

UNDERSTANDING KOREA

InKo Centre, in association with the Academy of Korean Studies and supported by the The Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Chennai, will present a unique intercultural workshop titled **Understanding Korea: an introductory workshop** with an aim to introduce Korea and the historic links between Korea and India, both the ancient trajectories and the contemporary manifestations of this intercultural exchange to middle-school social science and language teachers from private or aided schools in Chennai. As the Indo-Korean Cultural and Information Centre engaged in sustaining a meaningful intercultural dialogue, this workshop is a means to deepen the bonds of understanding and friendship between India and Korea, in this instance, amongst student and teacher networks, in particular. We hope to engage with all participating schools on a regular basis with a basket of cultural programmes across the performing and visual arts, language and wellness, to provide a stimulating experience to students and teachers.

The introductory workshop will aim to provide an overview to the historical, socio-linguistic aspects of this interrelation as well as the exchange of performing and visual art vocabularies, instrumentation and forms; rituals, scriptures; language and other forms of cultural expression. While introducing Korea, every attempt will be made to highlight the close link with South India, particularly Tamilnadu, wherever relevant. This will help underscore why 'understanding Korea' will provide a context to re-orient a student's understanding of his/her own historical roots, within Tamilnadu in particular, within India more generally and within Asia, more globally.

The objective of this workshop is to deepen the understanding about the deep-rooted links between Korea and India, two ancient yet modern cultures, through an interactive workshop followed by the publication of a Reader that could potentially be introduced as supplementary reading material for middle-school students in the participating private and aided schools in Chennai. Eminent professors from Korea and from across India will present audio-visual rich content during the course of the workshop and screenings and performances will augment the programme.

About the Academy of Korean Studies:

The Academy of Korean Studies was established to revitalize the field of Korean Studies by conducting in-depth research and offering education on related subjects. Activities by AKS range from conducting research on Korean culture from both humanities and social science perspectives to educating and training researchers and higher education professionals, collecting, researching, translating and publishing Korean classics, and publishing and disseminating research results in the Korean Studies field. Its activity areas also include compiling and distributing major reference works such as the Encyclopedia of Korean Culture and the Digital Encyclopedia of Korean Local Culture, digitalizing and disseminating academic information in the Korean Studies field, engaging in cooperation and exchange activities with academic institutions in Korea and overseas and conducting programs and projects aimed at improving the international community's understanding of Korean culture.

Audio-visually rich presentations by specialists from Korea and India will be complemented by live performances by Korean and Indian percussion groups and interspersed with short film screenings.

The workshop will be held at
The Convention Centre, Grand by GRT Hotels from 31 January to 2 February 2017.

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