

Newsletter for Servas Korea



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The Pioneer of Servas Korea is Fallen

Mr.Eum, Jaeryang, one of the founding pioneers of Servas Korea along with his late father, Mr.Eum, Hyunsup, died at 07:30 a.m. on November 21st, 2017 at the age of 81 after a long battle with cancer.

He was a devoted Servas person, and Servas activity was his greatest joy and pleasure of his life. He contributed to the growth and proliferation of Servas Korea so much that today's Servas Korea wouldn't exist without his dedication.

Many members of Servas Korea went to the funeral home of Baek Hospital to pay respect to him and express condolences to his family. He was survived by his four daughters. He was buried at his family grave site by his father's side in Yechon City, his hometown.

Servas Japan, many members of which are his close friends, sent incense money to the family as well as many phone calls and emails expressing their condolences. In eastern Asia, it is a custom to burn incense in front of the portrait of the deceased in the wake.

Mr. Song, Donghwan, one of Mr. Eum's longtime friends followed through all the procedures of the wake, funeral, cremation and burial with the bereaved family.



Mr. Eum's portrait in the funeral home

Servas Korea posted an obituary on Facebook and the following are the responses from Servas people all over the world.

Modou Lamin Krubally May his soul rest in peace

Shiva Shrestha Oh it is very sad...I met him in Nepal 20 years ago. Condolences to the bereaved family...Rest in Peace

Amin Sudarto My deepest condolences... RIP brother Eum

Muhammad Naseem Dear members of Servas Korea. I am truly sorry to hear the loss of my good friend & father of Servas Korea Mr. Eum, may almighty Allah rest the departed soul in peace, Aameen. May fond memories of Mr. Eum bring you comfort during this difficult time..

Mary Ellen Chatwin Shiva i am sorry. We will write our Korean friends

Laura Ragucci So sorry to hear that! My deep condolences!

Shiva Shrestha He was a great Servas personality

Mourad Elkaddiri All my condolences.



Farewell ritual by family at the tomb



Mr. Eum's resting place in his hometown.

Letters of Condolences from Neighboring Servas Countries

The following are emails from overseas Servas members sent to Byungwan Choi, the national secretary of Servas Korea.

<CHINA>

Dear Servas Korea,
Overseas members from Servas China first noticed and then noticed us the shocking news. We all were very shocked and upset to hear that you have lost Mr. Eum, Jaeryang.

I know he was ill, but I didn't realize he had so little time left. He was such a brilliant and wonderful man and we'll truly miss our times together in China. I know the years you all and he together were the best ones of his life. He was very lucky to have you - vice versa.

Love knows no boundaries. While Mr. Eum, Jaeryang is no longer physically with us, his spirit is always around us. Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. I hope and pray that Servas Korea and Mr. Eums' family will have strength during this time of loss.

Yours Cordially,

Jack R. Huang
National Secretary of Servas China (mainland)

<INDONESIA>

I am Indrotomo, a member of Servas Indonesia. I express the deepest condolences for the passing away of Mr. Eum, the Servas Korea member. May he be in peace and God bless the whole family.

Warmest greeting from Indonesia
Best regards,
Indrotomo

<JAPAN>

To Korean Servas National Secretary Mr. Choi and Korean Servas friends,

We are so sorry to hear about Eum-san's passing last morning. He was a true cosmopolitan and visited Japan lots of times with other members of Servas Korea. He visited not only Kyushu but many other places in Japan, and wherever he went, he was welcome for his open-hearted character. Mr. Eum welcomed many members of our country when we stepped into Korea. He was always so kind and friendly. Many of us remember how he welcomed us with other Korean members. He took us to many places of interest like, temples, parks, and museums.

We know that the East Asia Meetings could be born, thanks to his dedication. As a result, so many members of Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia, and Japan became very friendly with each other. It will be our precious legacy forever.

Mr. Eum, Jaeryang, father of Servas Korea, will be missed by all of us, and his memory will remain in our hearts forever. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

We hope the planned 2018 Servas International Meeting will succeed in spite of your big loss.

Sincerely Yours,
OGATA Tomoko
National Secretary of
Servas Japan

<INDONESIA>

Dear Sir,
I send you and all members of Servas Korea my deepest condolences regarding the death of Mr. Eum, Jaeryang.

May he rest in peace
My wife and I have a very close relationship with both Mr. Eum and his wife. We met them in Vietnam for the first time at the SEA Servas meeting. Since then we have been feeling that they are our own family. So when I visited Korea to attend the EA Servas meeting in 2016, I felt that I had to visit them in Busan, and we did it and we were treated like their own family. They both have a very genuine Servas soul.

Thanks Mr. Eum!
We miss you, my brother!
Thank you sir!

Best Regards,
Amin Sudarto
National Secretary of Indonesia



A Memorial Address by Mr. Nishiyama

Mr. Nishiyama paid a tribute to Mr. Eum on his article in Servas Kyushu Yearly Book. The following is his article translated into English:

<Mr. Eum, My Lifetime Friend and I>

Since Mr. Eum and I met at the First Japan-Korea Exchange Association Meeting, we have been friends for more than 30 years. His Japanese was very fluent because he had been educated until his 3rd grade of school in Japanese language during the colonial days. As he and I were the same age, we had so many common topics to talk about in life and share with each other.

His business was selling parts of automobiles, however, he cared more about Servas activities than about his business. He was lucky to have such honest and faithful employees to take care of his business instead of him during his absence. His greatest pleasure and joy were hosting Servas travelers from different countries and traveling to other countries. He often participated in international Servas meetings as a representative of Servas Korea and was well known to the Servas people around the world for his dedication to Servas.

He often invited me to visit Korea and each time took me everywhere, including old temples, traditional markets, attractive places and Servas events. I came to understand so much about Korean culture through these visits and constant conversations with him. He also often visited my house, usually with other Servas members of Korea. His idea was to give them the opportunity to experience Servas family. My small house got full of people whenever he showed up with friends and I had to be very inventive to host all of them at my home.

He liked to sing Japanese ENKA-Japanese sentimental popular songs and war songs. I sent him a few CDs of military songs to hear that he was longing to listen to them in the hospital bed. I was told that he was very pleased to listen to the war songs and even tried to sing along.

When I look back on our time spent together, I just get overwhelmed by so many fond memories of us. I am sure that he has met his dear father in the heaven and is having a wonderful time talking with him. I hope he will bless Servas Korea and support them to host Servas International Conference in 2018 successfully from above.



Our last reunion in the hospital

The First Servas Board Meeting of 2018

The first Servas board meeting of 2018 was held in Daejeon on January 13th. 18 key people from all over Korea gathered and discussed important issues like following:

1. One minute of a silent tribute to the two late members of Servas Korea
Mr. Eum, Jaeyang
Mr. Gil, Hongyong
2. Presenting letters of thanks to the resigning regional coordinators of Seoul and Jeonbuk area
3. Reporting on the Servas hosting and traveling of 2017 and planning of 2018 by each regional coordinator
4. Short presentations by secretary general, peace secretary, website manager and newsletter writer on their activities
5. Audit report by auditors
6. Examination of the content of the scheduled publication of “The 50-year history of Servas Korea”
7. Appointing lifetime Servas members and awarding membership
8. Yearly settlement of income and expenses for 2017
9. Project planning for 2018 and budget compilation
10. Amendment of articles of association regarding a host list
→Replacing the host list with SOL
Action Point: the regional coordinators should encourage their members to register in SLO as soon as possible.
11. Confirming the allotment of roles in 2018 SICOGA preparation



We need concerted effort and cooperation from all members of Servas Korea to make this historic event of 2018 SICOGA successful and fruitful, Mr. Choi, the national secretary of Servas Korea emphasized.

← Servas Korea Board Meeting

2017 National Assembly & Pre-SICOGA in Seoul

The 2017 national assembly of Servas Korea was held at the International Youth Center Youth Hostel where the 2018 SICOGA will take place soon. The goal of this event was to check the facility and find any possible problems for SICOGA by sleeping and eating at the venue, and collecting ideas in order to host the important international conference.

Before the workshop, all the participants went hiking on the Gaehwa Mountain right behind the Youth Hostel, guided by Mr. Kim, a member of Seoul region.



Listening to the explanation of history of a monument

We divided all the participants into 10 teams according to their wishes and each team started brainstorming and discussion ardently.

The agenda were:

1. Opening and closing ceremony
2. Presentation of Servas Korea
3. How to make the best use of seminar halls
4. Full day excursion and half day trip
5. Hosting before & after the conference
6. Servas International Peace Riding
7. Reception
8. Facility check-internet and electronic devices
9. Meal, beverage and snacks
10. Registration, room assignment and help desk

We tasted dinner at the restaurant after the workshop to evaluate the quality of the food and see the structure of the cafeteria. Dinner was okay without complaints..



Beef stew in hot pot

The conference continued after dinner with Mr. Yi, Byunghun’s report on the progress of writing “the 50-year history of Servas Korea”, demonstration of how to log in and register in SOL by Mr. Park, Jaegwang, and reports by regional coordinators on their Servas activities. Lastly, socializing began and everybody got relaxed finally. We went to our bedrooms and studied them before falling asleep.

The next morning we tried two types of breakfast, Western and Korean style at the restaurant. Many members expressed there were many things to improve regarding breakfast and Ms. Kim, Namhee wrote down all the complaints because she is in charge of the meal. The leader of each tasking team presented a summary of their discussion from the previous day.

There were so many problems and issues we had to handle. Everybody understood this big international event needed lots of devotion, hard working and preparation to become successful.

The last part of this meeting was walking from the Youth Hostel to Suwon Hwasung Fortress before farewell.



In front of the international Youth Center Youth Hostel



International Conference Hall



In the middle of the assembly

Hosting Servas Travelers in Korea



**Elaine & Mauny from U.S.A.
hosted by Gyungboh in Jeju**



**Kiran Shilpakar from Nepal
hosted by Sungjoo in Seoul**

Kiran is the president of the association of the differently abled people in Nepal. He came to Korea to attend a conference and wanted to meet a Servas member to be hosted by Mr. Ha, Sungjoo.



Sharwi from the Philippines visited Daegu and stayed with Ms. Choi, Yunja. The ladies had a great time talking about everything.



Jos from Luxembourg



Jos stayed with Junghee in Busan for 10 nights. He wasn't in a hurry and just enjoyed being with a Servas family and exploring the Korean cuisine.



Jos attended the national assembly during his stay and became friends with many members of Servas Korea



Servas Traveling by Servas Koreans

The year 2017 was more outgoing than before to Servas Koreans. They traveled to Australia, Europe, Israel, Japan, South Africa and Reunion, a small French island in the Indian Ocean.



**Seokkyu with Isabel
in Lisbon, Portugal**



**Sungcheon with Mr.Tennock
in Brisbane, Australia**



**Chulsoon with Nicolas
in Manchester, England**



**Sungcheon with John & Judy
in Sydney, Australia**



**Chulsoon with Bruna
in Rome, Italy**



**Sungcheon with Izumi
in Toyko, Japan**



**Jungjoo with the Kawamuras
in Shimosuwa, Japan**



**Jungjoo and his wife
demonstrating Kimchi making to
the Kawamuras. They took
photos and wrote down all the
processes of making Kimchi.**



**Sungcheon with Eileen
in Brisbane, Australia**

Attending the Servas International Meeting in Isreal

3 Servas Koreans, Mr. Ganglae Cho, Ms. Eulhyeon Seo, and Ms. Inja Lee participated in the Servas Internatioanl Meeting in Israel from December 17 through 26. They experienced the diversity in a small country and the invincible hospitality of Israelis.



Dinner time



**Orna welcoming participants
with open arms
in Tel Aviv, Israel**



Everybody is all ears listening to the explanation in Negev Desert, Israel



**Staying with Anna in Maalat, Israel
Junghee & Sungsook cooked**



Korean pancakes for the guests while staying with Roger and Pauline in Cape Town, the Republic of South Africa



Helene threw a new year's party for Junghee and Sungsook. Many Servas members of Reunion and two Servas travelers from France also participated in the party and celebrated the new year together.



Rachida spent a day with Junghee & Sungsook in Saint Denis, Reunion..



Christiane, who hosted Junghee & Sungsook played the clarinet base. She belongs to a local orchestra



Myriam invited Junghee & Sungsook to a hiking club. There was a picnic lunch after the hiking. Everybody welcomed the two Koreans warm heartedly.



Verene and Myriam took Junghee & Sungsook to the lava field in Reunion



Lunch at a local restaurant with local servas members in Reunion. The food and the drinks were very unique, really local and savory.



Monique invited us to her home to celebrate the Galette Pie Day.



Jungsook & Sungsam hosted by Angelica in Sao Paulo, Brazil



Andrea-Assis dayhosted Jungsook & Sungsam in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Servas Riding to Celebrate the New Year



Riders preparing for the ride

22 Servas members from all over the Korea gathered in Namhae, a coastal city in the southern part of Korea from January 19th to 23rd and rode 183 kms along the beautiful coast, stopping for the appetizing seafood fresh from the sea. They tasted raw oysters, sashimis of anchovies, mullets, and other fish, spicy soup of mullets, catfish and also oyster soup along with shellfish, roasted eels and the famous Namhae spinach seasoned with sesame oil and powder.



Riders taking a rest on the way

Their spirits were too high to get subdued by the coldest weather and they enjoyed a party in the yard of Jasung's second home in Namhae.



Enjoying dinner in the yard

When they were leaving Namhae, they didn't forget to buy oysters, spinach and soles(fish) at the market to help boost the local economy.

Regional Meetings here and there

11 regions of Servas Korea have a regular meeting, usually 4 times a year to bond and share Servas activities.



Seoul regional meeting always have a special event, this time walking in the forest



Seoul region has another meaningful event-visiting Seoul City Fire Museum and learning about fire security



Gyeonggi regional meeting-small but powerful team



The youngest region-Jeonbuk regional meeting



Jeju regional meeting



Busan regional meeting

Thank you!!

