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31 October 2008

The Honourable Stephen Smith MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have pleasure in submitting the annual program report of the Australia-Korea Foundation, covering the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Stammer'.

Don Stammer

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This has been my last year as Chairman of the Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF). I was honoured to be appointed Chair in 2001 after 9 years of being on the Board since its inception in 1992. As I review the AKF's program of activities over 2007-08, I have also taken the opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Foundation since its establishment. I am struck by the sheer range of bilateral initiatives to which the Foundation has lent its support.

The AKF continues to play a vital role in enhancing mutual understanding and building people-to-people links between Australia and Korea. Australia has important geopolitical and economic interests in Korea which need to be sustained by a closer relationship that promotes an increased awareness of Australia in Korea and Korea in Australia. The objective of the AKF has always been to facilitate this awareness through widening and deepening the areas of contact and exchange between the two countries and their peoples.

In 2007-08 the Foundation continued to support a range of projects that profiled Australia's creativity and innovation across all sectors. For the first time, the AKF-initiated and funded an Early Career Researchers Program, a young scientists' exchange program jointly managed by the Australian Academy of Science and the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering with the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation. The Board was also pleased to support the 4th Australia-Korea and New Zealand (KANZ) Broadband Summit held in Seoul 19-20 June 2008.

In total, general grants for 20 projects were approved in 2007-08 and 9 special projects were successfully completed. Projects covered all priority areas for the Foundation and promoted people-to-people and institutional links. Financial details of all projects are included in the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) and descriptions of a representative selection of these projects are included in this report.

The important work of the Foundation would not be possible without the many contributions of current and past Foundation members. I would like to thank them for their expertise and dedication. They have been responsible for an extensive and imaginative program of activities aimed at broadening and strengthening the relationship between Australia and Korea.

The enthusiastic and professional Foundation secretariat also provided invaluable support to the Foundation during the year.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many officers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra and in the Australian Embassy in Seoul for their support and hard work.



Don Stammer  
Chair

## FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

### Introduction

In 2007-08, the Australia-Korea Foundation continued to play a role in supporting initiatives to deepen bilateral relations between the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Australia. The ROK is one of Australia's most important trading partners. The two countries share common values and interests. Both are democracies, follow market economy principles, respect the rule of law and are key alliance partners of the United States. Australia and Korea have strong economic complementarities and share a long history of close trade. Despite this, however, there continues to be scope to broaden the people of Korea and Australia's understanding of each other's countries.

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) was established by Orders in Council of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1992 to broaden and deepen the relationship between Australia and Korea in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests. The Board of the Foundation, which oversees its operation, supports the development of a wide range of activities to raise awareness of Australia in Korea and Korea in Australia. The AKF is funded through the Australian Government's International Relations Grants Program (formerly Discretionary Grants Program). The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) administers the Foundation's funds and reports on these funds in its annual report.

### Priority Areas

Since its inception in 1992, the AKF has initiated, supported and promoted a range of projects and activities to enhance mutual understanding and long-term collaboration between the two countries. Priority areas for 2007-08 were:

- commerce and industry;
- science and technology;
- education;
- arts, media and sport.

### Key Objectives

The Foundation's operations are directed in support of the following key objectives:

- A.** To promote within Korea an increased understanding of contemporary Australia, its importance to Korea, as well as its history, culture, traditions and languages, particularly through targeted educational and media activities, including the support of Australian studies in Korea.

- B. To develop within Australia a better appreciation of contemporary Korea and its importance to Australia, and to promote understanding of Korean traditional society, culture, history and language especially through educational initiatives, media activities and the promotion of Korean language studies.
- C. To promote better understanding and more extensive discussion of mutual economic and foreign policy interests between Australia and Korea, and to encourage the development of closer associations between Australian and Korean business.
- D. To foster opportunities for increased collaboration between Australia and Korea in industry, science and technology, both through greater mutual awareness and through collaborative ventures.
- E. To present Australia to the Korean people as a nation capable of outstanding creative and innovative achievement in cultural and artistic spheres, and a source of high quality productions in these areas.

## Board Membership

The AKF Orders in Council provide that the Board shall comprise of a Chairperson; the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or his representative (*ex officio* member); and not less than four, and not more than thirteen part-time members. The Chairperson is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Other members are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Board members are drawn from a wide cross-section of the Australian community. They are chosen on the basis of their standing in the Australian community, their ability to contribute to the development of the bilateral relationship in their area of expertise, and their interest in Korea.

The Chair of the AKF may be appointed for a term of up to five years and other members for terms of up to three years. Members may be re-appointed for additional terms.

## Members of the Australia-Korea Foundation Board in 2007-08

### Chair

Dr Don Stammer

### Members

Reverend Stephen Hyong-koo Choi

Mr Kim Dalton OAM

Dr Rodney Hall AM

Emeritus Professor Michael Miller AO

Ms Rosalind Strong

Mr Mack Williams

Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, represented by Mr Peter Grey,  
Deputy Secretary (*ex-officio*)

## The Australia-Korea Foundation Secretariat

The AKF Secretariat carries out the day to day business of the Foundation, as well as contributing to the development and implementation of the AKF's major projects. The Secretariat is staffed by officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Embassy in Seoul.

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# REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

## Introduction

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) is the Government's key second track diplomacy program for strengthening the Australia-Korea relationship in ways that support Australia's foreign and trade policy interests. Throughout its 16 years of operation, the AKF has played an important role in the government's efforts to broaden and deepen relations with Korea. It has initiated, supported and promoted a range of projects and activities to enhance mutual understanding and long-term collaboration between the two countries.

The AKF has placed particular emphasis on supporting activities that portray Australia as educationally, scientifically and technologically advanced, economically enterprising and culturally diverse.

In 2007-08, all projects, large and small, and across all priority areas, contributed to the AKF's objectives. A number of initiatives established new relationships in key areas which are expected to develop further in the years to come. For example, the Australia-Korea Early Career Scientists Exchange Program formed strong links with the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation (KOSEF) as well as providing a unique opportunity for the participants.

Overall, the most successful outcomes were achieved through collaboration on larger projects with other public and private sector organisations in Australia and Korea, including leading national educational or cultural institutions. Where appropriate, priority was given to activities which leveraged off other Australian Government initiatives within Korea, including trade dialogues, security cooperation, cultural exchange, education and tourism promotion. From this, AKF funds have achieved a significant impact for a modest investment.

One particular high profile special project, the 4th Korea-Australia-New Zealand (KANZ) Broadband Summit, held in Seoul on 19-20 June, received extensive positive media coverage, changed perceptions of Australia, highlighted Australia's expertise in the 'new economy' and encouraged further commercial linkages. The Summit followed the OECD Ministerial Meeting on the "Future of the Internet Economy" from 17-18 June. Ahead of the Summit, eight Australian companies participated in the Australian Digital Content Mission to Korea to pursue linkages with their Korean counterparts.

## Outcomes

The Australia-Korea Foundation contributes to DFAT portfolio outcomes, specifically:

- Outcome 3** Public understanding in Australia and overseas of Australia's foreign and trade policy and a positive image of Australia internationally.
- Output 3.1.2** Projecting a positive image of Australia internationally.

The Foundation's achievements are measured against these as well as the specific key performance indicators attached to each project or program.

The AKF's program of activities for 2007-08 continued a highly-targeted approach to meet these outcomes. A representative selection of projects by priority area is detailed in this report.

## Assessment of projects

Each year the AKF offers financial support, through its public grant rounds, to projects which promote the aims and objectives of the Foundation. These include proposals which demonstrate the potential to develop long-term links between individuals and institutions in Australia and Korea.

Both individuals and organisations may apply for grants. Applicants should demonstrate an established record of achievement in the development and management of projects relevant to their proposed area of endeavour.

The projects are assessed against the following guidelines:

- The project should be an initiative relevant to the Foundation's objectives. Such initiatives may promote new areas of contact between Australia and Korea or may serve to build on or develop existing contacts.
- Foundation support should constitute seeding funds intended to encourage financial support from other sources, including corporate sponsorship. Preference will be given to projects able to demonstrate that they have obtained part of their funding from other sources.
- The project should establish its prospects for future independent activity as a result of initial Foundation funding.

## Special projects

The AKF Board also initiates special projects in targeted areas which enhance the overall program offerings of the Foundation and provide outcomes that further advance the objectives of AKF.

In addition, the Foundation actively seeks to identify future collaboration and partnership opportunities, including corporate sponsorships, in consultation with relevant areas of DFAT, the Australian Embassy in Seoul, other Australian government agencies and non-government organisations.

The AKF is currently developing its next three year Strategic Plan 2009-2012, providing a renewed focus and guidance on its objectives and priorities, and an improved framework for selection of projects in the future.

## REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF PROJECTS BY PRIORITY AREA

### Commerce and Industry

#### **New Governments, New Beginnings - Lowy Institute**

With new governments in both the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Australia, the Lowy Institute for International Policy received funding from the Foundation to support a conference on the outlook for Australia-Korea relations.

The conference, held in Sydney on 20 June 2008, increased understanding of shared interests between Australia and Korea, and the importance of the strategic relationship between the two countries. The event brought together a wide range of government officials, business people, academics and media practitioners with a professional interest in contemporary South Korea and Australia-Korea relations. Discussions included the potential for further bilateral cooperation and suggestions for government-to-government action to advance the relationship. The AKF funding enabled five senior speakers from Korea to participate in the conference. The new ROK Ambassador to Australia, HE Kim Woo-sang provided the opening remarks.

The outcome of the conference was the development of a small number of feasible policy recommendations for cooperation between South Korea and Australia and the development of ideas for future Institute work on Korea and the bilateral relationship. One of the recommendations was for a jointly held conference of “middle powers” in East Asia. Other recommendations included Australian policy planning support for South Korea’s official development assistance program and collaboration in the area of multiculturalism. The conference outcomes report can be downloaded free of charge from the Lowy Institute website.

### **Australia-Korea Internship Program (AKIP)**

The Australia-Korea Internship Program, in its fourth year of successful delivery, is an initiative of the AKF, managed on behalf of the Foundation by the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP) at the University of Sydney. The program has offered an exceptional opportunity for outstanding postgraduate and third and fourth year undergraduate students, from various fields within business and information technology and from across Australia, to gain work experience in a relevant field in Korea.

The internship program promoted a better understanding of Australia – Korea relations among Australian students, and provided promising, highly motivated young Australians with an exciting opportunity to gain invaluable Korean business and cultural experience. As an outcome with both short and long term impact, this experience contributes to closer relations between Australia and Korea.



This year's program was conducted from January to March 2008, with eight interns undertaking business internships at four Korean multinational companies. Four Korean companies participated: POSCO, the world's leading steel producer; POSCO Research Institute, an institute dedicated to facilitating the development of Korea's steel industry; Hyundai Corporation, Korea's leading general trading house; and Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI), a leader in Korea's heavy industries sector.



2008 Australia-Korea Foundation Business Interns at their pre-departure briefing at RIAP.

## **KAREC International Symposium - Cooperation between Korea and Australia for Peace and Security on the Korean Peninsula**

The Foundation was a minor sponsor of the international symposium in Sydney, co-hosted by the Korea-Australasia Research Centre (KAREC) at the University of New South Wales and the National Unification Advisory Council, Republic of Korea, Oceania Chapter, on 01 August 2008. Government officials and leading scholars from Korea and Australia, including members of the National Unification Advisory Council of the Republic of Korea, members of the Australian Korea Veterans Association and representatives from the education sector came together to investigate ways to build on cooperation to date.

Presenters and panel members discussed the scope of past and current cooperation and how the relationship could be enhanced in the future, in the context of the Asia-Pacific region and broader Australia- Korea relations.

Symposium proceedings have been published so that a wider audience can benefit from the presentations and discussions. The symposium created significant momentum for further research and exchange in the area of inter-Korean relations and opportunities for Australia to participate in the process of policy formation and academic research.



### Symposium speakers

First Row from left - Mr. Steve Y Suh, Chairman, National Unification Advisory Council, Oceania Chapter, Australia; His Excellency Dr. Woo Sang Kim, Korean Ambassador to Australia; The Honourable Mr Deog-Ryong Kim, Special Advisor to the President, the Republic of Korea; The Honourable Dr Mike Kelly, AM, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, Commonwealth of Australia; Professor Frederick Hilmer, Vice Chancellor and President, The University of New South Wales; Dr Dai-Sik Kim, Secretary General, National Unification Advisory Council, Republic of Korea; Mr. Mack Williams, Former Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and Co-Chairman, KAREC Advisory Board; Emeritus Professor Song-Wha Choi, Former Vice-President, Seoul National University and Co-Chairman KAREC Advisory Board; Emeritus Professor Michael Miller AO, Australia-Korea Foundation Board Member

## AKF Program Alumni Event

Following the KAREC symposium, the AKF Board and Secretariat took advantage of the gathering of Korea-interested Australians to hold a small alumni event for past participants of AKF programs, including researchers, business interns, students and teachers. The afternoon tea function enabled networking for the alumni as well as provided an opportunity for the Board members to hear first hand about the positive impact participation in AKF programs has had on the studies and careers of the participants across a range of fields. The feedback reinforced AKF's commitment to enhancing people-to-people links between Australia and Korea.

## Science and Technology

### Australia-Korea Early Career Researchers Exchange Program

A successful new initiative and partnership has been forged between the AKF, the Australian Academy of Science (AAS) and the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE), has enhanced Australia-Korea links in science and technology. These organisations, together with their Korean counterpart, the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation (KOSEF), developed the Australia-Korea Early Career Researchers Program (ECRP).

The new program developed a greater awareness of areas of common research interest and where sharing expertise in science and technology can bring mutual benefits. Early career researchers from both countries worked on collaborative research projects and were embedded in their host institution for up to three months.

KOSEF, AAS and ATSE advertised the program extensively, particularly among their members, and participants were selected on a competitive basis. The first group of Korean early career researchers (ECR) were in Australia between September and December 2007. Australian participants visited Korea between April and June 2008. The program also involved mentors in the development and evaluation of each project allowing the researchers to engage with leading Australian and Korean researchers in their specific research field.



Korean ECR, mentors and AKF Board member Emeritus Professor Mike Miller AO outside the Australian Academy of Science's Dome in Canberra.

Tangible outcomes included the ability of participants to acquire specific knowledge related to their current research, the expansion of areas for future research between institutions, papers for journals and conferences, as well as the valuable cultural experience gained and the many friendships established during their time in each other's country.



Australian ECR with hosts at the orientation briefing in Seoul.

## 4th Australia-Korea and New Zealand Broadband Summit

Covered extensively in the Korean media, the 4th Australia-Korea and New Zealand (KANZ) Broadband Summit was held in Seoul 19-20 June 2008. Opened by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy MP and his Korean counterpart, the summit enabled businesses and industry to network and identify areas of mutual interest and possible collaboration.

The AKF conceived of and implemented the inaugural May 2003 Australia-Korea Broadband Summit, and has been the major force behind subsequent meetings. New Zealand's participation commenced with the 2nd summit. AKF Board member Professor Mike Miller was the convener of the first, second and third summits.

The summit was also attended by an AKF-sponsored Australian Digital Content industry mission. This industry delegation activity was timed to coincide with and take advantage of the KANZ and other global events including the OECD IT Ministers' "The Future of the Internet Economy" meeting and the World IT Show.

Each of the delegate companies are continuing to develop opportunities identified on the mission. Business outcomes to date have included one of the delegate companies establishing a presence in Korea by appointing a Korea country manager within three months of the visit. Another company was able to progress its multi-million dollar opportunities in animation – business the company has been pursuing since 2005.

The ABC's presentation at the Broadband Summit was leading edge and positioned Australia at the heart of the new media industry in Asia. The ABC appreciated the introduction to Korea's national broadcaster (Korea Broadcasting Service - KBS) through the delegation and subsequently had fruitful meetings.



Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy MP, with KANZ Summit and Digital Content Mission delegates.

## Education

### **Regional innovation through Science, ICT and Mathematics Education**

This project facilitated regional innovation in Australia and Korea through research collaboration in education by the National Centre of Science, Information and Communication Technology, and Mathematics Education for Rural and Regional Australia (SiMERR) at University of New England (UNE) and Korea's NURI-TEIC at Kongju National University (KNU). The project, culminating in the 2007 Korea-Australia Symposium on Regional Education at KNU in November 2007, fostered collaboration with the objective of both countries providing international leadership in this field.



UNE and KNU will take this leadership one step further when they co-host the first International Symposium for Innovation in Regional Education (ISFIRE) to be held at UNE in 11-14 Feb 2009. ISFIRE is the first international conference specifically focusing on regional education, and will continue biannually, with the ISFIRE 2011 to be held in Korea.

Another practical outcome of this collaboration has been a Korea Internship program with the Choongnam Provincial Office of Education, bringing UNE Education students to Korea to teach English in regional schools (June 2008) further establishing sustainable people-to-people and institutional links and promoting awareness of Australia outside the main cities of Korea.



University of New England and Kongju National University project teams.

## Australia-Korea Teachers Exchange Program

The 2007-08 Australia-Korea Teacher Exchange Program was a huge success in providing Australian and Korean teachers and their schools opportunities to learn about each other's country, build relationships and support Australia-Korea networks.

An innovation of this year's exchange was the inclusion of three remote areas (Kalgoorlie, WA, Alyangula – Groote Eylandt, NT and Mt Isa, QLD). This successful initiative gave rural schools and communities exposure to and linkages with Korea.

In August 2008, ten Korean educators visited Australia for a 12 day professional learning and homestay program (hosted nationally). Ten Australian educators participated in the reciprocal component of this visit in September-October 2008. The Australians had the opportunity to participate in a similar 12 day professional learning program in Korea and take part in a homestay with their Korean partner from the August group.

Since the program's inception, 137 Korean and 123 Australian teachers have been given opportunities to increase knowledge of each other and build Australia-Korea links to support their classroom teaching.

## 4th Annual Workshop of the Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centres, Australian National University

AKF was a minor sponsor of the Fourth Annual Workshop of the Worldwide Consortium of Korean Studies Centres, held at the Australian National University in Canberra, 23-26 June 2008.

A forum for graduate students devoted to the study of Korea, the workshop offered emerging young academics the opportunity to:

- share their findings in a supportive and encouraging environment
- assist them to improve their papers with an aim to publishing them in recognised academic journals
- further promote scholarly interest in Korea in the Australasian region.

A total of 41 scholars attended, including 24 graduate students, 16 academics, and one observer from the Korea Foundation.

## Arts and the Media

### AKF Fellows – Sydney University Media Internships

The Foundation continued its support of the media internships program this year. Three final year media students from the University of Sydney undertake a media intern program in Korea. The interns, known as the AKF Fellows, worked for six weeks during January-February 2008 with Korean leading newspapers, the Korea Herald and Joong-Ang Ilbo, after spending a week attached to the Australian Embassy in Seoul for orientation.

The programs objective is to provide budding journalists with skills and attributes important for their future careers. The interns in Korea gained a greater understanding of contemporary Korean society and were engendered with a life-long interest in Australia-Korea relations. They were able to research and write stories in areas of their own interest and in most cases, the stories were then published. Along with the work experience, the interns reported that they gained an invaluable life experience, living in a country initially unfamiliar to them.

### 2007 Melbourne International Arts Festival: Gong Myoung Concert

Introducing Australian audiences to a unique group of Korean artists, Melbourne International Arts Festival presented Gong Myoung at Arts House, Meat Market, for two special concerts in October 2007.

This innovative ensemble takes traditional instruments, as well as instruments of their own making, to create new music. These classical artists have been taking their homeland and gradually the rest of the world by storm by designing instruments and music that create a fusion of artistry and new sound.

Gong Myoung's concerts were widely promoted by the Melbourne Festival in a number of avenues, including the Program Guide, the Festival Planner, the Festival website, the Festival e-zine, advertisements and media interviews.

## Chungmuro International Film Festival

Australian film featured as a focus of the first Chungmuro International Film Festival in Seoul held from 25 October to 2 November 2007. The Chungmuro district of Seoul has traditionally been the centre of film-making in Korea and is widely considered to be Korea's "Hollywood". The festival was originally conceived by its organisers to display to Korean audiences the diverse traditions of Korean cinema and the long and often forgotten history of Korean film-making. The first Korean feature films were produced in the 1930s and like Australia, the Korean film industry has experienced periods of stagnation and revival.

Twenty-six representative Australian films, including the 1919 silent classic *The Sentimental Bloke* accompanied by live music, were screened throughout the 2007 festival. In an innovative approach that attracted considerable publicity in the mainstream Korean media, *The Sentimental Bloke* screened outdoors at two venues in central downtown Seoul. The Australian Band 'Jen Anderson and the Larrikins' accompanied these screenings live, playing songs and music from the era. The AKF provided financial support that enabled Jen Anderson and the Larrikins to travel to Seoul.



Audience enjoying viewing of *The Sentimental Bloke* at Chungmuro International Film Festival.

## Special Projects

### Australia-Korea Young Leaders Exchange Program

As a new initiative, the AKF partnered with the Korea Foundation (KF) to develop the Australia-Korea Young Leaders Exchange Program. Coordinated by the Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific (RIAP), the program aims to further the leadership skills of potential and/or current leaders from both Australia and Korea, in specifically identified subject areas or themes. The exchange experience is expected to contribute to closer relations between Australia and Korea as the young leaders move into positions of influence in their field.

The first stage of the pilot program was delivered in November 2007, with ten Australian delegates travelling to Korea for ten days to participate in a program focused on the environment, a policy topic of key interest to both countries. The program promoted a better understanding of Australia – Korea relations among Australian environmental professionals, and provided delegates with the opportunity to meet their counterparts in Korea and discuss approaches to shared environmental issues. The program attracted an outstanding group of young experts working in a wide variety of environmental sectors around Australia including renewable energy, waste management, carbon trading, conservation and water management.

The program was developed to match the interests of the participants. By partnering them with relevant colleagues in Korea, they were provided with great networking and relationship-building opportunities, in addition to developing their knowledge of strategies to address the environmental issues facing Korea today.



Australian Young Environmental Leaders in Korea, November 2007.

In August 2008, the AKF hosted the return delegation under this program, with a focus on politics, energy and the environment. A ten day program of seminars, meetings and discussions was arranged in Sydney and Canberra. The delegation of ten included three members of the ROK National Assembly, as well as seven young people involved in politics, whether as parliamentary advisers, party officials, or local government members. The group were accompanied by a representative of the Korea Foundation and the coordinator of international programs at the National Strategy Institute, RIAP's counterpart in managing the program on behalf of KF.

Over three days in Canberra, the delegation met the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, and the Secretary of that Department; attended a dinner hosted by the Australia Korea Parliamentary Group; received briefings at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Climate Change and the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy; and enjoyed a cultural visits program that included the National Museum of Australia, a tour of Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial.



Korean Young Political Leaders at an Afternoon Tea hosted by Julie Owens MP, Chair Australia-Korea Parliamentary Group, at Parliament House, Canberra.

## Botanic Garden Linkages and Educational Kits on Australian Native Flora

Over the past few years, AKF has been supporting activities that have helped to build closer relationships between botanical gardens in Australia and Korea with both educational and conservation collaboration aims. In 2007-08, this investment culminated in two milestone activities. First, the visit in June 2008 of the Executive Directors of the Royal Botanic Gardens of Sydney and Melbourne, accompanied by the retiring Chair of the AKF Board, and second, the presentation to Hantaek Botanic Gardens, which has a major conservatory of Australian plants, of an educational studies kit, including DVDs featuring unique Australian plants such as the Wollemi Pine and Boab trees.



The educational kit provides an interesting introduction to an important part of Australia's natural heritage and a great opportunity for public education about Australia. Hantaek is a major public facility two hours from Seoul. 300,000 people, including 60,000 children on school excursions visit the gardens each year. As the school children generally sit through a presentation in a theatre/auditorium, the DVDs will be used for this purpose before the students see the Australian plants in situ in the gardens and learn about Australia's natural environment.

The projects have provided a basis for ongoing collaboration between the counterpart organisations in Australia and Korea.

## Linking rural Australia with rural Korea

This year the Foundation initiated a program to link rural Australia with rural Korea. The first stage of this program is aimed at linking the Upper Hunter Valley in New South Wales with the Gapyeong region, northeast of Seoul, areas which have a historical connection through the Korean War.

Following a competitive selection process, four secondary school teachers from the Upper Hunter Valley were selected to travel to Korea from 28 September to 4 October 2008. The group were accompanied by the curator of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps Museum, Lone Pine Barracks, in Singleton who had been working with the teachers to develop related curriculum projects with their students.

The participants gained a greater understanding of Korea, its history and its contemporary society, especially its system of education. Teachers met with Korean counterparts and undertook school visits with the aim of establishing ongoing links. The Mayor of Gapyeong welcomed the group and the Gapyeong County Office together with the Gapyeong Education Office prepared a comprehensive and informative schedule.

The establishment of these links is intended to enable the teachers to develop further exchanges and to make contacts to assist in cultivating cultural and/or historical study programs within their schools and bring a general understanding of Korea, its significance to Australia both past and present, to the students and the wider community of the region.



Teachers from the Upper Hunter Valley at Australia Memorial Park with a Korean War veteran in the Gapyeong region of Korea.

## APPENDIX 1

### COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

### ORDER CONSTITUTING THE AUSTRALIA-KOREA FOUNDATION 02/2004



**WHEREAS** the Australian Government is desirous of further developing relations between Australia and Korea:

AND WHEREAS the Australian Government is desirous of implementing the recommendations of the Australia-Korea Forum, held in Canberra in November 1989 and in Seoul in April 1991, in order to broaden the areas of exchange between the two countries:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such relations should be developed by the promotion in Korea of a greater awareness of Australia, and by the promotion in Australia of a greater awareness of Korea and the enlargement over the longer term of the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and Korea and their respective peoples:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that there be established a body for the purpose of providing a focus for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, and a source of advice and strategic guidance, in relation to the ways in which such relations may be encouraged, strengthened and developed:

NOW THEREFORE I, Philip Michael Jeffery, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

#### Establishment of Foundation

1. There is hereby established a foundation to be known as the 'Australia-Korea Foundation'.

#### Board and Secretariat

2. The Foundation shall consist of:
  - (1) a Board comprising
    - (a) a Chairperson; and
    - (b) the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or a DFAT representative appointed by the Secretary as an ex-officio member; and
    - (c) not less than 4 and not more than 13 other members; and
  - (2) a secretariat provided by DFAT.

#### Appointment of Chairperson and Members

3. (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for a period not exceeding five years, and on a part-time basis.

- (2) Members of the Board, other than the Chairperson and the ex-officio DFAT member, shall be appointed by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for a period not exceeding three years and on a part-time basis.
- (3) The Chairperson and members may be re-appointed.

#### Termination and Resignation of Membership

4. (1) The Governor-General may terminate the appointment of the Chairperson or a member on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. The Chairperson may resign his or her membership by notification in writing to the Governor-General.
- (2) The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs may terminate the appointment of a member of the Board, other than the ex-officio DFAT member.
- (4) A member (other than the Chairperson) may resign his or her membership by notification in writing to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

#### Functions of Board

5. (1) The function of the Board is to make recommendations to the Australian Government through the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for the broadening of the relationship between Australia and Korea, with particular emphasis on:
  - (a) raising awareness of Australia in Korea, and of Korea in Australia;
  - (b) the promotion of visits and exchanges between the two countries of individuals and groups for the purpose of broadening relations in a number of areas including, in particular, commerce, education, science and technology, industrial relations, culture, sports, and the news media;
  - (c) encouraging the development of institutional links amongst universities, museums, libraries, technical colleges, research institutes, professional organisations and appropriate non-government organisations;
  - (d) maintaining liaison with the Korea–Australia Foundation and co-operating, where appropriate, with its programs; and
  - (e) the support of Australian studies in Korea and of Korean studies in Australia.
- (2) In developing its function the Board should consult as widely as possible with individuals, organisations, enterprises and government departments and agencies associated or concerned with the broadening of relations between Australia and Korea.

#### Functions of Secretariat

6. The functions of the secretariat, under the authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, are:
  - (1) to provide administrative support for the Board;
  - (2) to implement the recommendations of the Board.; and
  - (3) to undertake other activities as appropriate.





### Meetings

7. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), meetings of the Foundation Board shall be held at such times and at such places as the Board determines.
- (2) The Chairperson shall, upon receipt of a written request signed by 4 other members of the Foundation Board, summon a meeting of the Board to deal with such matters as are specified in the written request.

### Procedure at Meetings

8. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Foundation Board, including procedures for the appointment of an Acting Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson, shall be as determined from time to time by the Board.

### Finances

9. Moneys required for the purposes of enabling the Foundation to discharge its functions and the implementation of the Foundation Board's recommendations shall be obtained from:
  - (1) moneys standing to the credit of any Trust Account established under section 62A of the Audit Act 1901 for those purposes; or
  - (2) any other moneys lawfully available for these purposes.

### Annual Report

10. As soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the Foundation shall provide to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs an Annual Report on Foundation activities during the period of twelve months ending on the preceding 30 June.

GIVEN under my Hand  
and the Great Seal of  
Australia on  
8 April 2004.

(signed)  
P M Jeffery  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

(signed)  
Alexander Downer  
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs



## APPENDIX 2

### 2007-08 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

2007 Core Appropriations	750,000
Sale of George Rose book	2,847
<b>Total funds available</b>	<b>752,847</b>

#### Summary of Expenditure by Priority Area

Commerce and Industry	111,210
Science and Technology	175,333
Education	131,754
Arts, Media and Sport	41,385
Special Projects	261,668
Administration and Promotion	23,857
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>745,207</b>



## Detailed Expenditure by Priority Area

### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Australia-Korea Internship Program	35,639
Comparative analysis of social context, institutional and Accounting regulations of pensions in Australia and Korea	9,754
Building closer relationships between botanic gardens in Australia and Korea	14,000
Lowy Institute Seminar, New beginnings	26,000
KAREC International Symposium	25,000
Board/Secretariat Program Support	817
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,210</b>

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Australia-Korea Early Korea Researchers exchange program, stage 1	52,000
Australia-Korea Early Korea Researchers exchange program, stage 2	38,000
Broadband summit	30,000
Salt recovery from reverse osmosis concentrate	9,090
Australia-Korea neutron and synchrotron x-ray scattering collaboration	16,000
Studies into canine vector-borne diseases and potential zoonoses in Korea	14,459
Optical fibre sensing system for real-time vessel safety monitoring	13,363
Board/Secretariat Program Support	421
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,333</b>



## EDUCATION

Studies magazine	22,500
Croydon Hill Primary School student exchange	7,273
Mill Park Heights Primary School Sister School program	7,273
UNESCO Teachers Camp for global learning	6,808
Australia-Korea Teachers Exchange program	57,900
Regional Innovation through Science, ICT and Mathematics Education	20,000
ANU conference of the world consortium of Korean studies centres	10,000
Board/Secretariat Program Support	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,754</b>

## ARTS, MEDIA AND SPORT

EBS International Documentary Festival	3,000
Melbourne International Arts Festival	7,560
Sydney University Media Internship	12,000
Daorum Concert	4,640
National Art School, Capitals Project	2,500
Chungmuro International Film Festival	10,000
Board/Secretariat Program Support	685
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,38</b>



## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Australia-Korea young leaders exchange program, stage 1	64,835
Australia-Korea young leaders exchange program, stage 2	67,482
Investigating Australia studies kit website	17,100
Linking rural Australia with rural Korea	18,000
Educational kits on Australian native flora	71,258
Sponsorship	544
Board/Secretariat Program Support	22,449
<b>Total</b>	<b>261,668</b>

## ADMINISTRATION & PROMOTION

Board program administration and promotion in Australia and Korea	6,267
Secretariat program administration and promotion in Australia and Korea	17,590
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,857</b>
<b>TOTAL UNSPENT 2007-08</b>	<b>7,640</b>

## APPENDIX 3

### Members of the Board of the Korea–Australia Foundation as at 30 June 2008

#### Chairman

Mr Se-Yong PARK, Former Chairman, INI Steel

#### Members

Myung-Sik CHUNG, Former Chairman, POSCO

Wan-Kyoo CHO, Chairman, Bioindustry Association of Korea

Chang-Gurl CHOI, Honorary Chairman, Korea Zinc Co

Jin-Hyun KIM, Senior Research Adviser, Korea International Trade Association

Jin-Ho KUM, Former Chairman, International Trade & Business Institute

Chang-Bum LEE, Former Chairman, Korean Council on Foreign Relations

Sang-joo LEE, Former President, Sungshin Women's University

Ung-Suh PARK, Honorary Chairman, UI Energy

Jae-Kwon SHIM, Former Member of the National Assembly

Jang-Hee YOO, Former Vice President, Ewha Woman's University

Chang-Bun YOON, Former Chairman, Hanaro Telecom Inc.

Joon-Yang CHUNG, President & COO, POSCO

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