



# Gateway Korea Foundation

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Dear Friends,

Today, GKF stands as an influential and impactful organization representing Korean culture and cross cultural communication in the St.Louis metropolitan area. I firmly believe in the importance of this mission—peace in the world is only possible when we have successful cross cultural communication. The progress we have made in service to this mission was made possible by the entire team of GKF and with your support in last 7 years. I am very grateful to every one of you.

Developing a sustainable organization has been a central focus for many of us as several previous organizations with similar missions have not had the longevity that we have enjoyed. Our sustainability has been achieved based on the strength of our cultural programs and the value they deliver to our members and guests.

For this year's DanO Festival, we invited Hyonjeong Kim Han from the San Francisco Asian Art Museum to give us a lecture about the influence of traditional and Contemporary Korean Art on K-pop culture. She will enlighten us about Hallyu which has swept the global scene since 1980.

On the second day, we will have a panel discussion with Hyonjeong Kim Han, Philip Hu and Wassan Al Khudhairi discussing how Korean Contemporary Art intersects with Contemporary Arts Globally.

The GKF team is also working hard to grow as an organization. To aid in that goal, we rely on the guidance, perspective, and creativity of several independent committees who report to the board. Each committee is chaired by a member of the Board. At present, we have eight active committees and additional ad hoc committees as needed:

- Executive Committee chaired by Chairperson, Young Hie Nahm Kromm
- Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer, Richard Stevenson
- Development Committee chaired by Chairperson, Young Hie Nahm Kromm
- Public Relations and Communications Committee chaired by Hyunjoo Oh
- Nominating Committee chaired by Margie Wasielewski
- DanO Program Committee chaired by Sungho Kim and Young Hie Nahm Kromm
- Chuseok Program Committee chaired by Vice Chairperson, Han Ko
- Passport to Korea program Committee chaired by Seungkwon You

In addition, we have a 9 member **Advisory Board** and a 5 member **Senior Advisory Council**. We will have a general meeting of the board of directors, advisory board and senior advisory council members toward the end of this year.

Thank you again for your generosity in time, financial support, encouragement and engagement to serve our mission. We know that the successes of the Gateway Korea Foundation would not be possible without you, and we appreciate your continued friendship in 2019.

With sincere appreciation for sharing the passion for Korean culture,

## Mission Statement:

*Based in St. Louis, MO, the Gateway Korea Foundation provides opportunities for the Heartland Community to learn about and experience Korean culture. We draw from communities across the American Midwest to nurture a greater understanding and appreciation for Korean culture.*

Young Hie Nahm Kromm, AIA  
Chairperson  
Gateway Korea Foundation

