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The George Washington University to Host the 21st Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium in the Korean Humanities

Korea and Cultural Diplomacy: Politics and Meaning in Arts, Industry, and Civil Society

Nov. 9, 2013

EVENT: In the 21st Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium, scholars and diplomats will discuss how Korea has represented and explained itself to the world through the arts, the media, and public diplomacy, in which communication takes place between citizens of different nations, or between citizens and governments, as opposed to communication solely between governments. Korean lunch is served. Open to the public, free of charge, but reservations are required.

WHO: Opening Remarks: 
Jay C. Kim, chairman of the Washington Korean American Forum

Congratulatory Remarks:
Ahn Ho-young, ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States of America
Ben Vinson III, dean of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University

Featured speakers:
Kathleen Stephens, visiting scholar at Stanford University; former Ambassador to Korea
Kyung Hyun Kim, professor of Korean Studies and East Asian languages and literatures, University of California, Irvine
Katharine Moon, Edith Stix Wasserman chair of Asian studies, Wellesley College
Yoon-shik Park, professor of international finance, George Washington University

Commentators:
Dana Tai Soon Burgess, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, George Washington University
Ji-Young Lee, assistant professor in the School of International Service, American University
WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 9; 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Elliott School of International Affairs
Harry Harding Auditorium
1957 E Street, NW, Room 213
Washington, D.C.
Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro (Orange and Blue lines)

RSVP: Media interested in attending should contact Angela Olson at 202-994-3087 or olsona@gwu.edu.
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BACKGROUND:
The HMS Colloquium in the Korean Humanities series at GW provides a forum for academic discussion of Korean arts, history, language, literature, thought and religious systems in the context of East Asia and the world. The colloquium series is made possible by an endowment established by the estate of Hahn Moo-Sook (1918-1993), one of Korea’s most honored writers. The 21st HMS colloquium is co-organized with the Washington Korean American Forum and the Korean Cultural Center of the Korean Embassy. It is sponsored by the Korea Foundation, GW’s Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, Sigur Center for Asian Studies and Institute for Ethnographic Research.

PRE-COLLOQUIUM PROGRAM:
In conjunction with the 21st Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium in the Korean Humanities, the Korean Cultural Center Washington DC will host the Global Hallyu Forum 2013: Hallyu Live! on Friday, November 8, focused on Korean popular culture, in the Jack Morton Auditorium on the GWU campus. Details at http://www.KoreaCultureDC.org.

Additional information and a full schedule of events is available online.

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