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Editorial:

What a month!! Lots of fabulous links between schools, meeting the Korean Consul and the lead up to an official MOU between Daegu District and SWVR of Victoria at the end of October. We also launched the Korean version of the blog thanks to our partnership with Macquarie University and the hard work of Scarlett. Professor Keong Ku will be visiting our shores on November 7th for a week visiting schools, getting a taste of our culture and planning future curriculum and directions.

Congratulations to all the of the teachers new to this work for your spirit of adventure and efforts thus far. Our Korean partner schools have set a high benchmark with quality provision and camera work! I am learning something new each time I observe a linkup. Thankyou for you invitations to observe. It helps me when I offer advice to schools about best practice in this area.

Jo Tate (Australia) & Keong Yeun Ku (Sth Korea)

MoU signing Happening Soon!

On October 30th a momentous event will occur with the first ever signing of an Memorandum of Understanding between the South-Western Victoria Region and the Daegu District in the Republic of South Korea. This signing follows the success of a pilot in our project that has partnered-up 6 Daegu schools so far. This is a very exciting development and it secures the future of our project and opportunities for more schools to join into 2016 and beyond. Photos and full story in the November Newsletter after the event.

New Resources Available!

A new powerpoint is now available that focuses on the Korean folktale of The Scoundrels. It can be used in conjunction with the tale of Waltzing Matilda, and covers aspects of historical context, language study, and cultural differences.

South-Western Victoria Regional Director Matt Dunkley
Superintendent has first hand experience with Global LYNCs Daegu Pilot Program.

Mr Woo Tong-Ki, superintendent of the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education took part in a linkup between Saeron Elementary School and Chelsea Primary School on September 15th, with students at both ends dressing up in their finest hanboks.

The students taught each other traditional dances and songs, including a performance of Waltzing Matilda. Lots of preparation was put in by teachers to showcase their passionate classes. The students then broke off for a quick rehearsal on mute before giving their final performances, which gave a nice insight into the parallels between cultures as the students prepared informally in groups.
Japan and Shepparton meet for the first time!

Hokuzan High School in Japan and Shepparton High School hosted a virtual class on Monday September 14. The majority of the class involved introductions and greetings, but the it provided a great opportunity to practise both English and Japanese language skills.

In Shepparton the students had cards written in Japanese, but used English to communicate with Hokuzan. J-pop was mentioned in the introductions, and both groups were fans!

“Konnichiwa!” “G’day!”, the students greet each other in their virtual class.

We now have a facebook page! Head to http://facebook.com/Globallyncs and like us to see updates on the project in your news feed.

Join us in the Victoria & Daegu 2015 Band. (Click the logo or the link!)

http://band.naver.com/n/FcHbzox3

We have also been invited to join the Victoria & Daegu 2015 Band. Right now the postings have been predominantly in Korean, but with the addition of Australian members, there will be English posts added too!

Band is a webspace and app that creates a 'community' where it's easy to share information, activities, photos, and anything else you can think of.
In Pictures: Daegu Sindang Elementary School and Highton Primary School meet each other.
Korean Consul General’s National Foundation Day Reception in Melbourne.

Members of the Global LYNCs team were lucky enough to attend the National Foundation Day Reception held by the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Mr Jo Hongju, at The Australian Club in Melbourne. Throughout the evening we heard speeches from Consul-General Jo Hongju, the Honorable Philip Dalidakis (Victorian minister for small business, innovation and trade), and others. We also heard both the Australian and Korean national anthems, a k-pop performance, and we were all very impressed by a parade of traditional hanboks. The multicultural guests, including representatives from a number of embassies and consulates, were able to sample Korean foods such as kimbap, bulgogi and bibimbap.
The Department of Education and Training partners with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea and Asia Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) to facilitate the ROK-VIC Teacher Exchange Program. The national flower of Korea is the *Hibiscus syriacus* (known in Korea as 'Mugunghwa').

The Program aims to promote mutual understanding between the two countries through the exchange of teachers and to provide participating teachers and schools with opportunities to teach abroad and build a network with foreign schools.

The program is a reciprocal exchange program that involve Korean teachers being placed for three weeks in a Victorian host school where they observe classes, co-teach and gain insight into school operations. Participating Victorian teachers arrange homestay for the Korean teacher during their visit and later go on a return exchange to Korea for three weeks.

Details regarding the 2016 program, including specific dates, are yet to be finalised but applications to participate in the program will be advertised through DET mail and be made available on the DET website at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/educators.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/educators.aspx)

Victorian teachers interested in finding out more about the 2016 program can send an email registering their interest to Daniel Yong at: yong.kean.k@edumail.vic.gov.au with 'ROK Exchange Enquiry' as the subject.

**Did you know?**

The national flower of Korea is the *Hibiscus syriacus* (known in Korea as 'Mugunghwa'). The flower's symbolic significance stems from the Korean word *mugung*, which means "eternity" or "inexhaustible abundance".

The national flower of Australia is the *Acacia pycnantha* (commonly known as the Golden Wattle). The Australian coat of arms includes a wreath of wattle, and the green and gold colours used by Australian sporting teams were inspired by the colours of wattles.