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Arirang K-Pop Contest 2013

By: Michelle Kang

Before school started, the very first Arirang K-Pop Contest 2013 was held on Friday, August 2, 2013 at the Dougherty Valley Performing Center from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Hosted by the Dougherty Valley High School's Korean Club, the Arirang K-Pop Contest 2013 was the first of its kind in the area and was open to everyone in the Bay Area.



Hansamo Samulnori Team opened up the exciting Arirang K-Pop Contest 2013 with a traditional Korean percussion song. This event was sponsored by Hansamo, the Korean Education Director of San Francisco, and Masters Education. Many VIPs also attended this event, including Dougherty Valley High School's

Principal Dr. Jason Reimann, Korean Education Director of San Francisco Shin Joo Shik, and Hansamo President Sang Kang. The judges for this event were the DVHS principal Dr. Reimann, DVHS vice principal Mrs. Neha Ummat, DVHS Korean teacher Mrs. Boo Hyun Lee, and Hansamo Secretary Hyung Goo Shim. 10 contestants, including solos and teams, of various ethnicities entered in hopes of placing top 3 for the prizes. The first place prize was the Samsung Galaxy Note 16GB & \$50 Google Play Gift Card, the second place prize was the iPad Mini 16GB, and the third place prize was Apple TV & \$25 iTunes Gift Card. The first place winner of the contest was Jaewon Choi (12th grade), the second place claimed by Cathy Liu (12th grade), and the third place winner was Kwangmin Jin (graduated). To close off the event, all of the contestants and volunteers got up on stage to sing "Arirang".



DVHS Korean Club hosted this event to spread and gather more interest in the Korean culture and K-pop. Also, many DVHS students requested Korean Club to host a K-Pop contest because of the increasing interest and popularity of K-Pop. This event was proof to everyone the growing popularity of K-Pop and Korea itself. DVHS Korean Club plans to grow as a club and hopes to host the Arirang K-Pop Contest annually. Please continue to support the DVHS Korean Club!



Arirang K-Pop Contest 2013 Interviews

Interviewer: Caleb Choi

Kyle Uemura - Volunteer and Samulnori member



Kyle has continuously supported the Korean club and has divulged himself into various Korean events, including the Hansamo Samulnori team. As a talented drummer, he set an example to many other members and revealed his inner spirit in his passionate playing of the traditional Korean drums. Although Kyle is not native Korean, he is an invaluable member of the Korean community. Let's hear from Kyle.

Q: Why did you decide to volunteer for the 2013 Arirang Kpop Contest?

A: The event took my interest and I thought I could help out in something I love to do.

Q: What is the main reason you want to help out?

A: I want to support my community and also have fun at the same time. I get to perform, volunteer, and eat free food.

Q: What has inspired you to join the Samulnori team?

A: It was another chance to get involved in something that helped people.

Luke Jae-bong Shin - Performer

With only his voice and guitar, the shy and nervous Luke performed in front of a massive crowd at the contest. By overcoming the obstacles that stood along his path, Luke brushed off his worries and gave it his all. Luke's emotional and capturing piece swayed many people in the audience. When I went to interview him, he was practicing his song, receiving caring support from his friends. Let's hear if from Luke, who was practicing backstage.



Q: As the only performer using your voice and guitar, how do you feel?

A: I am very nervous. I'm not too sure how it will turn out, so that is why I am practicing.

Q: What is your goal in this contest?

A: Of course I am aiming to get first place. I'm fine if I do not, but I am still kind of sure it is possible if I believe in myself.

Q: How sure are you of winning?

A: Right now, I am about 85% sure I can win. But my condition can fluctuate at any time, so that is why I have to keep practicing.

Q: Why did you enter the Kpop Contest?

A: One of my friends told me about it and I signed up. I also wanted to sing for a girl that could have been in the audience.

Joseph Park - Performer



Joseph is a young man full of ambition. He continuously seeks ways to gain experience. When he first found out about the Kpop contest, he saw it as another chance to show what he has and also gain experience. With his friendly attitude and positive perspective to his environment, Joseph can be a great companion to anyone. Let's see what Joseph has to say about the contest.

Q: Why did you enter the Kpop contest?

A: Just a few days ago, I was invited by Michelle Kang, the president of the DVHS Korean club. I didn't want to miss a good chance to exemplify my hobby, singing.

Q: You will be performing in front of a large audience soon. What are your thoughts on this?

A: I just want to have fun. I feel like I will enjoy the day and be able to have success when I am on stage.

Q: How do you think you will succeed?

A: By saying I will succeed, I mean that I want to have fun. When I first signed up, I didn't realize how big this event was. I thought this would be a small event without such big prizes. I was temporarily overwhelmed with the size of the stage but I quickly saw this as another chance to have a great time.

Cathy Liu - 2nd Place Contestant

The winner of the Apple iPad mini, the powerful dancer that rocked the stage, and the only dancer to place in the top three is the hardworking Cathy Liu. Cathy is not a native Korean, but has continuously pursued an interest in Korean music. Through her performance, she shocked the audience with her dynamic choreography.



Let's see what Cathy has to say.

Q: What inspired you to enter the competition?

A: I always had an interest in Korean music. From sources like youtube, I could access Kpop and enjoy the songs and dances there. My friends were also very influential in letting me experience Korean music.

Q: How much preparation did you get before performing on stage?

A: I had a week of practice and I was ready

Q: How do you feel after getting second place and winning an iPad mini?

A: I feel great.

Jason Jaewon Choi - 1st Place Contestant



The amazing, awe-inspiring performance showcased by Jason was without doubt stunning. His renowned reputation for his voice and the deeply moving song he delivered was tuned to shock the audience. Obviously, it also moved the judges. Everyone was stirring to congratulate him and meet the first gold medalist of the Arirang Kpop Contest. Let's meet the one and only Jason Choi!

Q: Congratulations, how do you feel?

A: Great, very great.

Q: I heard you made a last minute song change. What was your reason for this and how did it affect you?

A: Well, it was a song that I knew very well. I knew the song so I knew I could sing it.

Q: How much did you prepare for this contest?

A: I just needed around 10 days..

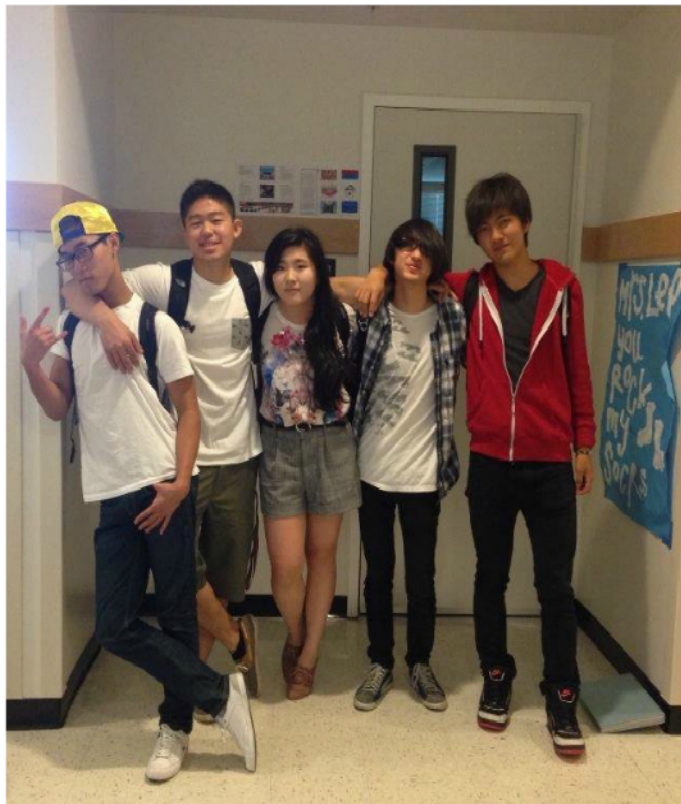
Q: Did you expect to win?

A: I personally wanted to get second place for the iPad mini but being first is also a new greatness. I am very excited and I am very grateful to my community. Thank you very much.

Dougherty Valley High School Korean Class

By Soyeon Shim

Seniors, class of 2013, who has taken Korean class at Dougherty Valley High School has been interviewed about their perspective of Korean language course. Seniors had different reasons why they have enrolled in Korean class, mostly willing to improve their grammar and speaking in Korean. Many of them were passionate about learning Korean, wanting to communicate fluently and supporting the Korean culture. Few made suggestions for next year, splitting the classes by each level and better requirements for projects. Most of them seemed to enjoy the courses, including fun activities such as field trips and cooking Korean foods.



From left to right: Kwangmin Jin, Hanjun Rhee, Ariana Siu, Gilberta Cha, and Daehee Kwack

2013 Hansamo Golf Tournament

By Caleb Choi



The annual Hansamo golf tournament was held on August 24, 2013. As the previous years of this highly rated event, this year was a great success as well. The number of competitors that competed through the nerve-breaking course at the Castlewood golf course amounted to 103 men and women of all different backgrounds but one similar goal - to golf. There were 24 hard-working student volunteers that endured strenuous hours of providing aid for the golfers and other members as well. The financial gain from this tournament can be measured in the amount of fundraising that profited from the event: around \$9,000. However, the more important success in this tournament was the ever-present Korean culture that has developed to take a natural fitting in our society. The VIP members included the renowned principal of Dougherty Valley High School, Dr. Jason Reimann, the Korean Consultant, and more prominent figures in the Korean community. The prizes offered were rice, tablets, and exclusive gifts. The raffle ticket prizes were a Galaxy Tab, and other enjoyable products. Different events were offered at special holes. There were hole-in-one events, where the prizes ranged from a Hyundai Genesis to a new Kindle Fire. The weather was nice. The lunch menu, provided by Yanagi, was sushi rolls. The dinner delicacy was a diverse buffet including bread, salad, vegetable mix, chicken, ribs, brisket, Alfredo pasta, fried rice, and a wide variety of desserts.



Interview with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea: Han Dong-Man

By Joohee Kim / Michelle Kang



A Consulate General is a representative of one's country in another country, normally acting to assist and protect the people of the consulate's country and to regulate trade and relationships between the two countries. The students of Hansamo Press Team got to meet and interview the Consulate General of Korea: Han Dong-Man.

P: Press team C: Consulate General *Italic*: In between answers

Q: What are your future plans as the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea?

A: First of all, I have 3 important points that I keep. The first point is communication. Even between parents and their children, teachers and their students or a country and another country, one needs to have good communication so that misunderstandings can be resolved and confidence and trust can be built. So, communication is the most important. I have children of myself so I know and if there are misunderstandings and frustrations rising, you need to keep communicating to resolve those problems. Second is harmonization. Harmonization is very important; being familiar with one another and understanding one another is very important. Even in the resolution between North and South Korea, between parents and children or between friends, harmonization is very important. Right? The third is walking in another person's shoes. If I think in my parents' view, my teachers' view, or another person's view, misunderstandings and frustrations will be resolved and we will be able to understand each other better. So, having these three points as the main points is very important. There has to be these three points in many people or groups so that our society can become one that is very respectable. So, my first goal is that I wish for Korean schools and American schools to have more people who teach the Korean language. There should be an AP class for Korean also but it is not that easy. But no matter what, we have to keep trying so that we can get the AP class and for people to keep studying Korean. Spanish, Japanese and Chinese all have AP classes but for Korean class to have an AP, we need a lot of money invested. Not only money, but we have to have the cooperation of parents and students so that the students who learn Korean can expand. This is our main goal. My second goal is for the Korean classes to expand starting from elementary schools. If students study more Korean starting from elementary school, they will keep going on in middle school and high school. Even when people are applying for jobs in America, there are a lot of people who can speak English. However, when there are people who can speak Korean also, there is a higher expectancy in that person and therefore a higher chance of getting recruited. So, understanding Korean and being able to use Korean started to become a competition. Truthfully, Korean may be an extra since it is the time where AP classes and other studies are more important than Korean. However, if one doesn't learn Korean, it will always become a regret. I don't mean that one absolutely has to learn Korean but that everyone needs to cooperate and to become one for this to happen. Another one of my goals is to straighten Korean history. Does everyone learn history in 11th grade? *Yes, every year we learn history.* Then have you ever learned Korean history in those classes? How much time did you spend? *We learn it for about 2-3 days.* So what do you learn? *Mostly about the Korean War and its relations with America.* I've asked people who have graduated from

Yale and people from China and I have asked them if they have ever learned about Korean history. They told me that they have only learned Asian history for 3-4 weeks. 2-3 weeks are on Chinese history and the rest is on Japanese or Korean history. And all they know about Korea is the Korean war and that Korea is very developed. So, starting from September, we decided to change the history textbooks. Students may say that they don't have the time to study Korean but they are Korean American students and they don't know Korean. That is a tragedy; it is something very sad. So later, they start to mix up Korean history with other history such as the controversy with Dokdo. As a result, we are going to straighten up Korean history with Stanford and make the Dokdo controversy clear. That is the first and foremost goal that we need to accomplish. However, I wish that the students will participate in this as students. If students recognize it, they will be able to tell the teachers, principals or even us and we will be able to fix the problem in history. I wish that Hansamo will play that part for us. Recently, it has been the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. I have been to many laboratories and found that many people do not know about Korean history. So, we need to get more people to write about it so that it will become public. In the Golden Gate Park over there, where the American flag is, we are going to make a Korean War Memorial Monument in a cost of 3.3 million dollars. The Korean War veterans are getting older now and soon they are going to pass away. So we need to remember their sacrifices for the country. Another goal of mine is to spread Korean culture. I've heard that recently college students made some K-Pop festival. There is the modern Korean culture with K-Pop and everything but we also need to make old Korean culture popular also. We need soft power, which is the power of the culture, so that its affect will become larger. A country with high culture is a very powerful country. And lastly, another goal is to think about what Korea is going to do and which way Korea has to go. It's a very difficult task. Korea's previous president, President Lee Myung Bak, focused on the green economy: saving the environment and making the environment a better place to live in. However, the current president, President Park Geun Hye, is focusing on the country being led by brain power. Brain power is very important so we need to make an competition that improves brain power. Silicon Valley is our role model. There are many companies that make a lot of electronics. We need that so that our country can thrive. We have to think of everything globally and have a global view of everything so that we can keep our relations.

Q: In the school Dougherty Valley High School, we have a Korean Club and we are working hard to spread the Korean culture also. We also have a samulnori team also.

A: Oh that is a wonderful thing to have. It's great that it's getting noticed around the schools and around the cities also.

Q: What do you think about the spread of K-Pop and the Korean Wave these days?

A: I believe that everyone is working hard to make the Korean Wave become very popular. Not only do we think about the popularity, but we are thinking about how the Korean music will fit with the people who listen to it. Dramas for example really appealed to many people, not just Korean people. Music also is mixed with Korean style music and American style music and this made a huge impact in the popularity of K-Pop. However, there is no saying that Korean Wave is going to last forever. So, for Korean Wave to last for a long time, we need endless participation and hard work. Q: Thank you for you participation.



Business: LG

By Justin Wong

The company LG (Life's Good) specializes in electronics and household appliances. LG was first created in 1958, originally standing for "Lucky Goldstar". However, wanting to appeal more to the West, LG changed its acronym to "Life's Good" and simply went by LG.



A few different subsections of LG are LG Electronics, LG Display, and LG Innotek. LG also manufactures chemicals, which is taken care of by the subsection LG Chem, LG Life Sciences, and more.

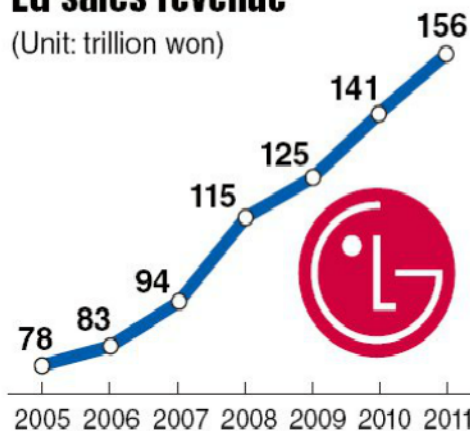
LG Corp in 2011, had an annual revenue of 9.8 Billion dollars. However, LG Electronics shined the most with its annual revenue of 50 Billion dollars that year.

LG is currently the 17th best Global website, the 1st in Clothes Dryer Customer Satisfaction, and 3rd best in Refrigerator Customer Satisfaction.

From its shocking statistics and customer satisfaction it is safe to say that LG is one of the corporal giants of today's generation.

LG sales revenue

(Unit: trillion won)



Apricot Blossoms Around a House Made Out of Grass

(매화초옥도), Jeon Ki (전기)

(Watercolor on 32.4 by 36.1 cm paper)

Hey readers, I'm Nayoung and I will be explaining in detail how this Korean painting is worth looking at. What is your first impression when you scan over the piece? Perhaps you get a warm and comfortable feeling that is only present at winter time; maybe you are struck by the beauty of the blossoms. Or is it snow?

The ambiguity of this piece is what makes it a truly special one. In the end, it is left to the viewer to decide whether the white specks are snow or flowers. Made in the late 19th century by the master artist Jeon Ki, this piece of art is set during the winter season. The lighter colors on the rocks and mountains indicate a recent snowfall while the miniscule green shrubs give a hint of the upcoming spring. Although several spots of the background are dark, the entire painting still gives of that light and cozy atmosphere due to the tiny white dots. It truly reminds us of something like ornaments on Christmas trees!



Not only is the whole piece very atmospheric, it also tells a story, like most masterpieces. Can you see a man in the bright red clothing? This is supposed to be the artist himself, Jeon Ki. He included a self-portrait of himself on his way to visit his friend who lives alone. This lonely character is the reason why the painting is also called *The Blossom as his Wife, the Crane as his Son, and the Deer as his Servant*. The fact that Jeon Ki's friend is considering the nature around him as family tells us that in reality, he doesn't have a wife, son, or servant and is most likely living alone.

Not only did Jeon Ki incorporate storytelling in his art, he also was an expert in technicality. He switched between large, thick brushstrokes and detailed ones to successfully present to us a scene that we could connect to. Although the thick strokes on the mountains are clearly visible, that's what makes the entire piece seem to be in motion. Rather than perfectly shading objects to be as realistic as possible like most western paintings, Jeon Ki used a more abstract style to make the art seem alive. His color choices such as the pure white specks on the trees brighten up the entirety of it while also transforming it into a beautiful scene. Can't you just imagine a couple strolling down the bridge in the wintertime as a part of a Korean drama?

Just like how most people know who Vincent Van Gogh and Leonardo Da Vinci are, I believe that it is important for the next generation of Koreans to be aware of their country's famous artists. There are thousands of pieces that will take your breath away with their beauty. I will share various types of art, both modern and traditional, every newsletter so make sure you read through them!

Until then, Nayoung Heo

Food of the Day- Jenny Lee

On hot summer days, people have the energy drained out of themselves by the sun. In Korea, there is a special soup that gives you the energy you need to get through the day. Samgyetang is chicken and ginseng soup. Due to the healthy nutrients the chicken and other ingredients inside the soup, it allows the eater to enjoy a healthy and energizing meal. So when you feel completely out of energy, go and enjoy some samgyetang!

Calories	Fat	Carbs	Protein
219	7.66g	9.84g	26.75g

Here is the basic recipe:

(link: <http://www.maangchi.com/recipe/samgyetang>)

Steps

1. Wash and rinse your chicken in cold running water.
2. Soak 1/4 cup of sweet rice for 1 hour.
3. Stuff the chicken with the sweet rice, a ginseng root, a few jujubes, and 3-4 cloves of garlic. Place it in a pot.
4. Pour water into the pot and boil it over high heat for 20 minutes. When it starts boiling, skim off any foam and fat that rises to the surface. Then pour in more water and boil it over medium heat for 40 minutes.
5. When it cooks properly, the chicken will be easily pulled apart by chopsticks.
6. Serve with salt and kimchi.
7. Enjoy!

Ingredients

- 1 Small chicken
- 1/4 cup of sweet rice
- 12 cloves of garlic
- Green onions
- 3-4 Jujubes
- 1-2 small ginseng roots

