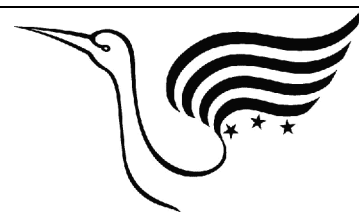


# The Drumming Crane

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Korean Focus for Adoptive Families, in cooperation with the Washington Navy Yard Museum and the U.S. Naval Academy Korean American Midshipmen Association is proud to present:

## Admiral Yi Sun Shin & the Korean Turtle Ship

A Program for Children Ages 7 - 14

In the 1590s, Admiral Yi Sun Shin of the Korean Navy designed the Turtle Ship - a unique wooden warship armored with iron on its back, like a turtle! Using this ship, Admiral Yi defeated the invading Japanese Navy lead by Toyotomi Hideyoshi and prevented the conquest of the Korean peninsula by the Japanese. A great naval hero, the exploits of Admiral Yi is still studied by students today.

Children ages 7 to 14 will tour the Washington Navy Year Museum's Korean War collection, and will be introduced to the Turtle Ship model, a gift from the Republic of Korea. They will then construct a paper model of the Turtle Ship and will find out more about Admiral Yi and the naval battles of the 1590s. The afternoon will end with snacks outside and a tour of the USS Barry, a U.S. warship anchored a short distance from the Naval Museum.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS - CHILDREN AND PARENTS - MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM!** If you would like to attend, please email [info@koreanfocus.org](mailto:info@koreanfocus.org) and registration instructions will be provided to you.

We are deeply grateful to the Washington Navy Yard Museum and members of the Korean American Midshipmen Association of the U.S. Naval Academy for their assistance in holding this event.

**What:** Korean Turtle Ship Construction  
**Who:** Children 7 – 14 and their Parents  
**When:** Saturday, April 2, 2005  
1:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Where:** Navy Museum  
Washington Navy Yard  
Building 76  
1014 N St., NW  
Washington, DC 20374

### Adoption Tax Credit

The adoption tax credit is currently scheduled to expire in 2010. To make it permanent, The Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act has been introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Last year a similar bill passed in the House but stalled in the Senate.

Adoptive Families Magazine reports that several adoption advocacy groups are urging families to send letters of support to their Congressman. Sample letters (along with links to sites which give your Senator and Representatives names and addresses) have been placed on the Adoptive Families Magazine web site at [www.adoptivefamilies.com](http://www.adoptivefamilies.com).

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## President's Corner

### Happy New Year - Year of the Rooster!

February saw Korean Focus families enjoying our annual Lunar New Year celebration with the Korean American Youth Association. We owe many thanks to you's for making this event happen. A huge amount of credit goes to Katie Ziegler who was our primary contact with KAYA in the planning and set up of the New Year event, she also spent much of the celebration in the craft room helping kids make Korean style norigae. Margie Perscheid also served on the planning committee and, in spite of a broken foot, held down the Korean Focus table in the main hall through most of the event. Mike LaBelle, Brian Hattery and Maude Lee served hours at the craft sale table. A number of Korean Focus teens including PJ and Mara Perscheid, Jeff LaBelle and others helped out around the event.

This year will be a busy one - the Turtle Ship program on April 2 at Washington Navy Yard will be a highlight. This is the first time, to our knowledge, that anyone has ever done a major program for kids on the Korean hero, Admiral Yi Sun Shin, and his armored Turtle ships. We're excited to be partnering with the Korean American Midshipman Association from the U.S. Naval Academy and the Washington Navy Yard Museum for this program. We also plan to initiate a program on Korean culture for parents waiting for their adoption referrals, and a late fall craft gift making program in time for the holidays.

We need volunteers to take the lead in making programs happen - do you have a topic you would like to explore? We have lots of partially developed programs just waiting for someone with a few hours, energy and enthusiasm to finish up the design, find a venue and present it - everything from making kites or fans Korean style, to working with the Smithsonian to present ImaginAsia programs for KF, to sponsoring movie or games nights for parents or kids. Call or email Katie Ziegler or [info@koreanfocus.org](mailto:info@koreanfocus.org) if you have an idea that you'd like to pursue. Don't worry; you won't be alone in the effort! This organization is run on the energy and imagination of its members, and we have lots of energy. We just need you!

- Debbie Dalton

## The Red-Crowned Crane

by Jim Omans

Known by various names, the red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) is revered by Asian peoples, including Koreans. Several crane species are found in America, the whooping and sandhill being the most notable. I must admit to a fondness for the red-crowned crane as they are the biggest and heaviest crane species in the world, standing up to 5 feet tall and weighing up to 25 pounds. They are the only crane species that have white primary feathers. Adult foreheads and crowns are covered with bare red skin, and a large white band extends from behind the eyes and meets sharply with the black lower neck. The majority of the body is pure white with the exception of black secondary feathers. Males and females are virtually indistinguishable, though males tend to be larger.

What makes them so interesting are their calls and "dances," which males and females perform together. The birds stand in a specific posture, usually with their heads thrown back and beaks skyward during the display. The male always lifts up his wings over his back during the unison call while the female keeps her wings folded at her sides. Male red-crowned cranes initiate the display and the female utters two calls for each male call. All crane species engage in dancing, which includes various behaviors such as bowing, jumping, running, stick or grass tossing, and wing flapping. Dancing can occur at any age and is commonly associated with courtship, however, it is generally believed to be a normal part of motor development for cranes and can serve to thwart aggression, relieve tension, and strengthen the pair bond. Red-crowned cranes seem to dance more than other species of cranes.

Red-crowned crane dancing behavior has captivated Koreans and the species has long been incorporated into Korean art and culture. Cranes have come to represent fidelity and longevity, and are depicted on common items, such as bowls, lamps and fans. They also appear in paintings, statues, embroidery and other artistic mediums. Koreans are renowned for their love of hiking and mountaineering; many are also avid birders and spend a fair amount of time observing the red-crowned crane. South Korea has designated the red-crowned crane a living National Monument.

The species is seriously threatened by the loss of habitat due to human-related development. The International Crane Foundation is working with many governments, including the governments of North and South Korea, to stem this loss and increase the species population. One of the few places where the species is holding its own is the DMZ separating the two Koreas, an unlikely home to several hundred red-crowned cranes.

You don't have to go to the DMZ to see the red-crowned crane as we are very fortunate to have a small flock nearby. The National Zoo has several males and females on display. Check 'em out this spring!

## KAC-DC 2005 Summer Internship Program

The Korean American Coalition, Washington, DC Chapter, is pleased to announce the 2004 Summer Internship in the Washington, DC area for college students. The 9-week internship opportunity will be from June 6 to August 6, 2005. Interns will receive a total stipend of \$2,000.

One of KAC's missions is to develop the next generation of Korean American community leaders. The Summer College Internship Program is designed to provide personal and professional development opportunities for Korean American college students and to encourage them to take on future leadership roles in the fast-growing Korean American community. During the early years of the Internship Program, KAC focused on providing students access into the political arena where Korean Americans participation was lacking. Today, the Program includes opportunities for students to intern in corporate, legal, and media positions in addition to the traditional government and political offices.

Interns spend one day a week at the KAC-DC office working on community service projects assigned at the beginning of the program and four days at their sponsor office. The internship program also includes participation in the National College Leadership Conference in California. The conference, organized by the headquarters in L.A., has been an invaluable opportunity for young Korean Americans to meet and learn essential leadership skills to assist them in their future professions. It also strives to build awareness of current and past issues facing the Korean American community, with an emphasis on the importance of participation and the appreciation of cultural identity and roots.

Past KAC-DC Summer Internship corporate sponsors have included State Farm Insurance Companies, Verizon Internet Services, Inc., and Precision Economics, LLC. Additional information on the internships and application process may be found at the KAC-DC website: [www.kacdc.org/programs/](http://www.kacdc.org/programs/). Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2005. Finalists will be contacted for a telephone interview. Selected interns will be notified in April 2005. KAC reserves the right to make all final placement decisions. Interns will make their own travel and housing arrangements.

Contact Gie Kim at the KAC-DC office at (202) 296-9560, or at [internship@kacdc.org](mailto:internship@kacdc.org) for additional information.

## CHINGOO Update

by **Alicia Griffin**

CHINGOO Student Director

& **Andrea Brenner**

CHINGOO Faculty Advisor

and Korean Focus Board Member

CHINGOO/American University Students enjoyed participating this year at the 2005 Lunar New Year Festival by leading the Storytelling and Songs Activity Room. The group's Korean International Students compiled two stories and two songs to share with the kids. As the stories were told, other mentors and students helped to act them out with costumes and props. Children were also able to color bunny and tiger puppets that were key characters in both stories. After each story, mentors Jung-Eun Park and Hye-Il Jung taught children the songs, "San-To-Ki" and "Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes" both in Korean and in English. Other CHINGOO mentors were also scattered throughout the activity rooms to help with arts and crafts as well as the Korean wedding and various Korean game classrooms.

CHINGOO is a group of Korean American, Korean International and Korean Adoptee undergraduate, graduate and alumni students of American University, ages 18-30 who serve as mentors for young Korean adoptees (up to age 4) and their families to help them experience Korean culture by providing them with resources to expose them to Korean traditions, songs, games, stories, language, crafts and people.

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## Korean Adoptee Study

by Tara Fickle

I am Tara Fickle, a student at Wesleyan University (located in Connecticut), and am conducting research on the racial and familial experiences of Korean Adoptees. In particular, I am studying the effect of transracial adoption on Korean adoptees and their parents in their quest for cultural authenticity, their perception of race and culture, and their relation to the Asian American community. While my research is for my senior thesis (in East Asian Studies), I hope to add to the growing canon of information available for adoptees and their parents in the creation of racial and cultural identity. The Freeman Center of the East Asian Studies Department at Wesleyan University is funding my research with a grant.

I will collect data using in-person interviews which will be recorded, but whose publication will be strictly confidential and anonymous according to the wishes of the subject. However, as many families are busy, I will also conduct interviews via telephone and e-mail, depending on the constraints on each individual. In-person or phone interviews will take about an hour, the e-mail survey will probably take around 30 - 45 minutes to complete.

If you're interested in participating in the study, and will be available between May and August 2005 for an interview, please contact me at [tfickle@wesleyan.edu](mailto:tfickle@wesleyan.edu) with your name, age, and contact information. I hope to interview at least 50 individuals for the study.

### Study in Korea this summer!

**Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University**

**July 17 to August 13, 2005**

This dynamic six credit program offers a unique combination of field research and class lectures through two courses: Korean History and Korean Religions. Students will explore Korea's past and today while learning its history and culture, documenting and analyzing important issues Korea had and has been facing. It attracts a range of participants: from teachers and community members interested in Asian culture to college and high school senior students.

*For more information contact Hee-jeong Sohn at [hsohn@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:hsohn@notes.cc.sunysb.edu), or visit the website <http://www.stonybrook.edu/korea/studyabroad.htm>*

## Bone Marrow Registry – Please Help!

by Gie H. Kim

Please consider becoming a potential bone marrow donor and registering with the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry. The process is fairly simple; after filling out a short questionnaire, a small blood sample is taken. The Registry is open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 and is in good health.

I was adopted from Korea at a young age. Although I was able to locate my birth mother and some other relatives in Korea in 1997, many other international adoptees are not successful due to a myriad of reasons. As adoptees who do not know their biological families, family medical history is something of a myth and when fatal diseases such as leukemia arise it makes it even more difficult to find a matching donor for bone marrow transplants. The next step in locating a possible match is to find a donor with a similar ethnic background. However, Asians and other minority populations still only make up a small percentage of the National Marrow Donor Program Database. This is why we need your help and the help of your friends and families.

I registered to be a bone marrow donor on my 18th birthday in 1996 along with my older brother Ross, who is also adopted from Korea. At that time, a fellow Korean adoptee, Brian Baumann, was desperately seeking a donor to help him fight his battle against leukemia. Brian was able to use the Korean media to conduct searches in Korea since there was no match in the US. Brian was successful in finding a match and has been triumphant in his battle against leukemia. However, another fellow female adoptee from Minnesota was not so successful and passed away a few years ago because she was not able to locate biological family members, nor was she able to find a suitable match from other parties.

The National Marrow Donor Program website, [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org), contains detailed information about bone marrow donating and the donor registry. Please take a look at the information and register. You may save a life! The registry in the DC area is:

National Marrow Donor Program - DC Metro Region  
400 Seventh Street, NW, Suite 206  
Washington, DC 20004  
(202) 638-0753  
(888) 814-8610

## InKAS Class

InKAS is holding a two-week summer school program for Overseas Korean adoptees to experience and learn about true Korean Culture. The program focuses on Korean cuisine, costumes, and habits and language via opportunities of direct participation and experiences of Korean Living. InKAS Summer School is composed with 6 classes of hands on programs and lectures: Korean cuisine cooking, Korean costume tailoring, learning Korean decorum and Mask Dance for hands-on experience programs, Korean language, and Korean history for the lectures.

This year's recommended trip is to the Southern Providence, a place that reminds us of a mother's hug. It is the first place to announce the flower blossoming in spring. The cool ocean islands wait for you in summer and the color-turned and tingled leaves will dye the whole world in red and crimson during autumn.

### Classes

- Korean Cuisine Cooking: one to one instruction at a cooking lab to learn traditional and modern Korean cuisines.
- Korean Costumes Tailoring: hands-on fabrication of traditional embroidery and Korean costumes.
- Korean Decorum: dressed in the students' self-made Korean costumes, students will learn the decorum, dressing, spirituality, Zen in minds, traditional etiquettes and the modern etiquettes of Korea.
- Mask Dance
- Korean: language for beginners and intermediate students.
- Korean history: Understanding Korea via visual media.

### Tour

Since historical times, the Jeolla Province has been famous for maritime culture with warm Korean folk sentiments. We hope that the Inkas' visit will be a trip for everyone to experience the traditional BaekJea Cultural areas, participate the Korean pottery making and appreciate its beauty as well as the green tea aroma filled from the traditional fork villages among the livings of 108 traditional families in city fortress.

Application due date is April 15, 2005, the class is offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Class program goes from July 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Class hours are 9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm. All classes are in English. The tour is scheduled from July 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

Class size is limited to 30 people. Overseas Korean adoptees who are 18 years of age or older may submit applications. Please send an e-mail to [inkas21@yahoo.co.kr](mailto:inkas21@yahoo.co.kr) for additional information or for an application.

# Did You Renew Your Membership?



If you've renewed your KFAF membership already, thanks! If you haven't, please fill out the form below and send it with a \$20 check made payable to Korean Focus to the address below. Form may also be emailed to [membership@koreanfocus.org](mailto:membership@koreanfocus.org) and dues payment made via the internet at <http://www.koreanfocus.org/membersupport.html>

Her name: \_\_\_\_\_

His name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail is used for announcements only and is never shared!

## Please tell us about your children:

Name

Birth date

Birth country or birth child


## Please share any ideas you'd like and let us know if you would like to help in any way:

I would be interested in serving on the KF Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to see Korean Focus work on the following activity or kinds of activities: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help plan one event or activity. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help on the day of one event or activity. \_\_\_\_\_

Something I would like to get involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL DUES: \$20 (Checks payable to Korean Focus)

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Dues donation made online \_\_\_\_\_

Send forms and checks  
(if applicable) to:

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c/o Margie Perscheid, Membership Coordinator  
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# Kids Page

## The Turtle Ship

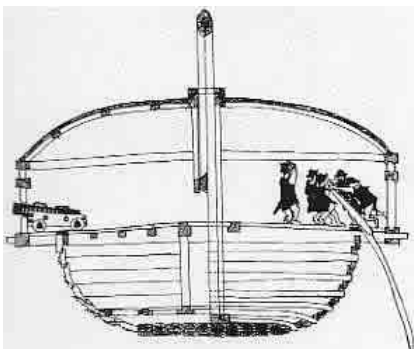
In 1592, Admiral Yi led a fleet of turtle ships to defeat an invading fleet from Japan.

### What is a turtle ship?



- Upper and lower dragon figureheads – a common decorative element for Korean naval vessels.
- Armor plates with a central spike to hamper boarders.
- Shared upper deck for gunners and oarsmen manning Chinese style oars. The oars were mounted at a steep angle and operated more like a screw as opposed to being drawn through the water like a western oar. The overhangs of the upper deck made for easy operation of the oars while allowing for a large lower deck below for carrying supplies.
- Gun ports were on the sides of the upper deck for cannons and archers.
- Everything, from guns to oars, is inside, just like a turtle!

An artist's impression of a turtle ship attacking a Japanese ship during the battle of Angolp'o in 1592. Though smaller, the Turtle Ship is a formidable vessel capable of great deeds!



Cross-section of a turtle ship showing oarsmen, cannon, mast and the lower and upper decks (all enclosed). See how the upper deck overhangs the lower one and how this aids the operation of the oars. Just like a turtle, everything is inside!

## Eating Out in Annandale: Il Mee Buffet Restaurant

by Katie Ziegler

Does your family have a hard time deciding what to order at Korean restaurants? **Il Mee Buffet** may be the answer to your problems. It's a fixed price all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant. You can see what you're getting, and it even has labels in Korean and English. There's a sushi bar, a table of hors d'oeuvres, a table of meats to cook at your table, all the side dishes, soup, two kinds of rice, and fruit for dessert (plus soft ice cream for the kids). Now you can even order the big soups that cook at your table, though we haven't tried them.

The place is usually packed. It's a mostly Korean, mostly family crowd. After about 6:00 on the weekend there will be a line to get in. Later in the evening the line will stretch out onto the sidewalk. Most of the people who go there seem not to have eaten in days. There's a sign at the meat table admonishing to eat what you take or risk being charged extra. Unperturbed, tiny Korean women pile on major quantities of food. I continue to be amazed when they dig in at the table. Why can't I get away with that? Well I can't, which brings me to the drawback of dining at **Il Mee Buffet**, it's not cheap. Adults are \$19.95 (\$17.95 during the week). Children 10 and under are half price. It's quick, good, satisfies everyone, is kid-friendly, fun and there are no dubious leftovers for the back of the fridge. Sometimes that's just what you want. No extra charge for the cultural experience.

If you find yourself in the line, you could take a side trip to **Lil'thingamajigs**, a toy store two doors down in the same mall. If so, time your trip to **Il Mee Buffet** accordingly! **Lil'thingamajigs** is a kid paradise of Hello Kitty type-things, the kinds of things that are strewn all over my house--pens and pencils, notebooks, hair accessories (actually, some of them are incredibly beautiful, grown up, and expensive), and small toys of the stocking stuffer variety. Maybe window shopping is enough, or maybe it's a place to go to for a special treat.

Last, but not least, in the same shopping mall, there's **Shilla Bakery**. I think of it as an Asian version of a European pastry shop. There are some Korean pastries with bean paste filling, sesame seeds, etc. Just as many are European and they are absolutely delicious. They're not quite as sweet as what you're likely to find in an American version of a European pastry shop. There's a case of elaborate cakes that I haven't tried because I just can't seem to get enough of the mocha cream buns. Kids seem to enjoy delving into a freezer of Korean pop-sicles and ice cream treats. There are plenty of nice tables and chairs for enjoying your pastry with tea or coffee while you continue your study of why these people don't seem to gain weight!

**Il Mee Buffet** is located at 7031 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, near the corner of John Marr Drive, across from K-Mart in a shopping center with strange blue pyramids on the roof and accessible only on the eastbound side of Little River.

## Lunar New Year in Review

Korean Focus looks forward to the Lunar New Year celebration every year as it is our biggest event of the year, and The Year of the Rooster celebration held on February 12, 2005, was our biggest ever. For several years, the event has been jointly sponsored by Korean Focus and our partner, the Korean American Youth Organization (KAYA). It was held at the Korean United Methodist Church (KUMC) in McLean, Virginia. We extend heartfelt thanks to both KAYA and KUMC.

The festivities opened with a gathering for all participants, which was full of greetings, entertainment and honors for great friends of Korean Focus and our community. We were pleased to share the company and hear remarks from dignitaries including the Consul General of the Korean Embassy, Mr. Byung-Koo Choi, and Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Everyone enjoyed our own drumming groups, the family drummers, Hanguk Eui Sori, and the teenage drummers Uttummuri. We also enjoyed traditional dance performances and a beautiful performance on the Korean flute.

The opening ceremony also included an Appreciation award from Korean Focus to Ted Kim, the retiring founder and President of Adoption Services Information Agency (ASIA), the agency responsible for building many of our families. Ted's devotion to the children of Korea and elsewhere around the world has been demonstrated for many years through his efforts to build ASIA into a respected adoption agency that now works domestically in the United States and in numerous countries in Asia. He has provided thousands of children with loving families. As a fitting honor to Ted, Korean Focus has committed itself to sponsoring Lee Sang-Hyeok, a child in Korea in Ted's name.

Sadly, at the event, we also marked the very recent passing of Merrie Gilbert, a founder of Korean Focus and a close friend of many in the organization. Without Merrie's past efforts, Korean Focus would not be the organization that it is today. We hope that our New Year's celebration was proper memorial to her life.

The remainder of the day was devoted to numerous traditional New Year's activities, not the least of which was simply enjoying good Korean food, visiting with friends and buying Korean arts and crafts. Hundreds of children enjoyed playing traditional games such as Yut (the game with four sticks), Ginghee (similar to jacks) Too-ho (tossing sticks into a target) and Jeggi (kicking a shuttlecock). There was also a chance to learn traditional skills and customs such as cooking class, a fan dance workshop, paper folding, calligraphy, playing music and learning the customary wedding ceremony. Of course, the parents were eager to have their children learn one of the most important New Year's traditions, bowing to your parents in a show of respect. The youngest children enjoyed stories and crafts with volunteers from CHINGOO. The many people who stayed until the end of the festivities gathered again for song, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and a closing raffle.

A big "kamsahamnida" to all the KF volunteers (teens and parents), and Chingoo volunteers who helped, formally and informally, before, during and after the event. We hope everyone had a wonderful time and we look forward to doing it again next year.

# Teen Page

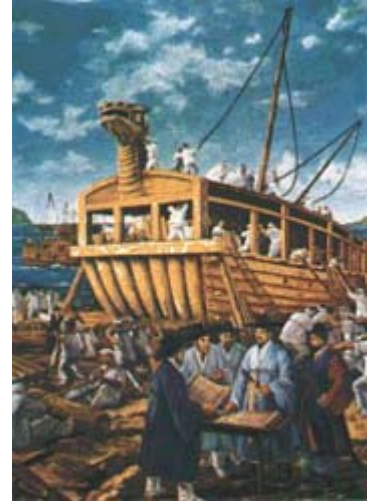
## Admiral Yi Sun Shin and His Turtle Boat Fleet



Yi Sun Shin  
Korean Admiral  
Savior of His Country

The Japanese had been at war with themselves for the previous 200 years, but Japan was now united as a country. The samurai era was ending. Toyotomi Hideyoshi had a highly trained army, and he had technology on his side. He had the Portuguese arquebus, a matchlock musket, and no one else in East Asia did. Hideyoshi dreamed of conquering China.

It had taken Yi Sun Shin 15 years to pass the military entrance exam. He immediately got into trouble for contradicting a superior officer and was demoted to private. He served on the Northern border, and saw Korean forts devastated by the invading Manchu. He had a reputation as a great rider and archer, but he thought what Korea really needed was a new navy. Yi was an out-of-the-box thinker.



A depiction of the  
building of the "turtle  
ship" or "kobukson" fleet

On the morning of May 25, 1592, the people of Pusan woke up to find a fleet of Japanese warships sitting in the harbor. It was a moment, like 9/11, when things changed in an instant. Soon the Korean army collapsed. Wealthy landowners raised their own armies. Buddhist monks became guerillas. Admiral Yi and his kobukson challenged the Japanese invasion at sea. After the end of 7 years of war, East Asia had been changed forever. Korea was devastated. China was bankrupt. Japan was defeated and not going to make the same mistake again.



Toyotomi Hideoyoshi, Japanese Warlord



Osaka Castle,  
which Toyotomi  
built, was his base  
of operations

## Camp Sejong

Camp Sejong will be in session this year during August 14-20, 2005. Founded in 1990 by adoptive parents, Camp Sejong has grown into one of the largest Korean culture camps in America. While most campers have come from the New York, Philadelphia and Boston metropolitan areas, they have also drawn campers from DC, Maryland, Virginia and even Korea. Camp Sejong is located at the Happiness Is Camping campgrounds in western New Jersey, close to Delaware Water Gap. The one-week sleepover camp is designed to provide an opportunity for Korean adoptive children between the ages of 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and 15 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) to make a link with their Korean heritage and to meet and make friends with kids like themselves.

The camp week begins on Sunday afternoon and ends the following Saturday morning, after the kids present a camp

show to their families. Separate activities are scheduled each day by gender and age (e.g., girls age 7-8, boys age 11-12). Activities include tai kwon do, drumming, cooking, swimming, boating, and mask making. Each year the camp invites adult Korean role models to visit and spend time with the kids. Past visitors have included Major League baseball player Chan Ho Park, Olympic skater Lilly Lee, author Marie Lee, skiing champion Toby Dawson, Senator Paul Shin of Washington, 9/11 hero David Lim, comedian Paul Kim and illustrator Chris Soentpoint.

To learn more, or to enroll your child at Camp Sejong, go to [www.campsejong.org](http://www.campsejong.org), or contact Camp Leader Linda Priore at (201) 391-5598, or write to Camp Sejong, 5 Willow Court, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.



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