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# NEWSLETTER



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## 2021 Greetings from KBS President | Happy Seollal!

**Happy New Year to members and friends of the Korea Britain Society!** It is my great honor to have been elected as the president of KBS. I hope to serve this wonderful organisation for its further development, along with the new directors and Executive Committee members. KBS has a long tradition of promoting friendship and mutual understanding between the people of Korea and the United Kingdom. I am certain you will agree that KBS could not have come this far without dedicated members, leaders, and the generous support of the UK Embassy, Seoul.

I am sorry that we had to postpone the annual dinner due to the pandemic, but I hope that we will be able to have it once it subsides. The annual Christmas dinner has been instrumental in raising funds for our charitable missions, which include sponsorship of the KBS Chevening scholarship, support for Korean English teachers through their training in the United Kingdom, as well as support for Korean orphans. The dinner has also served as a one of the venues for members and their guests to gather together, along with our other social and cultural activities such as excursions and debates.

I sincerely hope that the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic will be resolved soon so that we will be able to resume these activities in the future. Besides maintaining our missions, I would like to expand KBS's membership base, especially to those belonging to younger generations. There are so many talented Korean people who have experienced the United Kingdom in a variety of ways, and there are many British people who love Korea. I am planning on developing the means to attract these people to KBS and I would like you to help me to reach out to them.

I would also like to ask you to continue to actively participate in KBS and extend your generous support for it. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

### OVERVIEW:

- The KBS held an online AGM on Monday, 27th of July 2020.
- 7 Directors for the next term were elected by vote at the AGM 2020.
- Past event: Autumn Excursion 2020
- KBS Chevening Scholarship 2020/2021
- The KBS has moved and set up a new office.
- Events 2021: Annual Dinner 2020, AGM 2021, and Student Debate 2021

### UPCOMING:

- Annual Dinner 2020 and AGM 2021 tentative date: Monday March 22nd 2021



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## Executive Committee | 2020-2023

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Dr. Hyehoon Lee (Hon.), who served as KBS president after Dr. Jin Park, finished her term and Dr. Sunshik Min (YBM) was elected to fill the post. Also, DHM Nikesh Mehta ([British Embassy](#)), Sean Blakeley ([BCCK](#)), Jangsun Kim (PanOptics), and Dong Hoon Lee (IBK) finished their terms as directors and were lauded for their service. The KBS ExCo would like to offer sincere thanks to Dr. Lee, Mr. Mehta, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Kim, and Mr. Lee for their contribution to the work of KBS for the past years and their continued support for the Society.

Daniel Fertig (PwC) was named the Treasurer to continue his role and five additional members were elected to the board: Dr. In-souk Cho (Daree Architecture), Yong-Jae Chang (Lee & Ko.), Nigel Venning (BEK), Gordon Dudley (RDI, Korea), and Young Shin Kim (YSK Language and Culture Lab.). All directors' platform statements can be viewed [here](#).

DHM Nikesh Mehta was named Honorary Vice-President of KBS at the ExCo meeting that immediately followed the AGM (still online), where also the following members were opted in by the board: JS Kim, Dong Hoon Lee, Paul Tonks, Tom Jeanes, Cassandra J. Talbot, and ShinWoo Kang (Artizan), who serves as Vice President of Oxford University Society Korea, newly joined the ExCo and we look forward to collaboration and positive growth of the two Societies. ShinWoo's short biography can be viewed [here](#).

The new Executive Committee's terms are 3 years until the AGM 2023 and the Articles of Association of Korea Britain Society can be viewed [here](#).

## Past Events and News | 2020

### KBS Autumn Excursion 2020 (14:30 - 17:00 Sat 26 Sep):

2020 was a year where circumstances made KBS Events and meetings rather difficult if not impossible to hold. Despite that, the Society was able to have a few COVID-Compliant gatherings. It was enjoyable to be able to visit some historic sites in Seoul and learn more about the history of those places courtesy of our keen member and Director Dr. Cho as the honorary tour guide.

The attendees got to explore the palace and gain different insights from the expert, with a rare opportunity to visit Chilgung, a unique place mostly unknown to the general public.

Despite the restrictions, KBS members had a thoroughly enjoyable day out thanks to Dr. Cho, and very much look forward to being able to hold more such events in the near future.



"The Guided Walking Tour of Kyeongbok-Gung and Chilgung" was a special educational programme donated by eminent architect Dr. In-souk Cho for the annual KBS Autumn Excursion event. The walk was held under a strict observation of the social distancing guidelines and was enjoyed by the attending members and their guests. Ambassador Simon Smith and his wife Mrs. Sien Stickings, and DHM Nikesh Mehta joined the newly elected KBS president Dr. Sun Shik Min and Mrs. Grace Min on the tour along with over 20 other members and guests. Some of the new members welcomed on the day include Mr. Gudmundur Jonsson, the newly posted Headmaster of Dulwich College Seoul, and his family.



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## Scholarship News | 2020

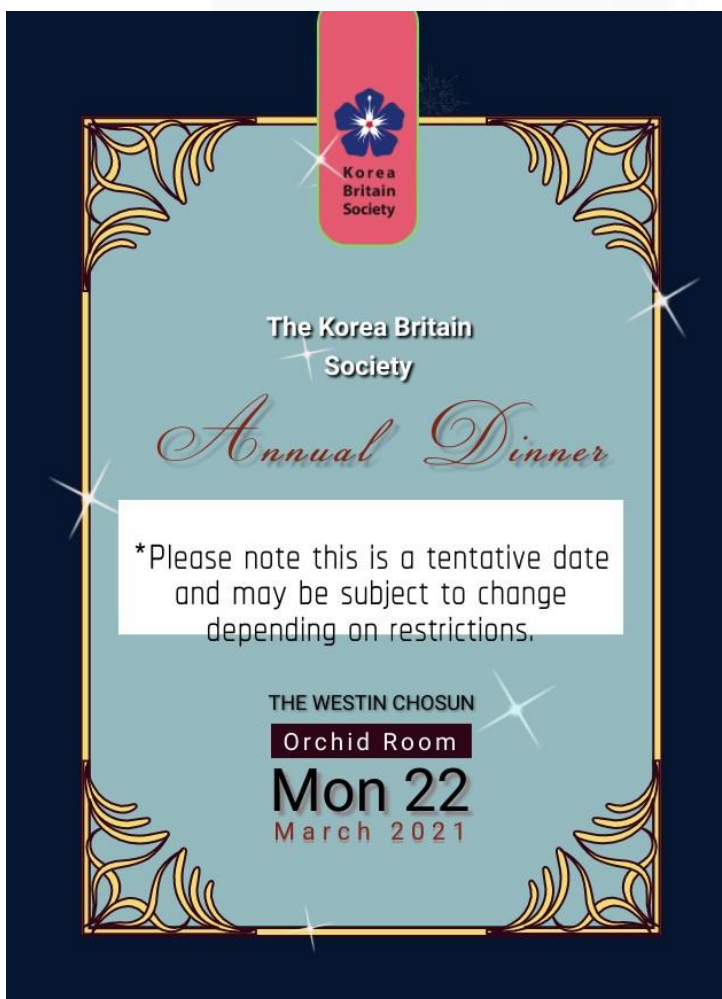
The Korea Britain Society is delighted to announce that it was successfully able to provide funding this year for a very special student to go to the UK to study for a master's degree:

Mr. Youngdo Lee specialises in virology and has been accepted to London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Health Policy, Planning and Financing for an MSc degree. Mr. Lee has been selected as his potential as an expert in the subject is highly valuable and relevant especially during the current global situation and also for the ongoing Korea-UK relations in the sector.

On behalf of the KBS, we would like to congratulate Mr. Lee and wish him all the best for the year to come!

While fundraising this year has been challenging, we would like to reaffirm to our members our commitment to creating not only stronger links between the UK and the Republic of Korea, but also contributing to positive change, particularly for those most in need. Each and every event we hold helps us to get one step closer towards funding more opportunities for exceptional but disadvantaged students to embark on a life-changing journey to the UK to further their studies and careers. It is with this in mind that we look forward to your continued support and participation.

## Outlook and Events | 2021



- ❑ Given the circumstances with the ongoing pandemic, the KBS may encounter challenges with holding in-person events for the time being. The ExCo have, however, been brainstorming ideas and have a few important events lined up for the rest of the year.
- ❑ Among the many things we hope to achieve are hosting more **outdoor events** such as excursions and an **outdoor film night**. We will also be holding our annual **Student Debate** online, possibly combined with the final speech-off in an in-person setting. Following the success of the last Student Debate held in 2019, we plan to extend the invitation to a wider population of student bodies at universities across the nation and we are looking to invite some UK universities as well.
- ❑ **KBS Annual Fundraising Dinner** has been moved to **Monday 22 March, 2021**; the ExCo also decided that **AGM 2021** will be incorporated with the annual dinner event, so we really hope to see you all there!
- ❑ Should any of you have ideas you wish to put forward, please do contact us. In the meantime, happy new year and we hope to see you again soon!

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