

# Ewha's first library supporters help students interact with school library

By Son Young-chai

The Ewha Library Supporters, recruited for the first time this March, are helping students get to know the library better by hosting numerous events and conducting surveys. Their efforts to bring the library closer to students continued throughout the summer and will follow into the fall semester.

The initial purpose of the Ewha Library Supporters is to promote the Central Library as a crucial component in the students' academic life on campus. With a total of 15 student members, the Ewha Library Supporters meet once a month to organize library events, such as the 2015 Library Infinite Challenge, and discuss different ways to improve library services. Led by Ryu Seung-yoon, a library administrator, the student supporters spend one school year trying to establish a more dynamic interaction between

students and the library.

"When I first became a supporter, I was under the impression that I would be merely assisting simple tasks in the library," noted supporter Park Eun-gyu, a student in the Division of Environmental and Food Science. "However, as supporters, we were able to freely share our ideas and develop them into actual events for Ewha students."

To start off the year, the supporters helped advertise library events by posting flyers around campus and working as "quiz girls" for the 2015 Library Infinite Challenge in May. The Library Infinite Challenge, one of the biggest events held by the library so far this year, allowed students to run around the library to complete different missions including an OX quiz. The event was able to attract 300 participants, making it a huge success.

Also, the supporters surveyed Ewha students about the library,

in which students shared their personal opinions and suggestions for improvements that could be made. This helped the supporters understand what they could do to help students more effectively.

In May, the student supporters additionally hosted a Relay Fiction Event, where students completed a story together by each writing one sentence after another. The event was especially notable because it was an independent project carried out by the student supporters.

During the summer, the library supporters also went off-campus to pursue their duties. They visited the Seoul Metropolitan Library in celebration of its new exchange agreement in which the two libraries will now be able to share documents and various materials.

"Working as a supporter this semester, I was surprised at how many Ewha students participated in both the 2015 Library Infinite

Challenge and the Relay Fiction Event," supporter Park said. "Personally, I especially enjoyed the Relay Fiction Event because the stories completed by students were so entertaining."

As for the next semester, the library supporters have already planned various new programs and events. One of the upcoming events in September is the new library tours that will be provided in Korean, Chinese, English and Japanese. Supporters are also busy creating a UCC advertising the school library to students.

Also, supporters are very passionate about the new programs that are soon to be launched.

"As a library supporter, I would like to continuously bring forth fun new activities to meet the expectations and enthusiasm Ewha students showed us in our previous events," Park remarked.

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Ewha Library Supporters help establish a more dynamic interaction between students and the library by hosting various events and conducting surveys. Photo provided by Ewha Library Supporters

# Ewha-Harvard Summer School celebrates 10th anniversary

By Kang Na-min

Ewha-Harvard Summer School Program (EHSSP) celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. EHSSP is the only summer school program offered by Harvard University in Korea, co-hosted by the Ewha Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS). Since 2006, over 200 students have participated.

"When I first planned the program, I did not expect it to last 10 years," said Kim Eun Mee, Dean of The Graduate School of International Studies, who planned EHSSP with Harvard professor Carter J. Eckert. "There were many concerns such as sustainability of 'Hallyu.' However, fortunately, every year we were able to maintain our program with new programs and professors."

To memorize its long relationship, commemoration ceremony was held on June 27. "It not only taught me technical skills but also so much about Korean history, culture and society," said Francesca Raquel Simoni from Harvard University.

Under the theme of "Cinema Korea: Documenting Korean Society

through Film," the course combines the field of film making with Korean culture and society. Along with film production, students get to explore how to interpret Korean society through the tool of a documentary.

This year, 23 students participated the program; 7 from Harvard, 2 from Michigan, 13 from Ewha and 1 from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. For the lecture, professor Paul Chang of Harvard University and professor David Chung of the University of Michigan taught an course on Korean cinema and documentary film-making.

Staying in the Ewha dormitory for about five to six weeks together, all students were expected to make a short film as a final project. At the end, students presented their productions. The class also travelled to other cities such as Ulsan and Gwangju to further learn about Korean contemporary history.

"We often stayed overnight to edit the video, but the project was worth it and we became really close," said Lee Gyung-min who participated in the program as an Ewha student.

On the day of closing ceremony,

six films were presented at the "Documentary Film Festival" which were produced by students based on the theories from the course. For instance, "Assiduous: Work to live or Live to Work?" focused on the relationship between productivity and creativity in working condition of Korea which frequently requires working overtime.

"Throughout the course, student

who didn't have a clue about filming completed a documentary with historical and social meanings," Kim said. "Students who had not known where Korea is have turned into people wanting to be Korean experts, even changing their major. We would love to develop programs that introduce Korea to the world with people 'from' the world."

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The only summer school program offered by Harvard University in Korea, Ewha Harvard Summer School Program has celebrated its 10th anniversary. Photo provided by Ewha-Harvard Summer School

## In Brief

### Medical Center holds International Consensus Symposium

Ewha Womans University Medical Center held International Consensus Symposium on GYN Robotic Single-Site (RSS) Surgery on Aug. 28. Professors of Ewha Womans University Medical Center were successful with robotic surgeries, and have performed over 500 robotic gynecologic surgeries including cases of RSS surgery. The symposium was held to celebrate such achievement. The symposium consisted of a celebration ceremony, an observational course and a discussion on RSS surgery.

### Department of Special Education holds academic conference

Department of Special Education and the Special Education Research Institute (SERI) held the 18th Ewha Special Education Academic conference, under the title of "Values and Intervention Effects of Service Learning in Inclusive Education Settings" on Aug. 29. The conference took place at Room B153 in the Education Building B. Professors of Ewha, Catholic, Sejong and Kangnam University as well as a research worker of Ewha's SERI made presentations regarding the values and effects of service learning in educational settings.

### Department of Korean Language and Literature holds workshop

Department of Korean Language and Literature held the 27th "Workshop for Professors of Our Language and Writing" at Room 105 in the Humanities Building on Aug. 20. Professor Lim Dong-hoon directed the workshop and 21 other professors who teach the subject of Our Language and Writing participated. The workshop was followed by the ninth awarding ceremony of Our Language and Writing essay competition, where four students were awarded for their essays.

### 2015 Ewha Womans University Future Human Resources Forum held

The 2015 Ewha Womans University Future Human Resources Forum was held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the LG Convention Hall in the International Education Building, on Aug. 25. The forum was held in order to share stories about the situation of the global corporates' current Human Resources Development (HRD). It also shared and discussed human resources strategies that enable firms to advance and become international firms. Professors of Ewha, including Kang Min-ah (Public Administration) and Jo Il-hyun (Department of Educational Technology) gave lectures.