Under a bright sky Tuesday, a newly-wed couple poses for the camera in a yellow sea of rape flowers, a famous symbol of the spring season on Cheju-do island, the most favorite honeymoon site in the nation for its subtropical climate and scenary.

Korea Times

Adopted Children in US Invited to Find Lost Roots in Motherland

By Oh Young-jin
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of thousands of Koreans who were adopted overseas in their infancy and never knew their roots wilt be given a chance to regain the lost connection with their motherland through a program jointly sponsored by the state-run Korea National Tourism Corp. (KNTC) and Korea Times Travel.

In an initial stage, about 500 such Koreans living in the United States, home to most of those adopted overseas will be invited to see first hand what Korea is like and if they want, to meet their natural parents.

An Pong-hun, a KNTC official in charge of the program, said that many of those adopted overseas are ignorant of their roots.

"The program is aimed at restoring their sense of connection with their motherland," he said.

Those wishing to join the program will make necessary arrangements through the Children's Home Society (CHS), a U.S. organization specializing in child adoptions.

The program will be offered at 1.050 to 1,300 dollars per person not including airplane tickets for 11 nights and 12 days. The KNTC has decided to sponsor 200 dollars for each person, making the price of the program between 800 to 1,000 dollars.

About 300 Korean Americans have applied so far for the inaugural program. The KNTC plans to bring them in in a group of about 60 on separate occasions. The first group will arrive in Korea sometime in June.

Thus far a group of three or four Koreans adopted overseas have visited Korea through the invitation of private welfare organizations but the new program is of a larger scale and aimed at helping them know and love their motherland.

The program will also show all aspects of Korea, ranging from its economic development to the national division and includes tours of the truce village of Panmunjom, Polk Village in Yongin, the showcase of old Korean lifestyle, and other tourist sites.

"They can visit orphanages where they were accommodated and trace back their biological parents with the help of our personnel," said a Korea Times Travel official, adding that the arrangement will be made only on a request basis.

The KNTC and Korea times Travel plans to expand the program to cover Europe and Australia, depending on the success of the inaugural program that targets the United States, where about 150,000 of 180,000 Koreans adopted overseas live.

Korean SAM Test-Fired Successfully

The Army recently successfully test-fired a short-range surface-to-air missile developed almost entirely with local technologies, the Defense Ministry said yesterday.

The launching pad of the missile, dubbed "Chonma" or "Heavenly Horse," and defense acquisition radar were manufactured entirely from local technologies and materials.

The guidance system however was procured by foreign contractors, the ministry said.

The Army will begin mass production of the Chonma in 1998 and plans to deploy some 140 to Army units.

The missile was developed by the Agency for Defense Development (ADD) in cooperation with civilian defense contractors as a weapon designed to intercept low-flying enemy aircraft.

The Chonma is expected to be used to defend tank units and air bases along with 30-milimeter anti-aircraft guns.

The short-range surface-to-air missiles the Army now uses are U.S.-made "Red Eyes" and "Stingers." and "Javelins" imported from Britain.

China Willing to Invite Taiwan-Born Scientists

By Hong Sun-hee
Staff Reporter

Visiting high-ranking policymaker of China on science and technology hinted yesterday her country is willing to take advantage of brain drain involving Taiwan-born scientists abroad, who are increasingly returning home these days. "China does not oppose the coming of the Taiwanese scientists abroad to the mainland. We will treat them enough to satisfy their expectations,"said Deng Nan, vice minister of the China State Science and Technology Commission.

Deng Nan

Deng, 51, second daughter of paramount Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. is visiting Seoul at the invitation of Vice Science-Technology Minister Koo Bohn-young. "Talks with Vice Minister Koo were successful. Technical cooperation between industries of Seoul and Beijing has improved with an alrming speed in spite of its relatively late start. Joint efforts have borne fruits in the fields of manufacturing medium-sized planes, electronic switching systems; high definition television sets (HD-TV) and auto parts. Nuclear industry is the newest area two countries seek cooperation in," she said.

An agreement on cooperation in the field of nuclear energy was signed late last year, and a joint commission will be set up within earlist date possibly during Vice Minister Koo's planned visit to China in May.

On a flood of questions on her father's health, she said, his health is good despite his age of 90 and she met him at his own residence the very morning she left for Seoul Monday.

"He spoke with me in clear voice. He is keeping healthy his own way. There is nothing serious about his condition but the discomforts of old age. There is no more a news," she said.

Bankrupt Duksan Group Chairman Park Arrester for Fraud

Prosecutors yesterday formally arrested Park Song-sop. 47. chairman of the bankrupt Duksan Business Group based in Kwangju, on a set of charges that included fraud, embezzlement and bribery.

The Central Investigation Department of the Supreme Prosecutor's Office announced that Park embezzled a total of 93 billion won from loans borrowed from 15 banking institutions between last October and Feb. 24.

He also purchased a luxurious house worth 1.3 billion won in Yangjae-dong, Socho-ku, southern Seoul with funds belonging to the Duksan's affiliate companies, it said.

The chairman of the business group with 28 affiliate firms is also suspected of issuing checks worth 42.7 billion won from January 1993 to December 1994, knowing they would be dishonored.

The prosecutors, however, sent Park's younger brother Song-hyon, 37, home after questioning him since he insisted that his company. Koryo Cement, guaranteed repayment of 270 billion won loaned to the Duksan Group's subsidiaries on the orders of his mother, Chong Aeri-sa. 71.

Chong, suspected of having controled her sons from behind the scene, will be called in today along with Song-hyon for interrogation.

Maj. Gen. Franks Assumes 2nd Infantry Div. Command

Major Gen. Tommy R. Franks assumed command of the Eighth U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division yesterday at a ceremony at Indianhead Field, Camp Casey in Tongduchon, Kyonggj-do.

Gen. Franks replaced Major Gen. John N. Abrams who will assume command of the V Corps, U.S. Army Europe later this spring.

'Univs. Copy Japan Math Books for Entrance Tests'

Two years since the university entrance exams were revived, private lessons. or "kwawoe" using Japanese math reference books are popular among high school students, mostly in the affluent Kangnam (south of Han River) area.

Parents of high school students are known to spend more than one million won (1,300 dollars) a month for the Japanese math lessons.

The great popularity of the Japanese math books is mainly attributed to the notable "similarity" between the questions in the math exams of domestic universities and those in the Japanese books, according to math lecturers at private schools, called "hagwon" in Seoul.

As it is almost a "well-known" secret that universities choose their questions by imitating the Japanese ones, cramming school lecturers and private tutors are heavily depending upon the Japanese books according to a math lecturer of Taesong Institute, who declined to be identified.

For example, the first math question of a K university in Seoul on this year's entrance exam had almost same format as one carried in a Japanese math book. Only the given numbers differed, claimed the Taesong lecturer.

Two students in Kaepo-dong, southern Seoul prepared for the Seoul National University entrance exam by using Japanese books. "They passed." said the lecturer.

Among the widely used Japanese math books are "Mathematical Thinking," compiled by Jin Akiyama, Tokyo University's Science College professor, "Wakaru (Easy) Math" and "Monograph."

Riding on the popularity of the Japanese books, some publishing houses began to issue translated versions, advertizing the success story of this year's freshman at SNU.

The practice of "imitating" Japanese exams to write the college entrance exams was common among domestic universities before the college entrance exams were abolished in 1980.

After being allowed to screen applicants using their own exams from the 1994 academic year. 38 universities, including the elite SNU. Korea and Yonsei administered the entrance exams this year.

Meanwhile, some hagwon lecturers alleged that the state-administered Academic Aptitude Test also contained math questions similar to those in Japanese books.

Officials From Korea, Japan to Discuss Drug Abuse

Narcotics officials from South Korea and Japan will meet in Seoul today to discuss ways to jointly cope with rising drug abuse.

During the meeting, the 11th of its kind, the officials will exchange views and information to efficiently crack down on crimes related to narcotic drugs.

The meeting will also address ways to cooperate with each other for the treatment of drug addicts and promotion of anti-drug abuse campaigns. Foreign Ministry officials said.

Symposium on Animal Protection Due

An international symposium on animal protection Thursday will shed light on global efforts to protect endangered animals and discuss the present state of the natural environment.

Organized by the Joong-Ang Development Co. which runs the Yongin Farmland, the symposium will take place at the Hotel Shilla's Dynasty Hall.

Scholars from five countries will present papers in the nation's first-ever international seminar on animal protection.

The event is designed to warn against the worsening condition of endangered species, to introduce protection activities of advanced countries and to arouse public awareness on the need for enlightenment education.

Kimberly G. Smith will give a lecture on conservation of mammals in the U.S., Ryo Tatsukawa on global contamination by persistent organochlorines and their ecotoxicological impact, A.V. Andreev on wilderness and wildlife in Northern. Asia with a special reference to migratory birds.

Weather Forecast

TODAY

Becoming cloudy and rains are expected across the nation. Morning lows will be 0 ℃ (32 ℉) to 5 ℃ (41 ℉). Daytime highs will be 12 ℃ (54 ℉) to 16 ℃ (61 ℉).
Sunrise: 6:23 a.m.
Sunset : 6:51 p.m.

Seoul: becoming cloudy and rain
3 ℃ (37 ℉) / 13 ℃ (55 ℉)
Pusan: becoming cloudy
5 ℃ (41 ℉) / 16 ℃ (61 ℉)
Taegu: becoming cloudy
3 ℃ (37 ℉) / 15 ℃ (59 ℉)
Kwangju: becoming cloudy and rain
3 ℃ (37 ℉) / 14 ℃ (57 ℉)
Taejon: becoming cloudy and rain
2 ℃ (36 ℉) / 14 ℃ (57 ℉)
Chunchon: becoming cloudy and rain
1 ℃ (34 ℉) / 15 ℃ (59 ℉)
Kangnung: cloudy after clear
4 ℃ (40 ℉) / 16 ℃ (61 ℉)
Cheju: becoming cloudy and rain
8 ℃ (46 ℉) / 15 ℃ (59 ℉)

TOMORROW

Clear skies after rain are expected across the nation. Morning lows will be 1 ℃ (34 ℉) to 10 ℃ (50 ℉). Daytime highs will be 6 ℃ (43 ℉) to 14 ℃ (57 ℉).

Sunrise: 6:22 a.m.
Sunset : 6:52 p.m.

Seoul: clear after rain
5 ℃ (41 ℉) / 9 ℃ (48 ℉)
Pusan: clear after rain
7 ℃ (45 ℉) / 14 ℃ (57 ℉)
Taegu: clear after rain
5 ℃ (41 ℉) / 13 ℃ (55 ℉)
Kwangju: clear after rain
6 ℃ (43 ℉) / 12 ℃ (54 ℉)
Taejon: clear after rain
6 ℃ (43 ℉) / 11 ℃ (52 ℉)
Chunchon: clear after rain
3 ℃ (37 ℉) / 11 ℃ (52 ℉)
Kangnung: cloudy
5 ℃ (41 ℉) / 12 ℃ (54 ℉)
Cheju: clear after rain
10 ℃ (50 ℉) / 14 ℃ (57 ℉)

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