

KSCPP 4th Essay Contest

Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project

Fifty Wonders of Korea Volume 1. Culture and Art

Over the past few decades, Korea has achieved remarkable economic development, from one of the world's poorest countries to the 10th largest economy in the world. However, Korea's rich and unique cultural heritage, accumulated over its 5000-year long history, remains largely unknown and undiscovered to the West. In the first volume of *Fifty Wonders of Korea*, we introduce twenty cultural and scientific achievements of Korea's past, dating from ancient to pre-modern times. Part One from this book, Printing, Language & History, begins with an account of the moveable metal type, which was invented in Korea some 200 years before the days of Gutenberg. Part Two, Fine Art, begins with the spectacular gold crowns of ancient Silla, and also discusses ten other works of Korean art that are acclaimed as masterpieces in the world.

Award

Grand Prize: \$1,000 (One grand prize winning essay will be selected from all the entries. *)

High School Students

First Place: \$500

Second Place: \$200 (Two Winners)

Third Place: \$100 (Three Winners)

Honorable Mentions: \$50 Gift Cards

College Students & General Public

(18 and older)

First Place: \$500

Second Place: \$200 (Two Winners)

Third Place: \$100 (Three Winners)

Special Awards for High Schools

\$500 will be awarded to the History Department or the Social Studies Department of High Schools whose students actively participated in the contest. **

**KSCPP will donate the funds to high schools that are interested in educating Korean history and culture.

The funds should be used for the purpose of educating Korean history and culture (e.g. teaching materials, trips to museums, etc.). The awards will be determined by the number of entrants from each high school and/or the quality of the essays submitted.

*If the quality of the essays is not considered acceptable by KSCPP, the Grand Prize may not be awarded.

Required Reading: Fifty Wonders of Korea, Volume 1, Culture and Art, The electronic version of this book is available at www.koreanhero.net. If you want to receive a copy of the book, please contact us using the information below.

Essay Topics:

Please choose only one topic from below.

1. Please choose one to three cultural/scientific achievements from the book and discuss why they are valuable achievements. (You do not have to write about all three cultural/scientific achievements. You can write about one, two, or three cultural/scientific achievements from the book.)
2. Please discuss your impression on Korean cultural and scientific achievements generally.

Eligibility:

1. High School students in grades 9-12
2. College Students and General Public (18 and older)

Instructions:

Essays must meet the following requirements:

1. One-inch margin (top, bottom, left, and right); font size 12 (Times New Roman); double spaced; two to three pages long.
2. Each essay must have the following information listed on the cover: 1. Name 2. Age 3. Phone Number, Mailing Address & Email 4. School and Grade (or occupation, if applicable)

To Enter: Submit entries electronically to kscppcontest@msn.com with the subject heading "2008 4th Essay Contest." Or mail to 158-16 46th Ave., Flushing, NY 11358

Deadline: Both online and offline submissions are due by May 11, 2008.
The winners will be announced no later than June 8, 2008

For more information, please contact Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project at kscppcontest@msn.com or visit www.kscpp.net.

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