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NSD Mid-year Committee



NSD officers/departmental directors with delegates at Deer Mountain Camp, Korea, the venue for the Mid-year Committee.

The NSD Mid-year Committee convened at Deer Mountain Camp, Korea, April 28-30, 1997 under the chairmanship of Elder P. D. Chun. In attendance were the Division Officers and Associates, Departmental Directors and the Union/East Asia Association (EAA) Presidents. The other Korean Union Conference officers and local conference presidents were also invited to be present since the meeting was held in their territory. The Committee voted to rotate the NSD Mid-year Committee Meeting among the three unions and East Asia Association during the first four years as follows: 1998 Hong Kong, 1999 Japan and the 2000 in China.

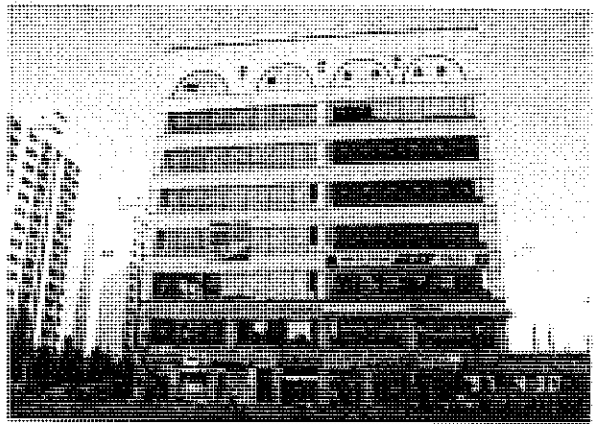
Since that was the first mid-year committee after the Division began operating on January 1, 1997, a significant portion of time was spent in receiving reports from the three unions and EAA for the benefit of the new division officers and departmental directors. Encouraging reports were given with detailed activities, progress and challenges in each of the unions/EAA. The directors of the 1000 Missionary Movement and Religious Study Center (Buddhism) also gave reports to the committee. Among the important items on the agenda was a discussion of a Mission Statement for the NSD, and the approval of the bylaws of the NSD Adventist Health Care Association which is to provide coordination, expertise, services, advice and networking among the

nine Adventist hospitals operating in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

The Committee also approved the establishment of the Adventist Global Communication Network by the General Conference. This GC service is designed to help the world church keep abreast of the rapidly developing communication technology and to develop a strategy to use this technology in fulfilling the church's mission. The Committee also set up an ad-hoc committee to explore the possibility of NSD participation in the Net '98 and Net '99 evangelistic programs which will be conducted by the North and South American Divisions.

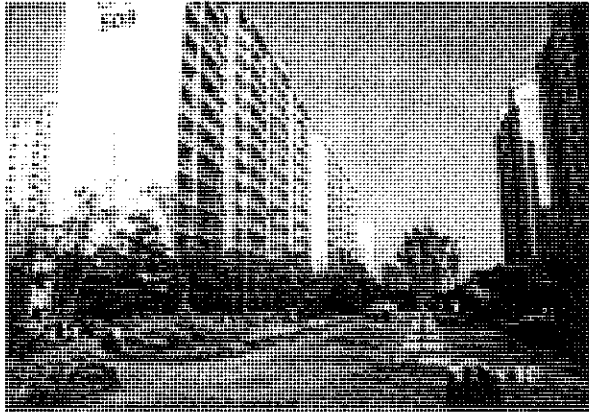
David Parks, Ministerial Association Secretary

NSD New Office and Housing



A new office build for a new division!

The NSD office and their families are planning to move from Singapore to Korea during the middle part of June, 1997. The new NSD office is located in Ilsan which is a new suburb on the northwest side of metropolitan Seoul. The NSD has purchased the fifth floor of an office building which is right at the commercial hub of the city and only a few feet from a subway entrance. The new office will occupy about 900 square meters of floor space. It is about 30 minutes drive from the Kimpo Airport. The NSD staff will be housed in



High-rise apartments in Ilsan City

leased apartments in the area, most of which will be located within a ten minute walk from the office.

On April 30, the NSD officers, departmental directors and NSD Mid-year Committee members took the 80 minute subway ride from the Korean Union Conference office to Ilsan. They were given a tour of an eighth-floor apartment which will be leased for one of the office staff. They also toured the office building and spent an hour with the building contractor, discussing the remodelling and interior finish work for the offices. The schedule calls for the building to be ready for NSD occupancy by June 20, 1997.

David Parks, Ministerial Association Secretary

NSD Support Staff Interviewed

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division's move to Korea is imminent, therefore, the interview stage of hiring for those support staff personnel who will join the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office upon arrival in Korea was conducted on May 1, 1997, at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) office in Seoul.

Thanks to KUC's assistance in advertising, accepting applications and pre-testing of applicants, NSD officers and Departmental Directors—Richard Liu, Secretary; Duane Rollins, Treasurer; Tadaomi Shinmyo, Associate Secretary and Communication Director; Kim, Jong Moon, Associate Treasurer (who has also served as liaison on strategic issues for the move), and Hong, Myung Kwan, Personal Ministries & Sabbath School Director—successfully interviewed 22 applicants for various positions.

Emphasis was placed on English proficiency, both written and spoken, for secretarial and clerical staff due to the international nature of the Division office. The

interviewers were pleasantly surprised to find most applicants quite fluent, with some having multi-lingual capabilities. Of course, such other considerations as computer knowledge, educational emphasis, family situations, employment experience, and even hobbies were reviewed. The interviewers made every effort to consistently ask for the same information and in the same manner, thus allowing the natural responses of the applicants to be given full and equal weight in the evaluating process.

The Administrative Committee of NSD has voted a priority list from among the top few chosen applicants to fill the designated positions, effective upon arrival of the Division staff in Korea. Follow-up with the applicants is underway at this writing. Anticipation of the move is growing and we continue to solicit your prayers for the growth and success of God's work as we formally establish the new Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists in Ilsan, Korea.



Duane C Rollins, Treasurer

ATI Builds Classrooms in Chiang Mai

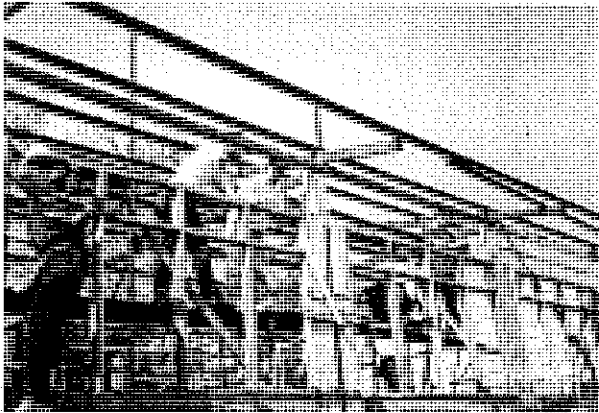
ATI, a Japanese volunteer group, chose to build classrooms in Chiang Mai Adventist Education Center (CAEC) as their project in Thailand for the year 1997. Because of the influx of students in CAEC since last year, Thailand Mission looked for financial support abroad to solve the problem. In His grace, God sent ATI from Japan this year.

ATI stands for the Japanese "Asia Tomoni Ikirukai" which means "We live with Asians."

This CAEC project was conducted from March 5 to 24 by 20 ATI members who came from Japan Missionary College (JMC) and 2 high school students. They spent

about two weeks in constructing two classrooms donated for the academy. They also visited former project sites on the weekends. Furthermore they brought lots of used clothing from Japan for the International Child Care (I.C.C.) and visited the poor children to distribute the clothes and have some fellowship with them.

During the last week they took part in the morning and evening worship services including vespers with the CAEC students.



On Sabbath morning, March 22, even though two classrooms were not completed yet, a ceremony was held to bless the classrooms and the students. donning Japanese and Thai costumes, ATI and two hill-tribe groups rendered beautiful special music, after which Pastor Seizo Wagatsuma, JMC Theology Department head, delivered the sermon.

To culminate the whole program, a farewell party for ATI was thrown by CAEC during lunch time. And finally ATI donated to CAEC a used keyboard, guitar, two new radio-cassette recorders, ballpens, etc. ATI appreciates the effort of Thailand Mission President, Pastor Rungsit, his wife, several carpenters, and church pastors and members in helping them accomplish this project.

Katsuki Matsuura, Church Building Coordinator in Thailand Mission

Seventh-day Adventists will communicate Hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Christ.

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and we selected the best five church buildings among them by secret vote according to five criteria. The five criteria are as follows: (1) It shows a Christian church building; (2) It indicates a Seventh-day Adventist Church; (3) It gives a warm and welcoming atmosphere; (4) It is well maintained; (5) It has a natural setting showing a flower pot, tree, or garden around the building. Fourteen voters carefully chose the best five churches in both NSD and SSD as follows: The 1st prize went to the Sam-Sung Church in the Korean Union Conference. The 2nd prize was given to the Dukuh Kupang Church and the 3rd prize was granted to the Sumber Wekas Church, both of which are in the West Indonesia Union Mission. The 4th prize went to the Yangon Central Church in the Myanmar Union Mission. The 5th prize was given to the Zhejiang (China) Church in the territory of the East Asia Association. There are 6,401 organized churches in both the NSD and the SSD as of December 31, 1996.

This timely and meaningful Advisory was prepared by NSD and SSD Communication Directors, Tadaomi Shinmyo and John Duroe together with their supporting staff.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, Director of Communication Department



Sam-Sung Church in the Korean Union Conference that won the Most Beautiful Church award. Congratulations!

Communication Advisory was held in Singapore

A quinquennial Communication Advisory for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) was held in Singapore on April 7-9, 1997. The theme of the Advisory was "Seventh-day Adventist Communication: Global Network of Hope." Eleven Communication Directors came to the Division office from various Unions of NSD and SSD.

For this important gathering we were able to engage three guest speakers from the General Conference (GC). They are GC Communication Director Ray Dabrowski, Associate Director Jonathan Gallagher, and Adventist World Radio (AWR)/Asia Regional Director Greg Scott. Also present were, NSD President P.D. Chun and SSD President V. F. Bocala who gave messages to all the attendees during the morning devotionals.

The two and a half day program was quite heavy for the participants, because of the many different kinds of programs presented from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm. This included the lectures of the guest speakers, reports from the Unions, discussion of agenda, listening to & viewing their own radio & TV programs, Church beautification contest, video viewing, as well as visiting the



United Communication Directors from NSD (left) and SSD (right) Communication Directors during the presentation of the Most Beautiful Church award.

Singapore Mission Radio production Studio.

Ray Dabrowski presented "Objectives of the Communication Department" and he challenged us to improve our work in the Communication Department with the new concepts which were presented. He also spoke of the "Hope Strategy" and "Crisis Communication." Jonathan Gallagher discussed the "Adventist News Network." Greg Scott told of the effectiveness of reaching people through AWR and once more encouraged us to produce AWR programs in both Divisions.

One of the most exciting programs was the contest concerning church beautification. Each Union had been requested to choose the best three church buildings in its territory and to bring those pictures with them. All these pictures were placed on the walls of our meeting room

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