

23rd Congress of International Council of Nurses: President Euisook Kim Elected as ICN Board Member



President Euisook Kim with Ms. Christine Hancock, former ICN President, and Dr. Hiroko Minami, newly elected ICN President

150 Korean nurses participated in 23rd ICN Congress which was held in International Convention Center of Taipei, Taiwan during May 22~27, 2005.

In the Congress, Korean nurses publicized excellence of Korean nursing, had a meaningful time while promoting friendship with other nurses from all over the world, and exchanging latest nursing knowledge and information.

In addition, Korean nurses drew global attention as they nicely dressed up in Korean traditional dress, Hanbok and attended the opening ceremony of Congress. As Korean representatives held a parade, Korean nurses all stood up and gave cheers, waving Taegeuk fans.

Korean nurses grasped the latest global trend in nursing and stored up knowledge on their respective areas of concern through various kinds of academic programs like a keynote

speech, main session, workshops, symposiums and beyond.

Korean nurses made oral and poster presentations, showing an image of Korean nursing which leads global nursing. They also attended various programs, and shared their experience and latest information on nursing education, research and practices.

Especially, the achievement that the President Euisook Kim was elected as a Board member of ICN paved the way



Korean Participants at the Opening Ceremony

for Korea to stand tall on the center stage of international nursing as a member of the ICN and elevated our stature as an advanced country in nursing.

The KNA successfully hosted the Disaster Preparedness Workshop. The workshop was prepared to develop such skills as may be necessary in creating the nursing roadmaps required in each phase of disasters. KNA also made monetary contributions for underdeveloped countries and to the ICN Mobile Library Project for African countries. 🇰🇷

Activities to Enact Nursing Law & Consolidate Nursing Education System



Nursing Session at the 2005 International Congress on Medical Law

2005 was a meaningful year in that discussions to enact nursing law, which has been a long-cherished hope in the nursing circle, were initiated by Sunmi Kim and Chansook Park, members of National Assembly. The bill is going to be discussed soon at the Health and Welfare Committee, the National Assembly's standing committee.

The KNA successfully communicated the justice of enacting nursing law to the public and gained widespread support during the 2005 International Congress on Medical Law held in Seoul, August 2005. President of World Association for Medical Law, Amnon Carmi, among other great scholars who attended the congress gave cheers, saying "as enactment of nursing law is a global trend, we'll render active support to the KNA until the law is established in Korea."

Prior to this, nurses festival in celebration of the International Nurses Day 2005 was successfully held at the Square of Peace in Seoul Olympic Park on May 12, with 10 thousands of nurses and nursing students attended.

The participants showed their resolution for the enactment of nursing law as they released balloons containing their hopeful messages inside. They also adopted a resolution to insist that the National Assembly and the government should discuss the necessity for and validity of making nursing law from the standpoint of consumers.

Especially, Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO), Jong Wook Lee, Secretary-General of ICN, Judith A. Oulton, and First Lady Yang Suk Kwon, sent a congratulatory video message. Leaders in various fields including incumbent ministers, Assemblymen, representatives of non-government

organizations also attended to support.

The KNA redefined its standpoint on the consolidation of nursing education into a 4-year college system and made efforts to demonstrate the power of unity and organized will of the nurses nationwide.

Especially, the KNA strongly demanded the formation of a task force comprising the Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW), the Ministry of Education & Human Resources Development (MOEHRD) and the nursing circle to discuss specific plans to consolidate nursing education.

First of all, they agreed on two principles that the creation of any more 3-year courses and the increase of the sizes of existing 3-year classes should be inhibited, and that present 3-year courses be promoted to 4-year courses. Based on these two principles, they also agreed to pursue the introduction of a credit recognition system to grant existing 3-year college graduates a chance to earn bachelors' degrees.

The KNA also issued a statement on demanding the retraction of the authorization for founding new 3-year colleges and increasing the sizes of 3-year classes for the academic year of 2006, which was strongly expressed in protest visits to the



Nurses releasing balloons containing their hope

MOHW and the MOEHRD.

As a result, the government showed the agreement on the KNA's policy and purpose of the consolidation to 4-year courses as well as its intention to significantly reflect the KNA's opinions such as the organization of a task force team to undertake the gradual consolidation of nursing education. 🌟

KNWF Expanding Its Fields of Activity



Taking commemorative photo to celebrate the foundation of the KNWF

The Korean Nurses Welfare Foundation (KNWF) was founded as a social welfare foundation in January 2004 to provide various services through interdisciplinary team approach.

The foundation has been using its best efforts to promote reciprocal way of life among community members by building health and welfare infrastructure and using different resources, to partake in the practice of sharing various information, cooperation and support different generations, and ultimately to maintain and promote healthy life for individuals, families, communities, and the country.

KNWF operates affiliated facilities like the Day Care Center



Tape cutting to celebrate the opening of Yongin Senior Citizen Welfare Center

for Stroke and Dementia, Yongin Senior Citizen Welfare Center which was entrusted to the KNWF by Yongin Municipal Office.

KNWF is planning to construct the nursing home in 2006. KNWF runs social education programs, health promotion programs, home visitation projects, and recreational programs to improve the physical, mental, social and cognitive status of the elderly over 60.

The Foundation is also planning to carry out various projects to differentiate the services - health promotion programs, efforts to engage the public in the discussion of the rights of the elderly, support families, and family participation programs - as well as other professional health and welfare projects by leveraging the connection with the government, local governments, and

community organizations. 🏠



The view of the nursing home to be newly constructed in 2006



Opening Ceremony of GKNF International Scientific Conference

GKNF Holding International Scientific Conference for First Anniversary

To mark the first anniversary of its foundation, Global Korean Nursing Foundation (GKNF) held the International Scientific Conference for the purpose of establishing the Korean Nurse Practitioner system. Member of the National Assembly, Myungok An (Member of the Health and Welfare Committee), GKNF Advisor, Moim Kim (Former Minister of Ministry of Health and Welfare and Dean of the Red Cross College of Nursing), Vice-President of Choongwae Pharma Cooperation, Jibae Kim, Medical Director Yonsei University Medical Center, Hoonsang Ji, General Jaesoon Lee (President of Armed Forces Nursing Academy) and other distinguished guests attended at the ceremony to express their support, which was held at Eunmyung Main Hall of Severance Hospital.

Mija Kim, Board of Director at GKNF (Professor at the University of Illinois) delivered a commemorative speech: “I believe that focusing our efforts on the training of competent

junior nurses is the way to make significant contribution to the development of nursing in Korea and the promotion of national health. The foundation exists to take a central role of gathering and connecting capabilities of Korean nurses who play active parts all over the world.”

She also asked the attendees for their commitment and support so that the foundation could continue to grow up. There was a scholarship certificate presentation for 5 students who were selected by GKNF at the ceremony.

The foundation selected 5 scholars: 3 postdoctoral students and 1 nurse practitioner student as Choongwae Nursing Scholars as well as 1 other as a Susie Kim Fellowship award.

To help them through postdoctoral and nurse practitioner courses in the United States, Korean nursing scientists and professional nurses working in prestigious universities and hospitals in the United States will give personal guidance to these students as mentors.

The scholar support program, which the foundation promotes to produce world-class talents, has come to the second fruition with this, following the first one in 2004.

The GKNF was officially established by an inaugural assembly in November 2004, and came into regular operation to build the global network of Korean nurses and to cultivate Korean nursing leaders. 🌐



Dr. Ihn Sook Jeong GKNF Post Doc. fellow awarding the scholarship

KABON Conducting Nurse Practitioner Exam



Nurses taking the practical technique test for Anesthetic Nurse Practitioners

Korean Accreditation Board of Nursing (KABON) conducted the 1st Nurse Practitioner Board Examination and produced 364 Home Health Nurse Practitioners and 7 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in August 2005.

The fields of specialization for the Nurse Practitioners (NPs) currently authorized by law are public health, anesthesia, home health care, mental health, emergency, occupational health, infection control, the elderly, intensive care, and hospice.

Board examination for licensure for 8 fields except home health care and anesthesia will be started in 2006.

In October 2005, the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the KABON conducted the evaluation survey on the nursing colleges where NP training courses were offered.

The KABON, which held the inaugural meeting in October 2003 and was authorized as a foundation in February 2004, is a self-regulatory organization for professionals that offer a range of services: the preparation and administration of NP examinations, authorization and evaluation of nursing colleges, improvement of the national nurses examination, improvement of the nurse licensing system, and management of copyrights. It helps produce nurses meeting world-class standards through integrative and effective management of nursing schools. 🌐



Nurses taking board examination for Home Health Nurse Practitioners

KRINP Engaging in Various Policy Activities

Throughout 2005, Korean Research Institute for Nursing Policy (KRINP) held a meeting with designated nursing research institutes, nursing policy forums, a scientific conference for the first anniversary of its foundation, and a workshop with the directors of nursing research centers to establish and consolidate the foundation of the institute.

Furthermore, KRINP conducted a research on the development of nursing research priorities, the career management system for nurses, and domestic research trend analysis on nursing reimbursement.

It also submitted various research proposals to raise research funds and actively engaged in the policy activities related with the long-term care for the elderly.

The KRINP opened in May 2004, aiming to contribute to the development of the KNA and establishment of the national long and short-term nursing policies.

Key services include: researches on nursing policies conducted to promote national health and development of the policy, collection of the information on nursing related health policies, analysis on policy trends, international exchange and education support, collaborative researches with and support for the research establishments designated by the association, and outsourcing of research projects. 🌐



Nursing Policy Forum held every month



President Euisook Kim signing MOU with Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, President of the TMC under the mediation of Consul General Dong Seok Min

Nurses Finding Larger Market Abroad

The KNA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Medical Center (TMC) and Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the Memorial Hermann Hospital (MHH) through the mediation of the Korean Consulate General in Houston (Consul General Dong Seok Min) in December 2005.

President of KNA, Dr. Euisook Kim and President of the TMC, Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi met and signed on the MOU, emphasizing mutual efforts to cooperate in various facets of the nursing field, including exchange of nurses, professors, students and researchers. She and the representative of the MHH signed on the MOC, agreeing to engage in continual exchange and cooperation, including the internship program.

She also met with Texas Nurses Association, St. Luke's Hospital, and the Texas State Board of Nursing to discuss nursing exchange and cooperation. Additionally, she met with Marcia Hern, Dean of nursing school at the Texas Woman's University to discuss cooperation through exchange of faculty members and graduate students. In addition, the Houston Korean Nurses Association was established in December just in time to support and help nurses from Korea who want to relocate to Houston.

Prior to these meetings, Senior Vice President of the TMC, Kathryn Stream and Chief Nursing Officer of the MHH, Heather Kopecky visited Korea to make keynote speeches at the international conference held to get overseas employment on track, and interviewed applicants for the nurse internship program at the MHH. The Korean Consulate General in Houston has also been negotiating with 20 hospitals in the Houston area since March 2005.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) selected Seoul, London and Hong Kong as the overseas designated examination site, resulting in the opening of a Seoul test center in January 2005. This made Korean nurses interested in oversea employment and facilitated in preparation of oversea employment.

First Korea-Thailand International Nursing Seminar Held

The KNA held the Korea-Thailand International Nursing Seminar on the subject of the "Nursing Issues and Challenges in Korea and Thailand" at the convention center of Chungmu Art Hall on December 8, 2005.

The seminar was arranged to trace the current development and pending issues in the nursing industries of Korea and Thailand, and explore prospective challenges. 100 nursing scientists and nurses from both countries attended the seminar.

President of the KNA, Euisook Kim said in the opening address, "This seminar is even more meaningful in that it is the fruit of long preparation by the KNA and the Nurses' Association of Thailand (NAT). I hope this could be a good chance to make significant contribution to the development of nursing in both countries through mutual stimulation and collaboration for improvement."

The first presenter Jintana Yunibhan, President of NAT, introduced the nursing education status in Thailand, and the role, responsibility and education of the nurses required by the reformation of the Thai health care system, under the subject of 'Nursing education in responding to national health care reform.'

President of Korean Society of Nursing Science, Kasil Oh offered her view in the presentation dubbed 'Issues and challenges of Korean nursing,' saying "Korea has various problems including its dualistic education system and ambiguous conception of nursing held by the public.

We need to form a desirable future image of nurses through the strategies such as enactment of nursing law, consolidation of nursing education, evaluation of nursing colleges, improvement of nursing manpower, establishment of compensation system, standardization of nursing services, establishment of the image of nursing, and cultivation of expertise."

In addition, Secretary-General of NAT, Songsaeng Dharmasakti, Chairperson of the KNA Education Committee, Kwangja Lee, Chairperson of the NAT International Affairs Committee, Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Auditor of Korean Traditional Nursing Society, Myoungja Wang gave speeches as well. After the seminar, Thai nurses visited the College of Nursing at Yonsei University and Severance Hospital.

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Mutual Exchange Visits by Nursing Leadership Between Korea and China



President Euisook Kim and four other nursing leaders visited Hangzhou, China as part of the Korea-China exchange program that has been continuing since 1996. They met with some of Chinese nursing leaders and discussed details for the next Korea-China Nursing Forum to be held in 2006.

During the visit, they participated in the academic seminar as Korean representatives, and made visits to nursing colleges and hospital in China.

President Euisook Kim Attended WHO Global Stakeholders' Meeting Regarding Nursing and Midwifery

Under the theme of "Nursing and Midwifery's Contributions to MDGs for Health", President Euisook Kim attended the WHO Global Stakeholders' Meeting Regarding Nursing and Midwifery to review the current progress and established future plans for the health care related issues among the Millennium Development Goals defined by the WHO.

Participation in Organ Donation Campaign and Piggy Bank Collection Campaign

The KNA conducted the Organ Donation Campaign throughout 2005.

The purpose of this campaign was for nurses to fulfill their responsibilities as advocates of public health by participating in the noble promise of sharing new life and to lead the creation of a warm-hearted community where people live together in harmony.

Another meaning of this campaign was to pay tribute to the spirit of the late nurse Seon-hui Jeong who donated her organs to seven patients when she was brain-dead. In addition, the KNA participated in the Collection of "Piggy Bank of Love"

campaign to help Pakistani refugees and the poor and needy.

Over 18,000 piggy banks with KRW 36 million were collected from 159 hospitals across the nation.

Submission of Opinions on Elderly Health Care Security System

With regard to the Elderly Care Security Act proposed by the government in preparation for the elderly health care security system to be implemented in July 2008, the KNA organized the Special Committee for Development of the Elderly Health Care System to analyze the bill and present alternative solutions. The KNA issued a statement to strongly urge that in order for the elderly health care system to be reborn as a system for the people, the system should meet the diverse and complex needs of the aged for health and welfare.

The KNA insisted that the number of the small-scale facilities for the elderly that are closely tied with the local communities must be greatly increased, and nurses must be allowed to open Home Health Care facilities. Furthermore, the KNA proposed that nurses are the most appropriate personnel to be used as care managers, and the government should make the best use of those nurses specialized at the elderly who have already been trained.

Overseas Disaster Support Activities (Donation and Volunteers)



The KNA organized a fund raising to support the victims of the tsunami in South Asia, and donated USD 20,000 each to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Thailand through the nurses associations.

Moreover, President Euisook Kim met Korean Consul-General at Houston Dong Seok Min during her visit to the United States and handed out \$1,000.00 donation.

The KNA is also planning to donate KRW 3 million to the victims of earthquake in Pakistan. 🇵🇰

Major Projects by Month in 2005

January

- Fund raising to help disaster victims in South Asia
- NCLEX-RN Seoul Test Center opened
- Conducting market-based nursing program
- Establishment of collaboration system among nursing research organizations

February

- KNA National Assembly of nursing delegates
- Publication of the 5th Long-Term Strategic Plan (2004-2008)
- Agreement on overseas employment with the Human Resources Development Center of Korea

March

- Operation of the first-aid nursing education program for disaster preparedness
- Proposed the enactment of the nursing law to the Minister of Health and Welfare
- Published a special issue of The Korean Nurse in commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the KNA

April

- Nurses pledged to donate organs in the MBC TV show "Exclamation Mark! - Open Your Eyes"
- Trainer's training for continuing education
- KNA awarded by the Minister of Health and Welfare for supporting Tsunami damaged areas
- Visiting hospitals in Singapore for benchmarking

May

- Celebration of Nurses' Day
- KNA President Euisook Kim elected as Board member of ICN
- Nightingale Ideology Training for nursing students, conducted by Nightingale Medalists



June

- Participate in the Zero Children Accident Vision Committee
- Organization of a task force team for the adoption of a credit recognition system
- Organization of the elderly self health care campaign

July

- Commemorative conference of 1st Anniversary of the GKNF
- National Assembly Member, Chansook Park proposed the Nursing Law
- Participation in the child abuse prevention campaign

August

- Press conference regarding nursing law
- Operation of the nursing section in 2005 International Congress on Medical Law



September

- Held the nationwide Healthy Breast Fed Baby Contest
- First Board examination for Nurse Practitioners



October



- Korean Research Institute for Nursing Policy held a conference with nurse experts to determine nursing research priority
- Photograph Exhibition for Nurse Volunteer Activities

- The open forum regarding nation-to-nation movement of nurses

November

- Submission of a proposal for reimbursement plan for home hospice care
- Mutual exchange visits between Korean and Chinese nursing leaders
- Celebration for Nightingale Medalists

December

- Korea-Thailand International Nursing Seminar
- Conclusion of MOUs on the exchange of human resources with the Texas Medical Center and the Memorial Hermann Hospital
- Partnership agreement between the KNA and Choongwae Pharma Cooperation
- Houston Korean Nurses Association was founded in Houston, USA
- Campaign to collect piggy banks of love to support Pakistani refugees and the poor and needy