

CEAL Committee on Korean Materials Annual Report 2014-2015

Summary of activities

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I. Summary

This report covers the activities of the CEAL Committee on Korean Materials (CKM) from March 2014 to March 2015. In its first year of the committee cycle, the CKM has formed its membership, organized a workshop in Korea, published the handbook, and organized a forum, dinner reception, and annual sessions for 2015 CEAL Annual Meeting.

II. Committee Membership

As the new Chair of the Committee on Korean Materials, Miree Ku immediately worked on the selection of the committee member after 2014 CEAL annual meeting. The key selection criteria were a broad and balanced representation bearing in mind geographical location, specialty/research interests, size of Korean collection, and length of membership in CEAL.

The following members were selected and approved by the CEAL Executive Board:

Jaeyong Chang (UC Berkeley)

Sanghun Cho (UCLA)

Mikyung Kang (Harvard)

Hyoungbae Lee (Princeton)

Jude Yang (Hawaii)

Miree Ku, Chair (Duke)

III. Committee Annual Programs

The mission of the Committee is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services for Korean materials, and Korean Studies librarianship.

Under this mission, the Committee is committed to:

- Sharing information and knowledge
- Promoting national/international cooperation
- Supporting professional development

In the summer and fall 2014, committee members brainstormed on the 2015 CKM programs. It was decided that the CKM would organize two sessions and a dinner/reception – the regular annual program and a forum on print/digital Korean content presented by librarians and vendors, followed by a dinner/reception. In order to improve efficiency on program planning, two members were paired as a team and took responsibility for a program. Each team discussed about their task with the chair and planned the program. The CKM chair kept the rest of the committee informed and discussed issues with all committee members, as appropriate.

Forum on Korean Studies Resources

The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity for librarians handling Korean resources to explore current and new practices, and to help formulate cooperative communications and networking. It also provides a chance for librarians, researcher, vendors and publishers from Korea to share their information and knowledge. The forum consists of two sessions:

- Session One: A review and discussion of “Acquisition: Approval Plan & Data loading” followed by brief talks by major publishers/vendors about their new services and products.
- Session Two: A review and discussion of “Collective Subscription of Korean Studies E-resources” followed by brief talks by vendors on new developments and products of Korean databases & e-books.

A preliminary call for presentations was sent to vendors and librarians in October 2014. In a very short time, CKM received many proposals with comments that this forum would be a good event for those who work for Korean collection and materials to share information and knowledge as well as networking. After review by CKM members, seven proposals covering approval plans, data loading, new services for the library, new academic ebook service and database contents were selected. Two CKM members, Mikyung Kang and Hyoungbae Lee, will serve as moderator for each session.

The invitation to forum and dinner was sent to Eastlib on December 22, 2014 with a link to sign-up. Seats were limited to 50 attendees, but CKM received more than 50 registrations within a short period.

The forum will be held at Ohio room, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Dinner Reception

In the past, CKM has sometimes had a dinner reception during the CEAL annual meeting, which provided a wonderful opportunity for people attending the meetings to meet and talk informally with each other. In addition to serving social networking purpose, this year CKM wanted to celebrate the publication of the handbook. In response to suggestions from many members, CKM planned to have a dinner reception during the annual meeting in Chicago. Two CKM members, Jaeyoung Chang and Sanghun Cho, are organizing the dinner reception.

Sponsored by vendors, the dinner reception will be held at Phoenix Restaurant in Chicago, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, from 7:30 pm.

CKM Program

The Committee on Korean Materials will have a program to celebrate the publication of the “*Handbook for Korean Studies Librarianship Outside of Korea*” which was recently published by the National Library of Korea and the Committee on Korean Materials.

Philip Melzer who reviewed and edited the entire handbook will address the CKM session on the handbook,

in particular, the collaborative efforts of Korean Studies librarians. He will talk about how the handbook was planned and brought about, how topics were chosen, as well as what each topic would cover, how the authors were decided, and how the committee arranged the partnership with the National Library of Korea etc. The second speaker, Ding Ye who is a librarian at Georgetown University, will talk about how their collection is managed without Korean Studies Librarian and how the handbook will be useful. Finally, the panel will discuss key points that should be mentioned, clarified or updated. Two CKM members, Miree Ku (chair) and Jude Yang, host the program with help of other four members.

The program will be held at Chicago 8, Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, on Thursday, March 25, 2015, from 4:10 to 5:10 pm.

IV. Major Committee Activities

- i. The 4th Kyujanggak Workshop for Korean Studies Librarians from Overseas
 - Co-organized the workshop with the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies (Korea); Discussed with Kyujanggak Institute about the workshop theme, time, program schedule and grant since 2014 winter
 - Applied for the grant for the Korean Studies Workshop to the Korea Foundation in February 2014, and received a grant of \$7,000 from the Korea Foundation in March 2014
 - Sent invitation email to Korean Studies librarians in April 2014
 - Meetings held with representatives from the Kyujanggak and the Korea Foundation to discuss about the workshop in detail in May 2014
 - Contacted potential speakers for the workshop program
 - The 4th Kyujanggak workshop was held on August 19-21, 2014 and followed by the 7th Kyujanggak International Symposium for Korean Studies on August 21-22.
 - i. Date: August 19-22, 2014
 - ii. Place: Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, Seoul National University
 - iii. Participants: 20 from 4 countries
 - iv. Organizer: Kyujanggak Institute and CKM
 - v. Sponsor: Korea Foundation (KF) and Kyujanggak Institute
 - vi. Lectures and Discussions on Korean Studies: Korean religious culture, History of Korean law, Korean traditional music, Research trends in modern Korean literature, Cultural significance of Hallyu, and Kyujanggak Collection
 - vii. Symposium on East Asian Print Culture and Archives: Formation and Dissemination of Knowledge
- ii. Publication of *“the Handbook for Korean Studies Librarianship Outside of Korea”*
 - Jointly published by the National Library of Korea (NLK) and the Committee on Korean Materials (CKM) in December 2014; Distributed by NLK in January 2015
 - Online version available at:
 - <http://www.eastasianlib.org/ckm/koreanlibrarianship.html>
 - <http://www.nl.go.kr/inkslib/index.php?url=/data/view/845>
 - 19 authors submitted their final chapters to the CKM Handbook Editorial Board members by April 30, 2014
 - CKM Handbook EB members reviewed them by May 31, 2014
 - Philip Melzer and Nancy Sack edited all articles from June to August.

- CKM Handbook EB members reviewed each chapter and asked authors to modify.
 - The final version came out in September, and CKM asked Ellen Hammond (CEAL president) to write the “Foreword” for the "Handbook for Korean Studies Librarianship Outside of Korea.”
 - CKM Handbook EB members reviewed the table of contents, cover page, index, appendix etc during October and November, again.
 - Finally, the handbook was published in December after working more than 2 years on this project. This handbook would not have been possible without the contributions and support of many people including 19 authors, 2 editors, CKM Handbook EB members and the National Library of Korea.
- iii. Collective Subscription of Korean Studies Resources
- Subcommittee members are Hyoungbae Lee, chair (Princeton Univ.), Mikyung Kang (Harvard Univ.) and Sanghun Cho (UCLA).
 - Subcommittee on Korean Studies Resources worked with the Korea Foundation and database vendors for 2015 KF’s Support Program, which was announced on January 8, 2015.
 - Brainstorming on collective subscription of new databases
- iv. Other Activities
- CKM website update and maintenance throughout the year by Hyoungbae Lee, CKM website manager
 - Brainstorming on the 5th Kyujanggak Workshop. CKM members’ business meeting will be held in Chicago to discuss the workshop.