



KOTESOL NATIONAL CONFERENCE: SOOKMYUNG UNIVERSITY, SEOUL

# KOTESOL: Daejeon- Chungcheong Chapter

## Fall 2015 Newsletter

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## Fall is here!

It's that time of year when the air finally gets cooler and the leaves start to change their colors. One thing the DC Chapter loves about fall? It's the time of our November Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner! Don't worry, we have other things planned as well.

### Summer Picnic

If you remember, our Summer Picnic was postponed because of rain and MERS. We have selected Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> as our new date. This is a pot-luck style picnic- bring whatever you want to eat and share with others! The chapter will be providing hot dogs and refreshments. We have some games and activities as well. The location of the picnic is Hanbat Arboretum in Daejeon. The picnic will take place from

2PM to 6PM. You can find the Facebook Event [here](#) and our website event [here](#). Both pages include a link to the directions.

### Cheonan Event

Our Cheonan event is still in the works. We know it will take place in late October. Keep your eyes on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). We'll post/email the info as soon as we have it.

### International Conference

KOTESOL's International Conference will take place at COEX Convention Center from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Pre-conference workshops will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The conference website can be found [here](#), while speaker profiles can be found [here](#).



Cheongju Conference, Cheongju University



National Conference, Sookmyung University

## November Symposium & Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual November Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Our venue will once again be Woosong University in Daejeon. This year's theme is "What do students NEED to succeed in studying English?" We will once again start the symposium with a panel session. The panel will have both Korean and Native English speakers discussing various ways to teach English to Koreans. [Hyunwoo Sun](#) will once again take part in the panel



and will present later in the symposium. A Thanksgiving Dinner (A North American tradition) afterward is a perfect place to discuss the symposium. We are looking for presenters in many areas especially: **Media for Learning:** The best use of media in learning English **Identity:** Concerning culture and how we identify ourselves. **Practical Applications:** Hands-On workshops of activities for our classes. **ESL Research:** Dynamic research to benefit all English teachers. **Young Learners:** Focused on Hagwan and Primary School Teacher issues in the English

classroom. Our call for papers will begin on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Information for potential presenters will be on our [website](#) very soon.

## Elections

How would you like to be an executive member of the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter? We are looking for energetic people to help us plan events! A list of positions and responsibilities can be found from pages 7 to 13 of our [Governance Manual](#). Nominations run from Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Online voting will take place from Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> until Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Results will be announced at our November Symposium. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more info coming soon.

## End of Year Party

Our End of Year Party will be at Solpine International Restaurant on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have events planned for the afternoon followed by dinner and a gift exchange. More information will be available in November.

## Member Profile: Amy Puett

Amy Puett is a new member of DCC. She teaches at Say Wales hagwon in Daejeon and is also currently attending the low residency MA TESOL program at

the School for International Training in Vermont.



How did you first find out about KOTESOL? I heard about it through colleagues and classmates. I was told it was a great way to get involved and share ideas with other TESOL instructors.

So far, what has been your best experience with the DC Chapter? I think it was when we went to the national KOTESOL conference in Seoul. I was proud to attend with DCC because we got a shout out from the organizers for always having such a good turnout at KOTESOL conferences.

What do you hope to get out of chapter events? I hope that I keep meeting experienced and like-minded individuals to share ideas about teaching English to Korean students.

Do you have any suggestions for future events? I would really like for DCC to host reflective practice meetings. We have enough people to where we would have a good turnout, and I think people would benefit from it.

