

Endorsement for Dr. David E. Shaffer

For the Office of Vice-President, Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter

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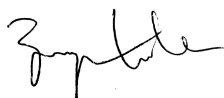
I am delighted to endorse Dr. David E. Shaffer for the position of vice-president of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL. It can be customary to say that someone of Dr. Shaffer's standing in our organization 'hardly needs introduction', but, although he is indeed a mainstay of KOTESOL, Dr. Shaffer's contributions are dynamic and vital, and always worthy of renewed acknowledgement. So I would like to share some of what I have observed of his ongoing contributions.

There is nobody more attentive and fastidious when it comes to all that goes into maintaining our chapter's activities and records. Dr. Shaffer is more across the details of our membership, history, resources, media, and presence than anybody. When I have some reason to get in touch with him at odd hours, not only is he usually available to offer support, but very often he will be found working away on something KOTESOL-related, more often than not related to our chapter. This attentiveness shows a very deep care for our chapter and its members.

Dr. Shaffer is a pillar of several communities within Gwangju-Jeonnam: not only the English language teaching community, but the larger expat community, the academic community, and more. His connections and knowledge are not only testament to his rich history in our area, but are also invaluable sources of new possibilities and connections as our chapter seeks innovative ways to serve our changing professional development needs.

I have worked with Dr. Shaffer in many different contexts within KOTESOL, not only in our chapter but also at National Council and through several committees. Dr. Shaffer's knowledge and expertise are a constant source of guidance and wisdom, but he is also flexible, open-minded, and innovative in his focus on finding creative new solutions. He is a wonderful contributor to any kind of brainstorm, buzz session, or meandering wide-ranging conversation about future KOTESOL possibilities. I would trust Dr. Shaffer with any position within KOTESOL. The Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter is incredibly lucky to have him, and I am both thrilled and grateful that he is seeking to continue serving as chapter vice-president.

Sincerely,



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Lifetime member of Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter