

## **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE NORWEGIAN-KOREAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION**

**The Annual report covers the period from the General Assembly 23. September 2021 to the General Assembly 22. September 2022**

**There are about 800 members in the Association by August 2022.**

**There were about 300 members when the Association was started in 2009.**

### **BOARD-MEETINGS.**

There have been 5 Board-meetings.

The Embassy representatives to the Board are Second Secretary & Consul Tae Soo Kim and Administrative Officer Sang Hoon Kim.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. 23. September 2021. General Assembly.**

The General Assembly took place in Filmkafeen.

After the formal procedures, the NORMASH film was shown. This always makes a great impression on the audience.

Finally, a light meal was served, sponsored by the Korean Embassy.

44 people were present.

#### **2. 22. March 2022. Membership-meeting at Litteraturhuset**

This was the first membership-meeting after a long “corona-everything-closed-period”. The theme of the meeting was adoption.

Erling Aksnes talked about the History of adoption from Korea to Norway.

The three authors Eli Therese Gran, Synne Sun Løes and Heidi Schmidt gave an overview over their recent books. This was all very interesting and was much appreciated by the audience.

Finally a light meal provided by Litteraturhuset was served.

People were enthusiastic that it was possible to meet again.

About 70 people were present at the meeting,

### **3. Friday 6. May 2022. “Social event”.**

There were about 150 people attending this traditional and successful social event with catered Korean food, among them several children. The Embassy generously supported the event economically, and the attendees payed a rather small fee. Unfortunately, the venue turned out to be quite expensive, and the event ended up with an economic deficit.

Ambassador Kim and his wife and several guests from the Korean Embassy spent the evening with us. Ambassador Kim gave a short speech. This was his first meeting with the members of the Friendship Association since he came to Norway in June 2021. Korean food prepared by Elvebredden catering was served.

### **4. 22. September 2022. General Assembly at Voksenåsen.**

## **FINANCES.**

The Norwegian-Korean Friendship Association is an organization with no membership fee. Consequently, as always, there is not much to inform about when finances are concerned. However, the Association was given a start capital from the former Norwegian Korean Forum in 2009. From 1. January 2022 the Norwegian Korean War Veterans Association has closed down its activities, and the amount on the association's account was given as a gift to the Norwegian-Korean Friendship Association. More detailed information about this will be noted in the accounts of 2022.

The veteran Arvid Fjære has been included as a Board member to secure a continued contact with the veterans.

The expenses for 2021 was for the website, for renting localities for the meetings, and for small gifts to lecturers at the meetings.

By 1. January 2022 the bank account was NOK 33 793, 27.

We thank the Korean Embassy for its generous economical contributions to the meetings of the Friendship Association.

## **Other information**

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The Norwegian Embassy in Seoul: [www.norway.no/south-korea](http://www.norway.no/south-korea)

The Korean Embassy in Oslo: <http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/no-en/index.do>

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