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Happy 60th Anniversary, Holt!





Cover story

HCS commemorated its 60th anniversary. Now we will take you back to the meaningful event that allowed us to refine HCS's true virtues under the warm support of every HCS family. (continued in Page 4)

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I can find no better child welfare policy than finding a home for a child in need of one.

It's already the forth month of the year. A new season has come, the season of hope and sprouts. The scent of spring is deep in the air all over the land. As always, HCS will continue to do its utmost effort for children in need of homes to grow up happily under the wings of a loving family. Also, HCS will always be there for children to feel themselves secure in their family and society.

We will also do our best to provide single parents with financial assistance and job training so that they would never give up their children merely because of financial difficulties.

We will truthfully and dutifully continue to help rehabilitation of the disabled, support multi-cultural families, improve social community welfare through day care centers and community service centers, and support education and job training of the disabled through special schools. Particularly, we will strive to concentrate on the operation of our child protection institution established last year to prevent child abuse and the shelter established to help abused children recover by providing emotional security and psychotherapies.

I want to present sincere gratitude for the love and support of sponsors and volunteers, and I hope your love and support would continue in the future. Thank you.



President Kim, Dae-yul

Dear Friends, Helpers and Sponsors:

The holidays are past, as is the Lunar New Year, (Son-lal) with the 5 day weekend. We had fun with our "Donggeurami hui" (our "outside" family), as they came to stay at our Memorial Hall and have a good time together. We especially rejoice that we can really begin planning for homes for those who wish to live nearby on the "Farm Land" that my father bought for them about 55 years ago. The rest of the land was purchased by a builder and we have funds and a few acres of land to build apartments, a work shop and other needed buildings for their futures.

President Kim, Dae-yul and I have been visiting all our branch offices and projects as we do every year. We now have about 635 full time employees and about half of our budget is covered by the Government. We have to make some adjustments according to changes in the laws concerning adoptions and institutions. Please pray with us that Holt will continue to be a blessing to many children and families.

Adoptions have been greatly reduced, but we rejoice in the families that still come to get their precious babies. We adopted 186 domestic and 122 overseas, with many more in process which takes much longer now.

We now have many service institutions in Seoul, Ilsan and other cities, caring for multi-cultural families, unwed mothers and their babies, disabled people and children's day nurseries. Our children awaiting adoption are doing well in their foster homes, but it now takes an average of 28 months for them to be adopted overseas. Domestic adoption takes less time than before, but is still difficult.

We continue to rejoice in your love and care for our needy children and people, and trust the Lord for Holt to continue to be a blessing.

"He said to them, Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:14-15.

Sincerely in our Lord Jesus,
Holt Chairperson Molly Holt

Commemorate the 60 years of dreaming together

HCS's 60th Anniversary

On October 16, when the scent of autumn was deep in the air, HCS celebrated its 60th anniversary at Grand Hilton Seoul. About 350 guests from here and abroad honored the occasion, furthermore graced by the awards ceremony of "Adoption Stories Contest". We had an impressive performance of "Voices of the Soul," HCS' disabled people's choir. Now we will take you back to the meaningful event.



Love in Action! Celebration and expectation

Thirty minutes prior to the start of the occasion, the joyful greetings among the guests arriving one after another filled the venue with a jaunty mood like a fresh aperitif. They were busy saying "long time no see" to each other, some of whom came from abroad.

The lights went out and celebrating video messages from Lee, Eo-ryeong, former Minister of Culture, and Mark Lippert, the U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, as well as HCS family Joo, Yeong-hun (musician) and HCS ambassadors including Song, Jae-ho (actor), Kim, Seong-eun (actress), Sean (rapper), Jeong, Hye-yeong (actress), Alex (singer), Yun, Taek (comedian) and Baek, Ji-yeong (singer) heralded the start of the event. Their appeal for more attention and love for children and single parents aroused a bond of sympathy for "Love in Action" between all of us there. It was a moment that we could realize the love and attention of HCS's executives and staff members as well as HCS ambassadors and numerous sponsors who made it possible for us to celebrate the 60th anniversary.

Not only guests from Korea, but also many precious guests from abroad came to the event. All of them delivered congratulatory messages for HCS's 60th anniversary and their expectations for HCS to continue to play a big part in child welfare in the future.



1 Prize winners of "Holt and Me" adoption stories contest
2 President Kim, Dae-yul receiving an appreciation plaque from Phillip Littleton, President and Chief Executive Officer of Holt International
3, 4 Appreciation plaque recipients including HCS ambassador Song, Jae-ho (actor) taking a picture

Appreciation plaque award and the award ceremony of "Adoption Stories Contest"

HCS expressed its gratitude for the attention and love of those who had contributed to the welfare of those in need. It awarded appreciation plaques to HCS ambassador Song, Jae-ho (actor), catering service Babymuse, Holt's domestic adoptive parents' group named "Han Sarang" and Hyundai Home Shopping Network Corporation. Yu, Ju-taek and Kim, Won-jo of Shinhan Investment Corp., and also Lee, Won-u and his wife Choi, Gang-seon. HCS also presents sincere gratitude for many other people who have worked with HCS to make the world a better place for needy children.

We had an awards ceremony for the "Adoption Stories Contest". We invited the public to send their memoirs titled "Holt and Me" from May to June. The Grand Prize was awarded to "An Adoption Story of A Young Girl" by Lee, Joo-hyang, the First Prize to "Karma and Love" by Na, Hyun-sook and "The 11th Class with Holt" by Han, Hyeong-jin. The Runner-up Prize went to "Mom" by Jeong, Won-jeong as well as Participation Prizes to 10 participants and Special Prizes were given to 16 participants. Much attention and applause went to the 16-year-old Grand Prize winner, Lee, Joo-hyang who impressed so many people with her story.





- 1 Chairperson Molly Holt thanking for her birthday party
- 2 "Voices of the Soul," HCS' disabled people's choir
- 3 "Beautiful Youth Award" recipients Jo, Se-won and Kang, Ye-joo performing
- 4, 5 Newspaper articles concerning HCS 60th anniversary
- 6 Publication of "Love in Action," a book commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary

Surprise party for HCS Chairperson Molly Holt

At the time of HCS's 60th anniversary, HCS Chairperson Molly Holt turned 80. A surprise party for her was prepared along with the anniversary. The party began with a short film showing her life. The three-minute film was never enough to show her entire life with 60 years devoting to the disabled and those in need of help. Nevertheless, it clearly showed how whole-heartedly and genuinely she has devoted her life to helping others.

We had prepared a three-meter-long rice-cake! Everyone present including Chairperson Holt was astounded by the

size of the cake and it took a while to take the cake onto the stage. Chairperson Holt said in a shaky voice, "I'm so overwhelmed by the huge cake and I'm speechless now. I thank God for allowing me this moment and thank all of you for sharing this moment with me."

As KBS anchor Lee, Seon-yeong said, "Birthdays are supposed to be shared with family. And every family member of HCS gathered here today.", all the people gathered there made the party a much more meaningful birthday gift for Chairperson Molly Holt.



Occasions commemorating HCS's 60th Anniversary



Beautiful performances made the grand finale

The last session of the anniversary was the performances of two teams, they made the grand finale which drew multiple rounds of rapturous applause. The ones who made such a great impression on everyone's minds were the 6th and 7th "Beautiful Youth Award" recipients Jo, Se-won (violinist) and Kang, Ye-joo (cellist), currently studying instrumental music at Seoul National University. The two girls striving for their dreams despite their dire circumstances played "What a Beautiful World." They explained that they chose that music to express the beauty HCS was spreading throughout the world, deeply moving everyone who listened to their music.

Also "Voices of the Soul" HCS' disabled people's choir. The performance of "Voices of the Soul" touched the deepest place of the heart of the audience. The 24 disabled choir members who usually take one month to master each song, sang in unison so brightly and so true-heartedly that tears were running down the faces of the audience. The audience started to clap their hands to the rhythm of the choir's music in harmony with each other. It was a moment that made us realize how HCS is changing the world and spreading warmth and hope throughout the world.

The world HCS dreams of is simple. It is a place where every child can have a dream in the warmth of a loving family and where everyone shares happiness with each other. HCS's 60th anniversary ended leaving us deeply moved and determined again to keep working for this dream.



October 12, 2015
Thanksgiving service commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary



October 13, 2015
"Home Coming Day" commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary



October 14-23, 2015
"Motherland Tour" commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary



October 15, 2015
International seminar commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary



October 24, 2015
Domestic seminar commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary

“Every Child Deserves a Home”

Sixty years of Finding Families For Children

International Conference to mark the 60th anniversary of Holt Children's Services

Harry Holt left Korea on October 12th, 1955 with 12 children, 8 for his family and 4 for 3 other families. HCS has celebrated this anniversary ever since in remembrance of this historical event. Harry and Bertha Holt's small action of love saved, changed and made a big difference in the lives of thousands of children in many countries all over the world. This year's celebration was very special, Holt has served the most vulnerable children for the last 60 years. HCS celebrated this 60 years anniversary event in the 3rd week of October this year. Through our anniversary events, we understand the great responsibility that we share to insure that the best interests of every child are truly served.

On Thursday, October 15th, we held an international conference at Grand Hilton Hotel entitled, “Sixty Years of Finding Families for Children and Every Child Deserves a Home.”

The conference started with the keynote speech delivered by the honorable guest ambassador Susan Jacobs from the state department of the US. The title of her speech was The Evolving Story of Intercountry Adoption. She finished her speech with the following, Celine Cousteau, granddaughter of the famed explorer Jacques Cousteau said, “A powerful story doesn't just talk about the problems - it highlights the solutions too. It inspires the people listening to take action and help in whatever way is feasible for them.” We look forward to the next sixty years of partnership with Holt Korea as they continue to write new stories in the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

The 2nd speaker was Dr. Judith Eckerle who is the Director of Adoption Medicine Clinic, International Adoption Clinic Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota. She is a Korean adoptee and is serving adopted children and families as a medical doctor. Her speech was about Adoption Medicine: What the evidence says about the power of a family. It clearly showed us how



wonderful it is to be raised in the family setting instead of the institution. She told us many detailed cases, how each child changed after he was adopted.

We were so honored to have Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, the Secretary General of the Hague Convention. He explained the work of the Hague Convention for orphans in the world and the progress of Korea's Hague Convention ratification.

One of HCS's partner agencies, Bethany Christian Services Vice President, Brian DeVos presented his speech to us about Special needs Children's Adoption. HCS and HCS's partner agencies were able to serve and find so many forever homes to special needs children.

Also another of HCS's partner agency, Children of the World Norway CEO, Young Kuk Kim did his presentation about Prospect of Intercountry Adoption-Norwegian Perspective. During his speech, he said according to the 2014 UNICEF report, 1,320,000 orphans are in need of a new family, shelter or care. 130,000 children have lost both parents. Over 70,000 children are in institutional care (about 5% coverage). 220,000 children are refugees or displaced. 2,300,000 children under age 5 (about one in three) have never been officially recorded. 17,000 children under the age of five died every day. Nearly half of all deaths in children under age 5 are attributable to undernutrition.

Unfortunately, the reality of international adoption is decreasing every year in countries now, even though needs of families for orphan children are increasing more and more. For the sake of children in need, he said, we have an obligation to overcome current challenges.

As a first generation adoptee, Susan Cox (Vice President of Public Policy & External Affairs at Holt International Children's Services) delivered her speech about First Generation of Korean Adoptees' Prospective: International Adoption. Susan Cox helped to organize the international conference in many ways. Through her effort we could invite Ambassador Susan Jacobs and Secretary

General of Hague Convention Dr. Christophe Bernasconi.

The last speaker was Steven Morrison, he spoke about MPAK and Adoption Promotion.

He is an adoptee, adoptive father and the Founder of MPAK. He is currently a Senior Project Engineer at the Aerospace Corporation on the GPS III Team.

He said that adoption is an opportunity to have loving parents and a family, education and chance to be someone-like normal kids and despite risks that children may face through adoption, at least they will have the equal chances that normal children will have. Institutionalization of children takes away any or all opportunities for a child to fully realize what they are capable of. He highlighted, “Opportunity to succeed or fail through adoption is better than having none at all.” And finished his speech, “Because Holt was... I am.”

After this, there was a book publishing ceremony titled “You Came to Me as a Gift that Touches My Heart”, written by David Lim who is serving Holt Children's Service as a board member. His 45 years at Holt was indeed a living history of Holt. He touched, changed and saved so many children's lives in many countries. At the book signing celebration, a sizable donation was raised for Holt's foster care and unwed single mother shelter program.

It was not easy to organize this big and historical event all by myself with one young staff member, Hee Seung Kim, but from the very beginning until the end we had God's sovereign, protection and guidance. I want to glorify God who allows us to do this wonderful event. My prayer every day is where God's heart is my heart will be. It is truly the most vulnerable children. The most vulnerable children are the most valuable children in God's eyes. It was privilege to serve HIS children.

Written by D J YOU
(Director of overseas adoption team at HCS)



Friends of Holt

Robert and I returned from a wonderful and memorable week in Seoul during his spring break. It was Rob's seventh visit. The only drawback of our trip, it was far too short.



History of Friends of Holt – Korea 1974 – 2014

In 1973 we welcomed home our first adoption from Holt. Shortly thereafter my husband Bob had a business trip to Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. While Bob was in Seoul, he visited Holt. He returned home very enthusiastic about his visit and promised me a trip the following year.

In July 1974, I accompanied Bob to Japan and Korea. We received a warm welcome at the Holt office. While visiting Holt's Well Baby Clinic in 1974, we also met now long time friend for the first time, Dr. Cho, Byung Kuk. It was Dr. Cho's nurse in Well Baby Clinic who identified us with the adoptive family group, FAIR, in San Jose, CA. FAIR had been sending used clothes, new diapers purchased with Blue Chip and Green stamps, and a few single boxes of High Protein Baby Cereal. The nurse pulled out a box of cereal from under the table and said she was saving it for sick and dying babies. She asked if we could send more cereal. Bob and I decided we would try to send cases of cereal, and thus the Cereal Project was born.

Back in our home in California we started to collect dollars for cases of cereal purchased at our local supermarket and easily sent to Korea through the Army's APO address in San Francisco. All of this was done through FAIR. Bob and I were invited by Holt to return to Korea as escorts for adoptive infants two years later - 1976. Dr. Cho was amazed to see us return to her clinic and be concerned about Holt's Children's welfare. In 1978 my husband Bob died of a heart attack. By then we had five adoptive children, four of them from Holt. As you can imagine my time for volunteer projects was limited. I decided that other parents could do scouts etc, and that I needed to continue the Cereal Project as my volunteer work.

After Bob died, I was invited back to Korea in 1979 as an escort, and again for a Holt sponsored international adoption conference in 1982 and a Holt greeter tour 1984. When I first visited Korea there were thatched roof homes in the farmlands and low tiled roof homes in many parts of Seoul. The first subway lines were being built, and street vendors with produce were a daily occurrence. Delicious strawberries for breakfast right from the cart! There also was a midnight curfew. When it was announced that the Summer Olympics would occur in September 1988, Seoul rapidly transformed into a modern city in the 1980's. Now the 23rd Winter Olympics will be hosted in PyeongChang, South Korea in 2018.

Friends of Holt – Korea initially sent Gerber High Protein Cereal shipped via Army APO. When that was no longer possible an organization called CHOW (Christian Help for Orphans of the World) packed goods for Holt in Sacramento, CA and it went by container ship from Oakland, CA under a USAID grant. Finally Korean-American Express packed the food for me and took it to the ship in Oakland. I then went to the Korean Consulate in San Francisco with all the papers to have them stamped duty free. Meanwhile the variety of what I shipped increased: Rice cereal for babies with diarrhea, jars of baby fruits, vegetables, and juice were later added. I also hand carried cleft palate nipples for babies that needed them. I first bought the cereal from our local Safeway, but as the volume increased I dealt directly with the local Gerber office and later with their corporate office in Michigan. Finally it became impossible to clear the shipment in Seoul and Nongshim, a Korean Corporation, helped us, since they were now importing Gerber, I currently send or bring a check to Holt so that they can purchase the baby food



in Seoul. In the mid 1980's Holt - Korea suggested that I become an independent nonprofit corporation rather than get my tax- deductible status from other adoptive parent organizations. My lawyer donated his services and formed Friends of Holt - Korea as a 501 (c)(3) corporation. IRS # 77-0112624.

On October 12, 2005 Holt had a grand celebration commemorating their 50th Anniversary in Seoul. I was fortunate to attend. Friends of Holt was awarded a plaque thanking us "for the substantial support you have extended to our home less children through the marvelous work of providing baby foods for their healthy and happy lives over the past three decades. We trust that in the coming years you will continue to support for the best interest of our children with care and love."

Friends of Holt's support has continued, and is more appreciated than ever. We are the longest serving and caring independent (non adoption agency) support group. Holt's Well Baby Clinic staff (Dr. Cho and nurse Mrs. Lee) have long introduced me to foster mothers as "cereal umma" - mama and more recently as "cereal halmoni" - grandma.

I want you to know what a very dedicated staff Holt has. They all work tirelessly for the needs of the children in their care, and they appreciate the love, care and support that Friends of Holt - Korea provides. I hope we won't disappoint them. Checks in any amount, large or small, are very welcomed.

Another unfortunate death occurred on 1/21/2016. Karen, our first adopted Holt infant died of heart failure. Karen was the reason for our first visits to Korea. I remember how excited I was as we touched down at Gimpo Airport that I was going to experience her country of birth. In a way she was the impetus of the founding of Friends of Holt Korea. She leaves us with her birth children Robert and Jocelyn.

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I Fell in Love at Holt Ilsan



A Korean class at the center With volunteers and Holt family

I fell in love at Holt Ilsan... as cheesy as this title sounds... it is the truth!

Who knew that falling in love would come so easily? The love at the Ilsan Center is simple and real, and it is clearly seen in all interactions with the people there.

I saw true love in the eyes and actions of the house mothers as they cared for their residents as if they were their own children. I loved watching the house mothers bundle the residents up in warm jackets and raincoats while making sure that we volunteers stayed dry by handing us umbrellas. It was also the little moments, like when I saw the younger residents running home from school calling for their "Omma" and watching them reach for each other with open arms. I also loved watching the residents work together while retrieving lunch and dinner from the kitchen for their houses, whether it was two residents helping each other carry a large pot of soup or helping run side dishes and rice to Molly's house. These are just a few examples of the little moments where I saw that love was abundant.



1 With Ji-hwan Lee from the Glory Home
2 With Min-gi Ju from the Faith Home

When preparing to leave for this trip, I began to worry about how I would interact with the residents. I do not speak fluent Korean and feared that a lack of communication would

cause difficulty in bonding with the residents.

However, I found that our interaction with one another proved more than enough to form a relationship. After just a few weeks, I found myself saying, "I love her!" or "oh I love him too!" How could a person meet these amazing people and not fall in love? Their smiles are contagious, their hugs are the most genuine, and their laughter is real. We did not need to speak the same language in order to have fun and laugh, and at other times silence was not a bad thing either. Simple activities were all that was needed to form a relationship that will not be easily forgotten. There are two boys in particular who I will never forget.

Min-gi a little boy who has as much energy as the sun itself and has a smile to match! Despite how crazy energetic he can be, he has so much love to give. There were times when he didn't want to go home and began to cry, I wasn't sure of what to do at the moment until he reached for me to pick him up. At first I was a bit frustrated that he was giving me a hard time, but I picked him up and he put his head on my shoulder and stopped crying. It was this little moment that I learned that this boy loved to be held tight, and he became very special to me.

Ji-hwan is an older boy of a little less energy but makes up for it through his sweetness. I first met this freckled faced kid while I walked back from an activity session and immediately fell in love. I said "hello" and all he did was smile, but that's all it took. He is a sweet natured boy that I will always remember along with Min-gi.

Sometimes it is hard for me to explain my time at Ilsan, because it was a feeling inside of me that I can't quite explain to others. I wanted to share with everyone how incredible the residents are or how all of the different people I met are so inspiring, but I find myself only able to tell them that it was simply "amazing." The moments where I felt real love were countless, and I think it is hard to explain that to others.

The Ilsan Center is full of unforgettable people. The housemothers, residents, Molly, Dr. Cho, and new friends all now hold a place in my heart. As I have left Ilsan, I feel like my heart has been broken, but if I truly think about everything I experienced and the people I have met it is quite the opposite... my heart is so full. It is full of memories and special people that I hope to meet again one day.



Congratulations on HCS's 60th anniversary!

It has been already five years since HCS established an overseas center in Mongolia and Cambodia. We have started to give Mongolian and Cambodian children their dreams. In the past, these children could not even dream of getting an education in dire circumstances where getting a meal was a daily struggle. Now they are growing up healthy. They are coming closer to their dreams with the support and love of many sponsors and helpers. The children were happier than anyone for HCS 60th anniversary and sent celebrating messages. We would like to share with you the messages of the purest and brightest children, which were delivered all the way from Mongolia and Cambodia.

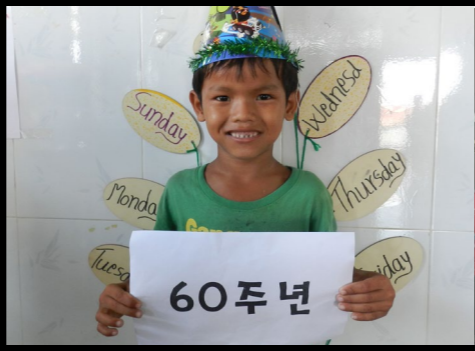
Cambodia



Mongolia



How beautiful they are, celebrating HCS's 60th anniversary from their heart! The love and attention of sponsors are reflected in the eyes and heart of the children, the future of Cambodia and Mongolia.



Main Office

Kunyoung Co. delivered donation

Kunyoung Co. visited HCS and delivered donation for foster children on September 10. The donation will be used to provide necessary items including powdered formula and diapers for foster children. Kunyoung Co. promised that it would continue sponsoring and its group of volunteers would support HCS's activities.

Shinhan Bank sponsored cultural and art experiences of single parents

On September 2, Shinhan Bank (Chairman of Labor Union Yu, Ju-seon) delivered a donation for cultural and art experiences for HCS's single parents. The donation money was raised by Shinhan executives and staff members who donated 10,000 won from their monthly salaries. The donation will be used for the expenses for lessons and performances of "Happy Mom Singing," HCS's single-parents' a capella choir.

The 2nd Kangaroo Store opened



The opening ceremony of the 2nd Kangaroo Store (19, Yanghwa-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul) was held on September 24. The ceremony was attended by Chairman & CEO Kwon Seon-joo of Industrial Bank of Korea (IBK), CEO Kim Jong-lib of HS Ad which provided talent donation designing the logo of Kangaroo Store, HCS Chairperson Molly Holt, HCS President Kim Dae-yul and Holt ambassador Sean (rapper). HCS

intends to expand Kangaroo Store nationwide.

Star lecturer Kim Mi-gyeong was appointed as HCS family



On October 2, star lecturer Kim Mi-gyeong was appointed as Holt family. She became associated with HCS when she met a single parent who came alone to attend her first talk show. She will participate in HCS's project to make jobs for single mothers and provide talent donation by giving lectures.

HCS was designated as the "2015 Good Institution for Education Donation"



HCS was designated as the "2015 Good Institution" for its leading role in education donation for fostering creative talent, expanding sharing culture, and received a certification plaque from the Minister of Education, Science and Technology on September 17. "Family Maker," HCS's sharing education team, developed teaching plans with a group of experts and provided education for about 1,500 students at five schools. HCS will also provide education for more than 3,000 students.

The 16th "Social Work Day" ceremony, HCS was awarded the Grand Prize of Social Work



Korea's Social Service Network (Chairperson Cha Heung-bong) held the 16th "Social Work Day" ceremony and "Nationwide Social Work Contest" at Olympic Hall on September 7. HCS was awarded the Grand Prize of Social Work for its contribution to various social works starting from finding new homes for orphans from 1955 right after the Korean War ended to today.

HCS President Kim Dae-yul awarded the 2015 New Creative Talent Prize in the social work category.



HCS President Kim Dae-yul was awarded the 2015 New Creative Talent Prize in the social work category at the Memorial Hall of the National Assembly on July 14. National Age of Success, an incorporated association, hosted the 3rd New Creative Talent Prize in order to promote and support creative talent leading Korea in the 21st century.

Cho, Byeong-guk, honorary director of HCS's affiliated health clinic was awarded Seongcheon Prize

Cho, Byeong-guk, honorary director of HCS's affiliated health clinic (present Holt Medical Clinic) was awarded the 3rd Seongcheon Prize on August 24. JW Group awards the prize to those who devotedly volunteered medical service. Cho, now 83 years old, was credited for her ceaseless devotion to children ever since 1961.

Overseas adoptees and their families visited Korea in the second half of 2015



Approximately 200 overseas adoptees and families visited Korea to experience and learn their motherland's culture, including the "Mosaic Group of Visitors" (11 members). Overseas adoptees had a meaningful time, reading their adoption documents and meeting their foster and biological parents.

The 9th Annual "Beautiful Youth Award" ceremony



HCS held the "9th Beautiful Youth Award" ceremony on August 6. HCS granted a certificate of merit and a Holt

Scholarship totaling 3 million won to each of the 10 selected youth. Kim, Soo-min (Myongji University), a former recipient of the award, gave various performances including B-boying.

Community News

The 2015 subscription concert of "Voices of the Soul" (HCS' disabled people's choir)



"Voices of the Soul," HCS's disabled people's choir, had its 2015 subscription concert at Theater Yong on October 21. This year's concert was all the more special, commemorating HCS's 60th anniversary. It ended with a big round of applause.

"Project Score" had a showcase stage



The disabled of Holt Ilsan Center had a showcase stage with the folk songs they composed at Holt Church on November 4. 10 disabled people published 10 songs composed based on their own stories with the help of underground musicians of Hongdae area. Their songs can be downloaded at the website of Holt Ilsan Center for free.

Memorial service to mark the 15th anniversary of Bertha Holt's death

The memorial service to mark the 15th anniversary of the death of Bertha Holt was held at Holt Church on July 31. A short film showing her life allowed the moment to recollect her memories.

Visually handicapped residents felt the autumn by making pottery by hand

The Goyang City Service Center went on an autumn trip to the Ceramics School at Heiri on October 27. 20 visually handicapped people had a great experience making pencil vases, bowls and others.

"Outreach Multi-culture Education Program"



Mapo-gu Multi-cultural Family Support Center had "Outreach Multi-culture Education Program" in July and August. Lecturers who are immigrants by marriage visited daycare centers which requested such education, introduced the culture of their countries such as Vietnam and China, and provided various cultural experiences.

"Together in Harmony! Mapo-gu Family Nori Madang"

Mapo-gu Multi-cultural Family Support Center held "Together in Harmony! Mapo-gu Family Nori Madang" on October 24. 100 Mapo-gu residents from multi-cultural families had meaningful experiences strengthening the bond among multi-cultural families and between parents and children through various physical activities, recreations and Golden-bell.



Welcome to Holt Guest House

We are open to :

- 1 Adoptees and their families visiting Korea.
- 2 Prospective adoptive parents visiting Holt.
- 3 Overseas and domestic pastors and missionaries.
- 4 sponsors and staff from overseas cooperative agencies

Payment (daily)

Single : ₩50,000 / Double : ₩60,000
 Twin : ₩70,000 / Family : ₩110,000
 Triple : ₩90,000
 Check in : Anytime
 Check out : Before 12:00noon

Reservation (by phone or E-mail)

Tel : +82-2-6938-5500
 Fax : +82-2-6938-5506
 Emergency Contract : 010-3205-9680
 E-mail : travel@holt.or.kr
 Address : 388-19, Hapjeong Dong, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea
 www.holttour.com



*Holt tour Team can also make a hotel reservation for you (Somerset, Ramada...)

Overseas Residents and foreign residents in Korea who would like to donate to Holt Children's Services can be a Holt sponsor through the methods below.

Via bank transfer

- **Bank** : SHINHAN BANK, SUHKYO-DON BRANCH
(Address : 449-14, SUHKYO-DONG, MAPO-GU, SEOUL, KOREA)
- **Account No** : 140 008 013005 (Holt Children's Services, Inc)
- **Swift code** : SHBK KRSE (When sending money from abroad)

By mail (certified check in USD or Euro)

- **Address** : Sponsorship Team, Holt Children's Services, Inc.
Yanghwa-ro 19, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea
- **Beneficiary** : Holt Children's Services, Inc

In person on a visit

Sponsorship Team, Holt Children's Services, Inc.
 Yanghwa-ro 19, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea

For more information, contact Sponsorship Team

- **Tel.** +82-2-331-7073 / **e-mail** : sponsor@holt.or.kr

* Receipts and certificate are available but it is not possible to get an overseas tax benefit with those.

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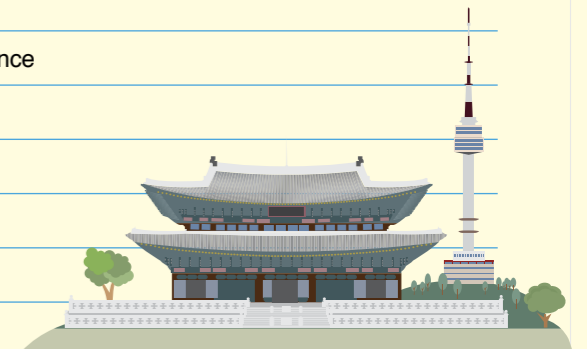
Happy Together 2016 is a motherland program provided for special needs adoptees and their families to share their journey together to experience Korean heritage.



- **When** October 12nd ~ October 19th, 2016
- **Where** Grand Hilton Hotel (Seoul)
- **Who** Overseas adoptees with or without one companion
- **Deadline** July 15, 2016
- **Contact Holt Post Adoption Services Center**
holtkorea@hotmail.com, www.postadoption.or.kr

• Schedule (Subject to change)

Date	Program
Oct. 12	Arrival / Check-in & Registration
Oct. 13	Opening, Blue House Tour (Cheongwadae)
Oct. 14	DMZ Tour
Oct. 15	Holt Ilsan Town, Traditional performance
Oct. 16	Korean Folk Village, Seoul city tour
Oct. 17	File review & root search
Oct. 18	Korean cooking, Korean calligraphy
Oct. 19	Check-out / Departure



Hello Tanzania!

After Cambodia and Mongolia,
HCS now goes to Tanzania.

