

KNA Newsletter 2001

Good-Bye Year 2000

With the year 2000 ended behind us, we say goodbye to a year that began with great hopes and deeply emotional expectations for the new millennium. And with the passing of this milestone, we give pause to reflect on the achievements of our nurses this year, and the monumental events that will grace the halls of history in the field of nursing.

100-year Master Plan

In the year 2000, the Korean Nurses Association created an Arrangement Committee to bring about the establishment of a 'Nursing Education Evaluation Center.' Establishing the basic principles of the evaluation center, the committee initiated the preliminary work for the arrangement of the regulations for operation, the standards of nursing education, and the regulations pertaining to evaluation of the nursing college. Other tasks anticipated by the evaluation center will be evaluating nursing education organizations, managing and maintaining the quality of the national examination for the selection of nurses, and protecting the intellectual properties of the nursing community in the future.

In further development, the Association conducted a public hearing entitled "For Development of an Organizational Model for the Korean Nurses Association," which was intended to provide a boost to the rebirth of the association, as stronger and more efficient in the promotion of the interests of the membership. To that purpose, a special committee was organized and has set to work in earnest toward development of an organizational model. In addition, the association organized 'Nurses' Job Standards Committee' to help develop and establish nursing standards for the Korean nursing profession, and a 'Basic Research Committee' was created to prepare for the construction of a new association hall. Together and independently, but all under the aegis of the KNA, we have brought our association firmly into the 21st century, and are creating a "New Millennium Legacy" for the entire nursing profession in Korea.