# The Fifth (2014) Annual Conference of the Research Center for Korean Community

O **Theme**: Korean Communities in Major Overseas Korean Population Centers
O **Date:** Friday, April 25, 2014, 9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
O **Place**: The Queens College Rosenthal Library Auditorium
O **Co-Organizers**: The Research Center for Korean Community at Queens College;
Central Hub Project Group for Korean Diaspora Studies at Korea University
O **Local Preparing Organization**: The Research Center for Korean Community
O **Sponsoring Organizations**: Research Foundation for Korean Community; Queens College;
Overseas Koreans Foundation

## 1. The Major Theme

One of the primary activities of the Research Center for Korean Community is to organize annual conferences to provide data and information about Korean Americans and other overseas Korean populations to organizations and individuals who need them, especially Korean community leaders and Korean government agencies. Since 2010 (the year after the Research Center was established), we have organized a conference every year. In 2010, we organized an international conference focusing on transnational ties of overseas Koreans to South Korea. In 2011 and 2012, we organized North American conferences. The 2011 conference focused on the ethnic and racial identities of younger-generation Korean Americans, while the 2012 conference focused on the history and contemporary trends of Korean-American experiences. In 2013, we wanted to organize an international conference, but due to a shortage of funds, we instead organized a one-and-a-half-day-long North American conference focusing on second-generation Korean experiences in the U.S. and Canada, with presentations by nine scholars from the U.S., five scholars from Canada, and one scholar from Korea.

This year, we have organized a one-day international conference focusing on major overseas Korean population centers. These large metropolitan areas with substantial Korean populations include six areas in the West: (1) Los Angeles, U.S.A., (2) New York, U.S.A., (3)

Washington D.C.-Baltimore area, U.S.A., (4) Chicago, U.S.A., (5) Toronto, Canada, and (6) Sydney, Australia. Other major Korean population centers that will be discussed at the conference include the following areas in Asia and South America: (1) Tokyo, Japan, (2) Osaka, Japan, (3) the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, China, (4) Shenyang, China, (5) Beijing, China, and (6) Sao Paolo, Brazil. The scholars who will present papers focusing on Korean communities established in the West will present English-language papers in English. Those who present papers focusing on Korean communities established in Asia and Latin America will present Korean-language papers in Korean.

Many books and articles focusing on overseas Koreans in particular countries have been published, but there is a lack of research and literature systematically comparing different Korean communities settled in different metropolitan areas. Thus, this year's conference focuses on various Korean diasporic communities established in different metropolitan areas to highlight similarities and differences among these communities. Each paper will cover most or all of the following topics for each selected group: (1) Korean immigration history and contemporary immigration trends, (2) settlement patterns, (3) socioeconomic adjustments, (4) intergroup relations, (5) community organizations, and (6) retention of the Korean language and culture.

## 2. Plan for Publication based on Conference Papers

Both Korean and non-Korean residents in the New York area can benefit from the conference by attending it and listening to presentations of papers focusing on other diasporic Korean communities. However, even more people will be able to benefit from the conference because we plan to publish two edited books—one in English and the other in Korean—which will be based on the conference papers. The English-language book will be based on the six papers focusing on Korean communities in the U.S., Canada, and Australia, whereas the Korean-language book will be based on the five Korean-language papers focusing on Korean communities established in Japan, China, and Brazil.

## 3. Conference Schedule

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| 9:00AM - 9:30AM | Registration |
| 9:30AM - 10:00AM | Welcoming Remarks * Presider: Thomas Chung |
| **Session 1: Korean Communities in the United States** Moderator: undecided | |
| 10:00AM - 11: 10AM | • **The Korean Community in the New York-New Jersey Area**<br>Pyong Gap Min, Queens College & The CUNY Graduate Center<br>• **The Korean Community in the Washington DC-Baltimore Area**<br>Dae Young Kim, George Mason University |
| 11:10AM - 12:20PM | • **The Korean-American Ethnic Community in the Chicago Metropolitan Area**<br>Kwang Chung Kim, Western Illinois University Macomb<br>• **The Korean Community in LA-Orange County**<br>Eui-Young Yu, California State University at LA |
| 12:20PM - 1:10PM | Lunch |
| **Keynote Speech** Moderator: undecided | |
| 1:10PM - 1:30PM | • Title undecided<br>Jun Choi, Former Mayor of Edison, New Jersey |
| **Session 2: Korean Communities in Canada, Sydney, and Brazil** Moderator: undecided | |
| 1:30PM - 2:40PM | • **The Korean Community in Toronto**<br>Samuel Noh, Univ. of Toronto & Centre for Addiction and Mental Health<br>Jungwee Park, University of Ottawa<br>• **The Korean Community in Sydney**<br>Gil Soo Han, Monash University<br>• **The Korean Community in Sao Paolo**<br>Keum Joa Choi, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies |
| 2:40PM - 2:50PM | Coffee Break |
| **Session 3: Korean Communities in Japan and China** Moderator: undecided | |
| 2:50PM - 4:00PM | • **The Formation and Acculturation of the Korean Community in Osaka**<br>Young Eon Yim, Chonnam University<br>• **Tokyo Shin-Okubo Korea Town and the Creation of the Style Culture**<br>Yon Suk Yu, Hosei University |
| 4:00PM - 4:10PM | Coffee Break |
| 4:10PM - 5:55PM | • **The Growth and Characteristics of the Korean Community of Beijing**<br>In Jin Yoon, Korea University<br>• **Shenyang Xita K-Town: Past and Present**<br>Young Sang Yim, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies<br>• **Changes in the Society and Culture of the Yanbian Autonomous Korean Prefecture**<br>Xi Shu Zheng, Korean Institute of Culture at Minzu University of China |
| 5:55PM - 6:00PM | Closing |