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This second issue of the newsletter of the Association of English Teachers in Korea contains two articles, each the first of an intermittent series. One series will describe the work of organizations in Korea engaged in education whether in research, materials development, teacher training, teaching itself; the other will describe the locations of bookstores and other sources of information and materials related to English language teaching.

Anyone wishing to contribute an article to the newsletter on the topic of teaching English in Korea is asked to submit a double-spaced, typewritten manuscript of no more than six pages to this address:

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Notices of interest to the membership are also welcome for inclusion in the newsletter. These must be received four weeks before publication date. The next issue of the newsletter will be distributed the last week of April.

The Annual Meeting of AETK will be held March 17, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Cultural Center. Business during the meeting will include electing officers, reviewing the budget, and voting on this proposed amendment to the Constitution (first printed in the January 1982 issue of the newsletter):

Article V, Section B

The Co-ordinating Committee shall consist of the officers, the immediate Past President, the chairpersons of all standing committees, and two members elected at large.

The underlined words are those proposed for addition to the article.

Educational Organizations - KEDI

The Korean Educational Development Institute (KEDI)--한국 교육개발연구원-- was formally inaugurated as a special government-funded educational foundation in August 1972. Its purposes are

1. to undertake comprehensive and systematic research and development activities on educational goals, contents and methodology;
2. to assist the government in formulating its education policies and in effecting a long-term development of education;
3. to produce educational TV-radio programs and improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning by fully exploring the potential advantages of broadcasting media in the educational process;
4. to publish and disseminate significant findings of educational research and to provide information services to those engaged in research and development activities and policy formulation; and
5. to promote cross-cultural exchange of innovative experiences in the field of education.

To pursue these purposes, the staff at KEDI engages in five major activities:

- 1) The Educational Foundations and Policy Research Department conducts basic studies on historical, philosophical, sociological and psychological foundations of education, as well as on methodology and evaluation, and pursues policy-related research.
- 2) The Curriculum Research and Development Department undertakes activities to upgrade the quality of elementary and secondary education by developing new instructional materials including textbooks, teachers' guides and students' workbooks. A recent project is the development of an English language curriculum for the new English language program for elementary schools.
- 3) The Educational Broadcasting Department explores the uses of the broadcasting media (TV and radio) for improving the effectiveness of teaching and learning. The department has its own studio facilities where it produces TV and radio programs not only for school education but also for pre-school, vocational, adult and teacher education. To aid in the usefulness of these programs, KEDI publishes supplementary materials for the air and correspondence high school programs, the TV high school educational programs, the TV middle school English programs, and the middle school English radio programs. These supplementary materials are available at any bookstore.
- 4) The Educational Resources and Information Center includes a library and other information services for those engaged in educational research. KEDI has recently installed a PLATO System, a computer-based information retrieval system, and has ERIC abstracts on microfiche. Researchers may use these facilities by making arrangements with KEDI in advance.

- 5) KEDI promotes the international exchange of information and experience in the field of education by hosting international study visits, seminars and symposia, and short-term training both for foreign educators working here and for its own staff working with research institutes abroad. KEDI is currently undertaking research activities in co-operation with such organizations as UNESCO, UNDP, UNICEF and IEA.

In addition to these five major activities, KEDI publishes such research reports and monographs as Survey on the Status and Problems of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Research Report #104, 1979), An Alternative Instructional Process Model for Foreign Language Teaching (Research Report #127, 1980), The Life View of the Korean People (monograph), Inquiry into the Content of Moral Education (monograph). These Korean-language publications are available through arrangement with KEDI. A complete list of KEDI's publications can be found in its general English-language brochure.

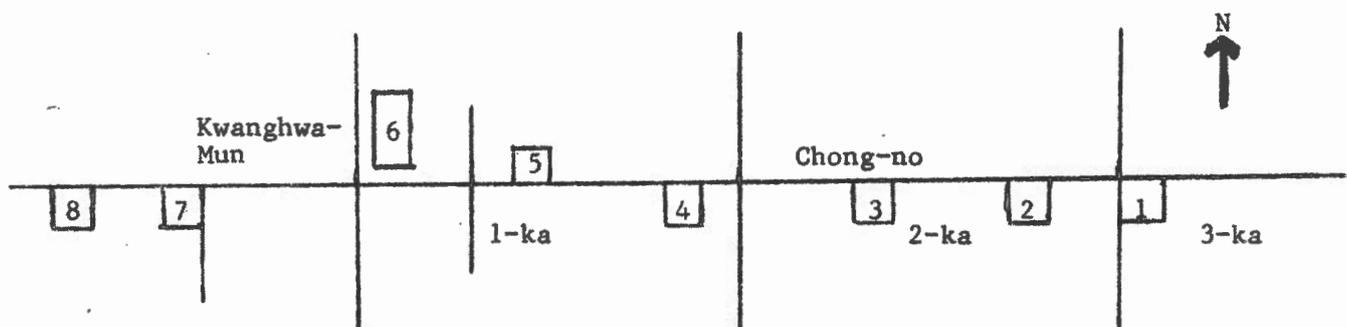
A letter of inquiry about how to make arrangements to obtain publications or to use KEDI's facilities may be addressed to the proper department at this address:

Korean Educational Development Institute
C.P.O. Box 7019
Seoul

or telephone 57-5021/5121.

Sources - Bookstores in Seoul

Several bookstores in downtown Seoul offer texts and cassette tape programs for English language teaching; they are all located within a mile of each other on Chong-no. This map shows their approximate locations:



1. English Language Services outlet. This company is probably the country's most active and solidly established in English language education publishing. The officers of the company make periodic research and purchasing trips to foreign publishers and purchase the publication rights to texts and tapes which hold promise of success in Korea. The company does excellent technical reproduction of these licensed texts and tapes which include Michigan Action English, English 900, New English 900, New English Course and New Horizons. The outlet on Chong-no 3-ka is not the only place where these publications are available: they can also be found at the Chong-no Bookstore (#3) and the Kyobo bookstore (#5).
2. Donghwa Book Company. On the first floor are a few texts and tapes; on the third floor, a scattered collection of TESOL texts; and on the fifth floor, a small selection of books on linguistics.
3. Chong-no Bookstore. This store offers probably the widest selection of books and tapes related to English language teaching--TESOL, linguistics, methodology, literature, etc. These materials are on the fourth floor but are not centralized. The searcher must check all the shelves of the linguistics section in both Reprints and the stacks of imported originals in addition to the TESOL section in the middle of the room.
4. Han Shin Publishing Company. This company is probably the country's major supplier of reprinted works on language and linguistics. The company appears to make a major effort to reprint the most current work on these topics: the list of publications available includes such titles as Chomsky's Lectures on Government and Binding (1981), Stageberg's Introductory English Grammar (4th edition, 1981), Rivers' Practical Guide to the Teaching of English as a Second or Foreign Language (1978), etc. The list also includes college texts, literature, criticism, drama, and the like.
5. Pommun Book Company. Formerly one of the major sources of English language teaching materials in Korea, this company is still a major supplier of imported original texts in many disciplines. There is now, however, little of interest to the English language teacher.
6. Kyobo Bookstore. The Kyobo, in the basement of the new Kyobo Building at Kwanghwa Mun, opened just a few months ago. The main room stocks mainly Korean language publications; a smaller room across the hall offers foreign books including a very few interesting language texts based on new methodologies.
7. Kwangmunsa. Primarily a supplier of reprints, this bookstore does offer a few language texts which the Chong-no Bookstore does not have. The company will, upon a teacher's recommendation, reproduce a text in large quantity.
8. Pan Korea Book Company. This store has a small selection of reprint texts that are also available at the Chong-no Bookstore, but it also has a large selection of reference books and original texts related to the development of native-speaker English skills (speech, composition, etc.).

Committee Actions

Co-ordinating Committee

At a meeting on February 13, 1982, the Co-ordinating Committee made plans for the Annual Meeting to be held in March.

Program Committee

1. Approximately fifty people attended the last meeting held on February 18, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the British Council. Mr. Paul de Quincey, English Language Officer for the British Embassy, described the work of the British Council, presented a film introducing ways of using a tape recorder in language teaching, and demonstrated some of the tapes and texts available from the British Council. He announced that anyone may join the British Council library for the nominal fee of ₩ 1,200 and may then borrow up to three books at a time.

Of those who attended the meeting, thirteen paid dues and became members of AETK. Membership now stands at fifty for 1982.

2. Future meetings

March

Topics:

The Annual Meeting: to elect officers, to review the budget, to vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to conduct other necessary business.

You Can Take It With You, a video tape recording featuring Robert Di Peitro, Chairman of Languages and Literature at the University of Delaware, who introduces the viewer to an EFL class practicing conversational discourse through the use of American literature.

A book table displaying English language teaching materials available in Seoul will be set up.

Time:
March 17, 1982
7:30 p.m.

Place:
The American Cultural Center
(across from the Lotte Hotel)

April

Topic: Prospects for English Education in the '80's
Representatives of the Ministry of Education and of the
Korean Educational Development Institute (KEDI)

Time:
April 21, 1982
7:30 p.m.

Place:
The American Cultural Center
(across from the Lotte Hotel)