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Korean Language Flagship Center Establishes King Sejong Institute Honolulu



The Korean Language Flagship Center (KLFC) of the Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures recently won a prestigious pilot grant from the King Sejong Institute Foundation, an entity of the Korean government, to promote the Korean language through teaching outside the university. The grant effectively establishes the "King Sejong Institute Honolulu," which will be one of only six such institutes in the United States.

Support by the Korean government reaffirms that the Korean Language Flagship Center at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is the best of the best among higher learning institutions throughout the country. The "King Sejong Institute Honolulu" will further enhance the flagship's reputation and recognizes the importance and influence of this global language.

This initial funding will allow KLFC to train adults and high school students in elementary and intermediate levels of Korean language and culture. The non-credit classes will be taught throughout the year on the Mānoa campus for three hours per week. Lesson topics can range from Korean food to K-dramas. Adult offerings are part of the KLFC community outreach efforts, while high school courses help KLFC attract students to its premier and highly effective curriculum. Successful program implementation by faculty will garner renewed and additional grants from the King Sejong Institute Foundation.



Professor Ho-Min Sohn is the director of the "King Sejong Institute Honolulu," Drs. Dong-Kwan Kong and Lydia Chung are program coordinators.

To learn how you can become a part of the "King Sejong Institute Honolulu," please visit:

http://koreanflagship.manoa.hawaii.edu/programs/sejonghonolulu.html

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