Daegu-Gyeongbuk KOTESOL Event - March 2016

Workshop/Swap Shop & Networking Event

Speaker: Dr. David Shaffer Topic: English Education in Korea: Looking Back, Looking Forward Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016 Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm Venue: ELMO Study Cafe, Downtown Daegu Directions: a) Take Exit 10 from Banwoldang Station b) Go straight and turn left at 메트로약국 (Metro Yak-guk) c) Turn left at the first intersection d) ELMO Study Café is on your right – look for the orange "ELMO" sign) MAP: Naver Map in Korean (click on the link to see the map) Address: 3rd floor, 12-21 Dongseong-ro-3-gil, Jung-gu, Daegu (대구광역시, 중구, 동성로 3 길 12-21 3 층)

Abstract: English Education in Korea: Looking Back, Looking Forward

In this rapidly changing world, the pace of change in Korea is even faster. This easily holds true for Korean education as well. This presentation contrasts the Korean English education scene of today with that of four decades ago. It will compare the degree of English use and proficiencies; it will compare teachers, students, the classroom environment and class size (64-72 was once considered normal), teaching methodology, teaching and learning materials (a tape player was once a treasure for both the teacher and the student), and much more. The presentation will conclude with an open discussion on the future outlook for English education in Korea

David Shaffer (PhD, linguistics) is a long-time resident of Korea and professor at Chosun University, where he has spent his career teaching TESOL, EFL, and linguistics courses at the graduate, undergraduate, and post-graduate levels. He has authored hundreds of articles and numerous books on English teaching and learning, and on Korea and Korean. Within KOTESOL, Dr. Shaffer has held a number of national and chapter offices, presently including Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter President, KOTESOL Publications Committee Chair, and KOTESOL First Vice-President. He is a recent recipient of the Republic of Korea Order of Merit (Service), and he has two children, who are KOTESOL members.

Swap Shop

Please bring a game, classroom activity, worksheet or other teaching idea that has worked well for you in the classroom and be prepared to share your ideas with the group (5-10 minutes per presenter). If possible, please bring some copies of your printable materials to share with the group. (There are places to print and photocopy materials at the north gate of KNU.)

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