형이 아닌, 모든 음식을 한상에 다 차린 후에 먹는 공간전개형입니다. 쌀을 주식으로 하고, 각종 반찬을 부식으로 합니다. 보통 뜨거운 국물과 함께 먹기 때문에, 물이나 음료를 식사 중에 많이 마시지 않고, 대부분 식전이나 식후에 마십니다.

국토의 63%가 산으로 이루어졌기 때문에, 어디서나 등산이나 트레킹을 할 수 있는 접근성이 좋습니다. 특별히 가을에는 수려한 장관에 탄성을 자아내게 만드는 가을산행을 추천합니다. 한국 전통가옥인 한옥을 둘러보고 목을 수도 있는 지역별 한옥마을에 방문해 보는 것도 좋겠습니다. 현대 도시 빌딩 속을 걸어가다가, 한국 과거의 주거형태인 한옥에서 잠시 쉬며 마시는 차 한잔은 파스함과 여유로움을 선사할 것입니다.

한국의 약 60 여개 학교에서 ACE 커리큘럼을 사용하고 있습니다. 홈스쿨러들도 활용할 수 있도록 돕고 있습니다. 자세한 내용은 박상균목사(sangkey.park@sotakorea.com)에게 문의하시거나 www.sotakorea.com을 방문해주시오. SOTA 에 대한 자세한 내용은 <https://www.schooloftomorrowasia.com>을 참조하십시오.

Consultant's Corner



Mr. Sangkey Park
SOTA Consultant in Korea

Foreign missionaries from the Netherlands, England, Canada, and America have visited and knocked on the door of Korea since 1832. They distributed the Bible, translated it into Korean, and also established hospitals and schools in Korea. Christian leaders and pastors were raised from the schools and the churches. By the grace of God, the commitment and dedication of the first generation of Korean Christians brought about the increase in the numbers in the Christian population, Churches, and overseas missionaries.

Based on the government census statistics in 2018, the Christian population is 9.6 million (19%), ranking in first place, while the Buddhist population is 7.6 million (15%), and the Catholic population is 3.9 million (7.6%) as of 2015. Now the youth as a group is called an unreached tribe. The percentage of Christians of that group is assumed to be 3.8%. With the continuous decrease in birth rate, the low rate of evangelization in youth is considered one of the serious problems within the Christian community in Korea.

In 2014 the news reported that in Korea the number of churches outnumbered that of convenience stores. From the statistics in 2018, the number of protestant churches is about 83,000, while the number of convenience stores is about 50,000. But 40% of the churches are now without Sunday schools for children, and 78.5% has no worship service for little kids.

South Korea is second to only the United States in the number of missionaries it sends across the globe. According to the Korean World Mission Association, in 2018 there were 27,993 Koreans ministering around the world. KWMA is aiming to have 100,000 missionaries dispatched overseas by 2030. It stresses that Korean mission organizations should recruit and train more young missionaries in their 20s and 30s, because the number of these age groups is quite small, compared to that of the age groups over 40s.

Korean Christians believe that both spiritual growth and economic growth have been God's blessing for them to complete His mission. But now Korea faces the "demographic cliff," which illustrates the steep decline in the fertility rate. The average number of babies born per woman of reproductive age fell to 0.96 in 2018. Financial Times reports that many South Koreans are reluctant to have more than one child because of the steep cost of private tuition considered essential in this education-obsessed country. The 12-year education of the public schools in Korea is targeting entrance into the prestigious colleges/universities. The distorted structure in education effects the mindset of the people to not knowing what is one of the most valuable gifts God provides, and they fail to train up children in the way they should go, having been distracted by efforts to enlarge church size.

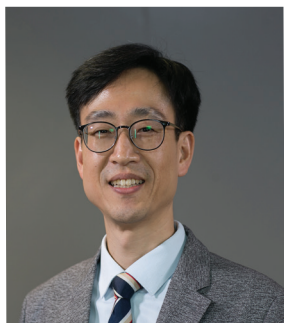
Now it is time for Korean Christians to correct their eye sight and be more focused on the essentials that they must concentrate on in order to reach and retain the next generation. Without the next runner, the torch cannot be carried on. The torch should be handed over to the hand of the runner who knows exactly where to head. The School of Tomorrow program is a wonderful tool to train up the next generation to be runners who run with patience the race that is set before them (Hebrews 12:1). Deuteronomy 6:4 starts with the Hebrew word, shema, and verse 7 commands us to teach our children diligently. We must keep in mind that shema does not only mean to listen or hear, but it also means to obey.

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832년이래로 네덜란드, 영국, 캐나다, 미국에서 선교사들이 한국을 찾아 문을 두드렸습니다. 성경을 나눠주고, 성경을 한국어로 번역했고, 병원과 학교를 세웠습니다. 학교와 교회를 통해 목회자와 리더들이 길러졌습니다. 그리스도인 1세대로서 이들이 헌신과 수고를 했고, 하나님의 은혜가운데 한국 기독교인과 교회가 늘어났고, 선교사도 많이 파송하게 되었습니다.

2018년에 조사된 통계에 따르면, 2015년 기준 한국 기독교인 숫자는 960만명으로 전체 인구의 19%를 차지하며 종교를 가지고 있다고 응답한 사람 중에 1순위를 차지했고, 다음으로 불교 760만(15%) 및 천주교 390만(7.6%)가 각각 차지했습니다. 하지만, 현재 청소년 층은 미전도 종족이라고 불리우고 있습니다. 왜냐하면 복음화율을 3.8%로 보고 있기 때문입니다. 지속적으로 출산율이 떨어지는 가운데, 청소년의 낮은 복음화율이 한국 기독교계에서 심각한 문제로 간주되고 있습니다. 2014년 뉴스에서는 한국에 있는 교회수가 편의점수보다 많다는 기사를 내보낸 적이 있습니다. 2018년 통계에 따르면, 개신교회는 약 83,000개이며, 2018년 기준 편의점은 전국에 약 5만개로 보고 있습니다. 그런데, 교회의 40%가 어린이 주일학교가 없고, 78.5% 교회가 영유아 예배가 없는 상황이라고 합니다.

한국은 미국 다음으로 전 세계에 선교사를 많이 파송하는 국가입니다. KWMA(한국세계선교협의회)에 따르면 2018년에 세계에서 사역하고 있는 선교사가 27,993명입니다. KWMA는 2030년까지 10만 선교사 파송을 목표로 하고 있습니다. 현재 주력적으로 사역을 할 수 있는 40대 선교사가 많아 감사하지만, 20-30대 선교사가 상대적으로 적어 향후 선교사 노령화가 올 수 있습니다. 따라서, 젊은 선교사를 발굴하고, 파송하는데 중점을 두고 있습니다.

한국교인들은 한국내 영적 성장과 경제적 도약은 하나님께로부터 받은 복이며, 특별히 하나님께서 주신 사명을 위해 주신 것이라 생각하고 있습니다. 허나, 한국은 현재 인구절벽이라는 위기를 맞고 있습니다. 급격히 떨어지던 출산율, 즉 가임여성 한 명당 갖는 아기 숫자가 2018년 0.96로 떨어졌습니다. 파이낸셜타임즈는 한국사람들이 자녀를 한 명 이상 갖기를 꺼려하는데, 그 이유가 교육을 너무나 중시 여기는 사회 속에서 자녀를 가질 때 발생하는 사교육비가 너무나 크기 때문이라고 기사를 썼습니다. 사실 한국 공교육 12년은 좋은 대학들어가기에 초점이 맞춰져 있다고 해도 과언이 아닙니다. 교육의 왜곡된 구조 속에서, 사람들은 하나님께서 주시는 소중한 선물을 잊은 채 잘못된 가치관으로 살고 있습니다. 또한, 교회 크기 늘리는데 집중하느라, 마땅히 행할 길을 아이들에게 가르치지 못했습니다. 이제는 한국 그리스도인들이 시선을 옮겨, 다음세대를 위해 해야하는 본질적인 것에 집중할 때입니다. 다음 주자가 없다면, 성화는 옮겨질 수 없습니다. 정확히 어디로 가야하는지 알고 있는 주자의 손에 횃불이 넘겨져야 합니다. School of Tomorrow 프로그램은 인내로써 앞에 당한 경주를 할 수 있는 주자(히12:1)를 훈련시킬 수 있는 좋은 도구입니다. 신명기 6:4절은 히브리어 쉘마로 시작하며, 7절에는 자녀를 부지런히 가르치라고 우리에게 명령하고 있습니다. 쉘마라는 단어는 ‘듣다’ 라는 뜻 외에도 ‘순종하다’ 라는 뜻이 있음을 우리는 잊지 말아야 합니다.

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Celebrating Success

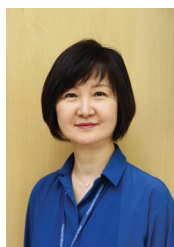
Everlove Christian School's 10th Anniversary - Testimonies from Staff & Students

At the beginning of the year 2000, Everlove Church proclaimed '2010 Long-Term Vision,' and set 'Christian Education' as one of the top priorities of the ministry. After 10 years of devoted prayers and efforts by church members, Everlove Christian School (ECS) opened on March 1, 2010 with the vision to educate and raise the next generation of Davids to change the world and expand the Kingdom of God. The educational philosophy of ECS is 'Root & Wing' which is defined as 'spirituality, humanity and intelligence.' That is, first of all, the students become deeply rooted in the faith, have healthy values and morality, and, finally, acquire the knowledge of the world to be established as God's prepared worker. We believe that this priority should not be changed, and we have adopted School of Tomorrow as the main curriculum since school opening, as we are convinced that the School of Tomorrow program is the best choice to achieve our educational vision. ECS began with 32 students in grades 3 through 5 in 2010. Today there are 87 students studying in grades 1 through 12. We produced our first graduates in 2015, and now 16 graduates are studying at the universities around the world, including the United States, England and the Netherlands. When we look back, we have to confess that everything is God's grace. He has done wonderful things for us and will continue to work on it. We are thankful for the grace of God and will do our best to fulfill our holy mission.

MR. CHONG JOON SHIM
PRINCIPAL



MRS. SUSAN YOON
SUPERVISOR



I have been enjoying the best days of my life for the past 8 years at ECS. Every morning I wake up to a new expectation of what God holds for that day. Principal Shim always calls us, the teachers, and missionaries in education. Learning with the students who God is and how to follow each day has been sometimes an arduous but most of the times liberating process of resetting my life according to the Word of God. Going to church since in high school didn't make me a Christian. But daily living by the Word did. At ECS, I am soaked in the Word of God from early morning till late afternoon. We do, therefore, strive to carry our God's plan for each student at our school.

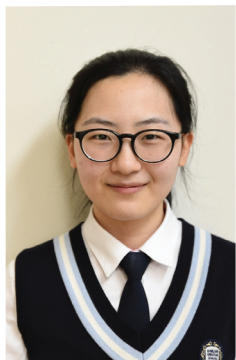
Diligent: Seeing a chore (work) as a special assignment from the Lord and doing everything to complete it.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23

I am a Supervisor for the ABCs with Ace and Christi program. For the past three years at ECS, I've experienced an unexplainable joy that comes from striving to know God more and incorporating Him into my everyday routines with my students in the Learning Center. Children love to learn, and they are eager to experience and witness new things. I love the energy and excitement that young children display, and it is contagious and fun. When I see their happy faces and hear their laughing in the Learning Center, I can sense that God fills my heart with His love and grace more deeply. It is such an honor to work for the glory of God and serve children with God's heart as a supervisor for the lower level students. I get to grow stronger and deeper in the Lord with my students every day, and I am always thankful for God for allowing me all this. My hope is that I continue to strive to help them grow in character and wisdom and experience the greatest joy when I see Christ work directly in their hearts. Praise the Lord! He is our perfect teacher!

MS. EUNICE KIM
SUPERVISOR





Eunbin Jang (18 years old)

Attending Everlove Christian School has helped me to confirm my identity as a child of God. Isaiah 45:22 states “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” This Bible verse was in my Math PACE, so I meditated on it while working on my PACE. Every PACE provides the Bible verses and biblical principles, equipping me to grow as a child of God. Many extra activities such as playing the flute in orchestra, leading a prayer meeting, and serving as a camping master really helped me to learn leadership and cooperation. Although many hardships came with each, I have experienced God’s working and His grace when I looked up to Him for help.



Yubeen Kim (18 years old)

I entered ECS when it first opened in 2010. ECS is everything of my childhood with many good memories. I have experienced many valuable activities such as camping and music. Most importantly, I have learned how to be honest in every situation, and how to overcome the temptations of sin by studying the PACEs. ECS is God’s given present for me. Sometimes, I wonder what I might have become if I hadn’t come to this school. I believe God started this school and sent me here to be trained to spread the message of God and revive the world.



Eunkyeol Jang (18 years old)

“When we work, we work, when we pray, God works.” This is the slogan of our school. As this slogan says, the most valuable thing I have learned at ECS is that God always listens to my prayers and works through those prayers. Before I came to ECS, I rarely prayed, read His Word, and sang any hymns eagerly. I was just a Sunday Christian. Naturally I had no personal relationship with God who seemed so far away from me. Since I came to ECS six years ago, however, God has continuously told me that He is my Heavenly Father and I am His loving child through daily Quiet Time, PACEs, and sermons. As a result of His unstoping knock on my heart, I began to talk with God personally. I finally realized that the goal of my life is to live for God.



SOTA Korea's 2nd RSC

Capturing the Best Moments



Opening Rally March-in



Paying earnest attention to Group Bible Speaking judges



Judges praying for contestants

One Act Play – No Pit So Deep: The Story of Corrie Ten Boom



Congratulations!



Altar call at rallies



Eager eyes on deck



Determined to serve God

Yes, Lord! I dedicate my life to You.



Schools on Status



MODEL STATUS



Darlington
Christian School



Everlove
Christian School



New Creation
Christian School

QUALITY STATUS



Beatitudes Christian
International Academy



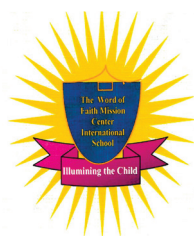
Christian
Global School



Covenant Love
Global Academy



Suwon Christian
International School



The Word of Faith Mission
Center International Christian School

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS ON STATUS IN OTHER AREAS

QUALITY STATUS

INDIA	2	MYANMAR	2
JAPAN	3	SINGAPORE	2
KUWAIT	1	THAILAND	8
LAOS	2	VIETNAM	4
MALAYSIA	24		

MODEL STATUS

INDIA	1
THAILAND	1
VIETNAM	1

2020 SOTA Calendar of Events

Educators' Conventions

Country	City	Dates
India	Secunderabad	March 5
Japan	Yokohama	November 6
Korea	<i>To be confirmed</i>	March 20
Malaysia	Penang	March 16-17
Thailand	Bangkok	March 12-13
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	March 9-10

Administrators' and Supervisors' Training

Country	City	Dates
India	Secunderabad	January 6-11
India	Secunderabad	April 13-18
Japan	Yokohama	March 16-20
Korea	Cheonan	January 13-17
Korea	Daejeon	August 17-21
Korea	Cheonan	November 23-27
Laos	Vientiane	July 6-10
Malaysia	Sg. Petani, Kedah	June 15-19
Malaysia	Sg. Petani, Kedah	November 23-27
Myanmar	<i>To be confirmed</i>	August 3-7
Pakistan	Rawalpindi	January 6-10
Thailand	Bangkok	April 13-17
Thailand	Bangkok	July 6-10
Thailand	Chiang Mai	July 20-24
Thailand	Bangkok	October 19-23
United Arab Emirates	Dubai	February 23-27
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	June 22-26
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	September 14-18

Supervisors' Training

Country	City	Dates
Japan	Hokkaido	July 20-24

Interschool Competition

Country	City	Dates
India	Hyderabad	November 19-20
Japan	<i>To be confirmed</i>	November 27