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Dear Ms. Nagasako,

We sincerely thank you for your thoughtful feedback and close collaboration. Please find below the finalized details regarding the KHHC 2025 Korea Leadership Program, reflecting all corrections and updates:

Event Name: KHHC 2025 Korea& Hawaii Youth Leadership Field Trip

Program Title: Post-Korean War Economic Revival of South Korea: The Story of Recovery and Growth

Program Objectives:

- **Understanding Korea's Post-War Recovery:** To provide students with an in-depth understanding of South Korea's recovery and economic growth following the Korean War.
- **Leadership Development:** To cultivate leadership skills through historical exploration, interactive seminars, and discussions on the importance of the U.S.-Korea alliance.
- **Cultural Heritage Connection:** To foster a deeper connection to Korean heritage and cultural identity among Korean-American and U.S.-based youth.
- **Global Citizenship and Cross-Cultural Competence:** To strengthen global citizenship and cross-cultural understanding through firsthand experiences in South Korea.

Expected Outcomes:

- **Historical Understanding:** Students will gain a historical perspective on Korea's post-war recovery and its remarkable transformation into a global economic leader.
- **Leadership Development:** Students will develop leadership abilities through active participation in seminars, presentations, group projects, and discussions.
- **Alliance Awareness:** Students will strengthen their understanding of the special historical relationship between the United States and Korea, and the enduring importance of the U.S.-Korea alliance.

- **Global Citizenship and Personal Growth:** Students will build lasting cross-cultural friendships, gain practical intercultural communication skills, and deepen their sense of heritage and leadership potential as future global citizens.

Co-Host: KOREA & HAWAII HISTORY CLUB (KHHC)

The Founding President Syngman Rhee Society (Hawaii)

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Organizer: KOREA & HAWAII HISTORY CLUB (KHHC)

Support: Incheon Metropolitan City of the Republic of Korea, etc.

Sponsor: Overseas Koreans Agency (under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea)

Center for Overseas Koreans Cooperation (Under the Overseas Koreans Agency)

Syngman Rhee Memorial Foundation, 1776Institute, Good Educational Media

Incheon Newspaper, RHEE PARK SCHOOL, E-Power Corporation, etc.

※ **Special Program Invitation: June 24–25**

As part of the KHHC Leadership Program, participants have been specially invited to join a program titled:

“Commemorative Visit and Friendship Promotion with International Students in Korea from Korean War Allied Nations”

This program is hosted by the **People to People International Korea National Headquarters (PTPI Korea)** and supported by the **Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea**. (website: <http://www.ptpkorea.or.kr>)

1. **Travel Dates:**

- In-Country Dates: Friday, June 13, 2025 – Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (12 nights, 14 days)

- Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 15, 2025

- Departure: Thursday, June 12, 2025 (afternoon) from Honolulu

- Arrival: Friday, June 13, 2025 (evening) at Incheon International Airport

- Return: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (evening departure from Korea, arriving in Honolulu the same morning due to time difference)

2. Program Itinerary

- The finalized timeline (PDF) is attached on last page.
- Please note that the detailed itinerary may be subject to minor changes.

3. Eligibility

The program is open to middle and high school students residing in the U.S., regardless of ancestry, as long as they have a sincere interest in Korean history and U.S.-Korea relations. Approximately 20 students will be selected, with priority given to Hawaii-based applicants.

- Passport & Visa

※ **Important Information: You may apply for this program regardless of whether you currently have a passport.**

- Selected students without a valid passport must apply immediately for an expedited passport to ensure timely receipt before departure. (Standard passport processing can take up to 3 months, while expedited processing typically takes 2 weeks.)

[For information about expedited passport applications, please visit here.](#)

- U.S. and Korean passport holders do not require a visa to enter Korea or to transit through Japan.
- Students holding passports from other countries may require a visa to enter Korea, and may also need a transit visa depending on the flight route. It is the participant's responsibility to confirm visa requirements based on their passport nationality and itinerary.

4. Selection Process and Waitlist Policy

- First round selection: May 2 (approximately 15 students)
- Second round selection: May 16 (approximately 5 students, including those not selected in round 1)

※ It may be advantageous to apply early.

- Selection will prioritize upper-grade students while also considering room assignments and gender balance.

- Notification of Selection Results:

Selection results will be announced individually via email to both the student and their parent or guardian.

- Additionally, to account for potential cancellations, KHHHC will designate approximately three waitlist candidates with valid passports, ranked by priority.

After selection, passport instructions will be emailed. Consent and medical forms will be distributed via a virtual orientation in late May, to be submitted by email prior to departure. The application form is also attached for your distribution.

5. **Cost & In-Korea Expenses**

- Students are responsible for their own round-trip airfare and travel insurance.
- All in-Korea expenses, including lodging, ground transportation, meals, and admission fees, will be covered by KHHHC. (Personal expenses not included)
- The accommodations during the stay in Korea are listed below.

[Bridgehotel Incheon Songdo](#), [Arpina Youth Hostel, Busan](#) , [Seoul Youth Hostel](#)

※ Accommodation in Gyeongju will be reserved as soon as the exact number of participants is confirmed.

- Students will stay in rooms for three people, and chaperones will stay in rooms for two people.

6. **Chaperones (DOE Staff)**

The Hawaii DOE will be responsible for receiving DOE staff applications and chaperone agreement forms, and for making the final selection of DOE-designated chaperones, subject to DOE internal approval processes.

- Two chaperones:

Ms. Chloe Sato (Science teacher at Kalani High School-chloe.sato@k12.hi.us) and **Ms. Nicole Sato** (older sister of Ms. Chloe Sato: Graphic Designer-nicolesato1@gmail.com) , have already been confirmed by KHHHC to accompany the students during the program.

- **Therefore, one additional chaperone from Hawaii DOE is welcome to participate. KHHHC will be able to fully cover the cost of the round-trip airfare and the in-country costs in Korea(including lodging, meals, and ground transportation) for the DOE-designated chaperone. However, please kindly note that the travel insurance will still need to be arranged and covered individually by the chaperone.**

7. KHHC Chaperone Flight Information:

Please note the flight schedule for the KHHC chaperones listed below.

Selected students will have the option to travel together with the KHHC chaperones.

Depart Thu, Jun 12 9h 45m

14:15 HNL Honolulu Intl. T1

Hawaiian Airlines HA459 Airbus A330-200     CO2e >

Jun 13

19:00 ICN Seoul Incheon Intl. T1

Return Wed, Jun 25 9h 5m

21:25 ICN Seoul Incheon Intl. T1

Hawaiian Airlines HA460 Airbus A330-200     CO2e >

11:30 HNL Honolulu Intl. T2

We are truly grateful for your guidance and continued efforts to support timely communication with school principals and families across Hawaii. Should you require any additional materials or have further questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.