# Art College in Melbourne Seeks Collaboration With SNU

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**Grant Hannan**

"In the future, students around the world will choose courses they think are the best for themselves through video conferencing. Internet and other methods. And there will he universities and faculties operating on an international level.

"We don't want to see America or Europe dominate this region in the wake of such technological changes and can better manage if we collaborate. cooperate and build strong relationships among big universities. Australia wants to play a leading role in that direction," said Grant Hannan, head of the fine art department of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology*

Today, there will be a signing of a sisterhood agreement between Seoul National University's College of Fine Art and the RMIT Fine Art Faculty located in the capital of the Victorian state.

An exhibition of works by SNU professors will be held at his school in May, 1998, to he followed by other art exchanges.

"Korea is one of the countries in this region that has made a substantial contribution to the international art scene. Australia has also made a unique contribution to world art.

The 59-year-old art historian was very impressed by the sophisticated contemporary art of Korea he saw' at colleges, high schools and exhibitions during previous visits here and is eager to have promising students from Korea involved in a study exchange.

"In the United States, fine art is taught as a liberal art in association with literature or music to nurture cultural understanding in people whereas the Aussie education purports to raise really productive artists with curriculum concentrated on art history and theory in addition to the subject of their major," he said.

'Today, young adults spend a great deal of time using computers, television and other visual media and to meet the demands of the new' era, and RMIT has merged these media under the same umbrella from fine art. visual communication, garments and textile design, and journalism, according to Hannan.

Those who graduate three-year college continue their studies for one year in the capacity of an honors student. Afterwards, they may further advance to Master of Art. Master of Fine Art or Cross Cultural Studies courses which require them to present works after four months of exposure to a foreign culture at its branch campuses in China, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Prof. Hannan initiated exchange programs with all these places and he hopes to make a such an arrangement with SNU sometime soon.

RMIT started as an engineering college in 1887 and has grown as a full-fledged university hut retains the same name as it is know'll worldwide.

There are 5,000 students in nine colleges including the College of Fine Art, which is the largest across all eight Australian states. Now', 12 Koreans are taking undergraduate and higher degree courses at his college.

He will return to Australia Saturday after a tour of the Kwangju Biennale tomorrow'.

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**Pedestrians admire the red apples on a tree shining under the autumn sun on a street near Kwanghwamun, central Seoul, Wednesday.**

# Kyonggi Univ. Students to Be Sent to US for One-Year Study

Sophomore students of Kyonggi University will be dispatched next year to universities in the United States to study English and other subjects related to their major, it was announced yesterday.

According to school sources, the credits the students acquire in the U.S. will be accredited here under a program to globalize university education.

Kyonggi University has already established an agreement on student exchange with six major U.S. schools including George Washington University and the University of Michigan for the purpose, the sources said.

A total of 180 students are set to bo dispatched to the universities early next year for a one-year study course.

The school also plans to expand its exchange program with universities in other countries including Canada and Australia. The number of students to he dispatched annually for overseas studies will eventually he increased to around 1,000, they said.

Kyonggi University also seeks to reform its overall curriculum to he on a par with foreign universities, making it easier for the school to recognize credits from overseas schools.

A language training center where some 20 qualified foreign teachers are to be assigned, will help enhance the language capabilities of students before being dispatched overseas.

## Australian Travel-Work Visa Tightened

The requirement to get a "working holiday visa" for Australia will be greatly strengthened, it was learned yesterday.

According to the Australian Embassy in Seoul, the quota here for "w'orking holiday visas" wdiich enables bearers to earn travel expenses during their stay down under is set at 1,750. Australia is the only country to offer the special visa.

Stricter requirements for receiving the visa for those between 18 to 25 years of age will be applied in the near future, said a spokesman of the embassy.

Those applying for a visa will be required to hand in a certificate of employment, travel schedfile and certificate of banking accounts at the time of the visa application, he said.

Travel agencies forecast the new' visa requirement will make it easier for employed persons to be eligible for the visa than college students.

The total quota for people around the world eligible for the visa was learned to have been set at 55,000 this year.

## *Brothers Rob Homes of the Wealthy*

Songbuk police arrested a 54-year-old man Tuesday identified only as "Chong," and are reportedly looking for his younger brother on charges of robbing homes belonging to the wealthy.

Police said the two have been robbing homes in the ritzy Songbuk-dong area, northern Seoul, by choosing their targets among a list of "who's who" in the business sector.

Police said they secured as evidence, 15 million won in checks found in the trunk of a four-w'heel drive vehicle they allegedly used, together with an assorted array of tools such as hammers and steel bars used to break into homes.

According to police, Chong and his accomplice climbed over the exterior walls of a house in Songbuk-dong, belonging to an owner of a medium-sized company, and rendered the lone housekeeper helpless by tying her up and stealing cash and jewelry from a safe.

Police suspect the brothers may be responsible for at least three separate incidents of burglary and the loss of some 50 million won worth of cash and valuables in the area.

## Two American Researchers Share World Food Prize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two American pest control researchers received this year's World Food Prize Tuesday for their work on reducing insecticide use while maintaining or increasing yields.

Ray F. Smith, 78, and Perry L. Adkisson, 68, will share the dlrs 250,000 cash award that accompanies the prize.

"Working separately and together over the past 30 years. Smith and Adkisson helped bring about a fundamental shift in agricultural production marked by a dramatic reduction in the use of chemical pesticides," said a statement on the award.

It said their work on new' approaches to agricultural pest control had sparked a global ecological revolution, reducing insecticide use on U.S. crops alone by 50 percent.

Their approach — know'll as "integrated pest management" — employs combinations of biological, ecological and chemical techniques to protect crops from insect damage in an environmentally safe manner.

Smith worked at the University of California in Berkeley, and Adkisson was a professor and administrator at Texas A and M University.

The two researchers cooperated with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the U.N. Environment Program.

"This prize brings attention to the fact that many people all over the world are still ... undernourished or starving," Adkisson said at the award ceremony.

# *Korea 's Decision to Buy French Portable SAMs Key Defeat for US*

**By Oh Young-jin**
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Korea's recent decision to buy French-made Mistral portable surface-to-air missiles is seen as a major defeat to the United States in the weapons market it considers as its own ballpark.

After all, U.S.-made weapons account for the lion's share of Korea's foreign military purchases. The U.S. also maintains a strong military presence in Korea and never bothers to conceal the fact in bilateral relations.

The U.S. pushed the sale of its Stingers but Korea chose Mistrals in a rare case of resisting pressure by the big brother who has 37,000 soldiers committed in the defense of the South against North Korea, some say.

In June, the U.S. unilaterally announced that Korea had decided to buy Stingers, triggering public uproar against the U.S. hardsell tactics. The Defense Ministry' denied the U.S. claim but slowed down its selection process, which was originally due to be completed in June or July.

More recently, the U.S. is engaged in serious arm-twisting, forcing Korea to buy more of its cars, which is definitely setting the Korean public against the U.S.

Thus, Korea's French choice is interpreted to restore the pride crumpled from being helpless against the U.S. pressure in trade or other matters.

The ministry', however, didn't react to media reports to this effect.

It said that a letter would be sent to also-rans in its P-SAM project, notifying them of its decision in amicable terms.

As for its decision to buy Mistrals, it said that the Mistral was chosen because it proved to he superior to two other candidates in a cost-to capability evaluation. The ministry refused to give details of the outcome, citing this might offend the unsuccessful candidates. .

But according to some procurement officials. Mistrals outclassed its competitors in the test. One source said without elaboration that Stingers "flunked" a separate test conducted by the Air Force. A U.S. government official said that the latest data on Stinger performance didn't reflect simulation tests by the ministry.

Matra, the French company that produces Mistrals, made a last-minute offer to discount the price, which also tipped the scale to it.

The U.S. side, however, is taking Korea's Mistral choice in stride.

"We are disappointed but respect Korea's decision," a U.S. official said on premise of personal opinion. "The Stinger sale was not a top U.S. priority."

However, he added that a U.S. official in Seoul intended to write to senior Korean officials urging them to buy Stingers but decided not to later.

He said that top priority is the sale of big ticket items such as anti-missile systems and air warning and surveillance systems Korea is planning to buy in coming years. He said that the joint defense posture between the two allies would be greatly compromised if Korea buys other than U.S. products, since the inter-operability of the two countries' weapons systems should be kept inter-operable.

## Weather Forecast

**TODAY**

Clear skies giving way to stormy clouds later in the day. Morning lows, 3 to 14°C (37-57°F), daytime highs, 15 to 26°C (59-79°F).

**Sunrise**: 6:41 a.m.
**Sunset**: 5:54 p.m.

**Seoul**: Clear to cloudy with rain
10°C (50°F) / 24°C (75°F)
**Taejon**: Clear to cloudy with rain
8°C (46°F) / 24°C (725F)
**Chunchon**: Clear to cloudy with rain
5°C (41°F) / 22°C (72°F)
**Kangnung**: Clear to cloudy
10°C (50°F) / 23°C (73°F)
**Kwangju**: Clear to cloudy with rain
9°C (48°F) / 25°C (77°F)
**Taegu**: Clear to cloudy
8°C (46°F) / 26°C (79°F)
**Pusan**: Clear to cloudy
12°C (54°F) / 26°C (79°F)
**Cheju**: Clear to cloudy
14°C (57°F) / 24°C (75°F)

**TOMORROW**

Cloudy with possible light showers. Morning lows range from 9 to 15°C (48-59°F), daytime highs, 16 to 25°C (61-77°F).

**Sunrise**: 6:42 a.m.
**Sunset**: 5:53 p.m.

**Seoul**: Cloudy with light rain
13°C (55°F) / 17°C (63°F)
**Taejon**: Cloudy with light rain
13°C (55°F) / 18°C (64°F)
**Chunchon**: Cloudy with light rain
10°C (50°F) / 15°C (59°F)
**Kangnung**: Cloudy with light rain
13°C (55°F) / 17°C (63°F)
**Kwangju**: Cloudy with light rain
14°C (57°F) / 20°C (68°F)
**Taegu**: Cloudy with light rain
12°C (53°F) / 19°C (66°F)
**Pusan**: Cloudy with light rain
15°C (59°F) / 20°C (68°F)
**Cheju**: Cloudy skies
15°C (59°F) / 25°C (77°F)

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