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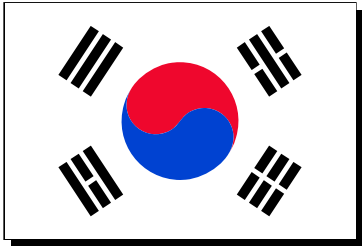
Marion McClatchy

Yong-In and Fukui are approximately 6,000 miles across the ocean. Travel time going from Los Angeles can be as much as 14 hours. Yet, we had exchanges this year and they seemed only a stone's throw away. The relationships we have with our Sister Cities goes beyond student exchanges. Last year we had an art exchange between the Muckenthaler and Yong-In and this year it was with Fukui. Zoot Velasco has written a short article on these exchanges. Fukui has started a Cultural Ambassador program in which they hire recently graduated students to work in Fukui up to 3 years teaching English and California history. Our first two teachers started their teaching on August 1st. Jin-ai University sends students every year to visit CSUF and our members host them in their homes over a weekend. The FSD has enjoyed an art exchange with Fukui for over 10 years. An adult trip to Yong-In is in the planning stages now for April 2012. Let us know if you are interested. Please share this newsletter with your friends. We would like more youth to have the opportunity to enjoy a cultural visit with one of our Sister Cities. AND, check FSCA on Face Book.



You will be receiving a membership invoice with this issue if yours has lapsed. No invoice means you are paid through 2012. All communications with FSCA can be done through our web site www.fullertonsistercity.org. Use our Google e-mail. Any tax deductible contribution to assist our Jr. Ambassadors with their air fares will be greatly appreciated. Please attend the Annual Meeting and renew your membership and make a donation, it's all tax deductible.

Mike Oates,
President, FSCA



The Yong-In gang of 12 plus 2 – they really look homesick, don't they ?

Our Jr. Ambassadors & Chaperons with hosts in Yong-In

Chaperones

Kristin Montoya & John Lindberg

Jr. Ambassadors

Adam Ghazvinian, Lucky Nelson, James Enders, Zach Haughton, Lucky Jordan, Warren Allen, Jordan Lindberg, Daniel Castaneda, Megan Kuster, Madeleine Wallace, Rony Moon & London Evans



Quotes from the Fullerton hosts families as well as the youth who went to Yong-in.

Our family had a terrific time hosting the Fukui Jr. Ambassadors. They are great kids - polite and respectful with a healthy dose of adventure in their spirit. I loved that they were open to trying new foods and new experiences. One was fearless. At the Orange County Fair, she was brave enough to ride the 300 foot drop. Both of the Jr. Ambassadors braved the massive Ferris wheel for some terrific bird's eye views of the surrounding area. They ate everything presented to them with gusto, often going back for seconds. I sure hope that our kids will be as brave when they travel to Japan and are offered unfamiliar food.

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Thanks so much for allowing us to open our homes to such fabulous Ambassadors. We all had a great time!

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"Yongin is a beautiful city! How fun it was eating delicious food sitting criss-cross on the floor!"

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It's raining, thunder and lightning, I'm inside at Lotte World amusement park, having a blast

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The Jr. Ambassador program is truly a cultural experience our entire family has enjoyed. We appreciate all the work FSCA does to support this fabulous program

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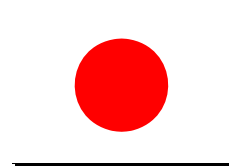
I had such a great time in Yong-in and learned many things about the culture. They are a humble society and eat very healthy. If I have the opportunity to go again, I would.



Thanks to host families: David & Ninder Jordan, Drew Barber & Charysse Sweet, David & Amy Styffe, Rajen & Eiko Vurdien, Lynn Pirnot & Tom Haughton



Fukui Ambassadors enjoy a visit to the Fullerton Police Department



Fukui Jr. Ambassadors and chaperones at Farewell Dinner after performing a lively skit. The poolside party was hosted by the Keller Family.



Article by Zoot Velasco, Executive Director of Muckenthaler Cultural Center

In the summer of 2010 the Muckenthaler Cultural Center and the Yong-In City Art Association co-organized a group exhibition of works by artists from each city. The show featured over 40 paintings, drawings, quilts, ceramics and sculptures by 26 different artists, some internationally known. The opening reception featured live calligraphic painting on a 60 foot scroll. When the exhibit traveled to Yong-In City last January, 2 artists and myself were on hand for the exhibition opening. My wife and I performed and Rowan Harrison, a Native American gave a demonstration on pottery making. This year the Muckenthaler Center continued the art exchange tradition with Fukui City Art Museum. The show premiered in Fullerton in April and travels to Fukui in August. Fukui Visitors love the Jacaranda trees in bloom and Chicago Stuffed Pizza Pie. These art exchanges will continue in the future, rotating with Morelia, Mexico; Yong-in and Fukui.

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**Typical exchanging of gifts – chaperone
John Lindberg and Yong-In Mayor
Hakkyu Kim**

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Sept. 6-20** - Jin-ai students visit Fullerton and CSUF
- Sept. 21** - Next Board Meeting
- Sept. 23** - Korean National Military Orchestra @ Grace Ministries to honor Korean War Veterans - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10** - Annual Meeting at the Muckenthaler 6-8 p.m.
- April 2012** - Adults from Fullerton going to Korea –
- June 2012** - Fullerton Jr. Ambassadors visit Fukui (apply now)
- Aug. 2012** - Yong-in Jr. Ambassadors visit Fullerton (host families apply now)