

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division



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## Cleft Lip and Plate Operation in Nepal by Adventist Humanitarian Agency (ADRA Japan)

**A**dventist Humanitarian Agency in Japan conducted the Cleft Lip and Plate Operation in Nepal on November 18 to December 5, 2001. The total number of the free medical service team was 33 and the team operated 50 patients.

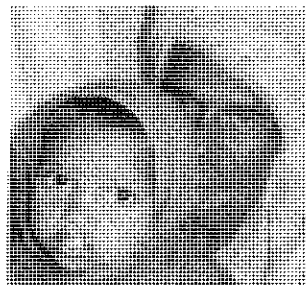
Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Japan (ADRA Japan) organized this medical project in collaboration with ADRA Nepal and Scheer Memorial Hospital (an Adventist Hospital) in Nepal and it was recognized by the Health Ministry of the Government in the country. The project fund was provided by the Foreign Ministry of the Japanese Government and the public donation in the country.



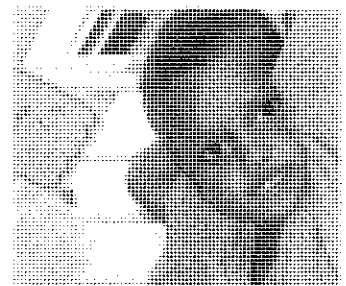
*Under Operation*

Stephano Tsukamoto, director of ADRA Japan, was organizer of the medical team composed of 6 plastic surgeons, 5 anaesthetists, 15 nurses, one dietician, 2 volunteers and 2 ADRA Japan office staffs. Most of the plastic surgeons and anaesthetists were from Showa

University Medical School and Chiba University Medical School.



*Before Operation*



*After Operation*

The surgery was done at the ADRA Cleft Lip and Plate Center in Banepa city, Nepal. This year too, many patients came from far places. Some child came to be treated from the far western part of Nepal by spending 2 days on foot for coming down from a mountain and another 2 days by bus. Mr. Yuji Ishikawa, the team leader, said, "The one who came from the most far place was a girl, Kumari, from India, who was taken by an Adventist pastor. They arrived at the center after spending 5 days by bus.



*(from right to left) Yuji Ishikawa, Kumari, Megumi Ariyoshi, and Kumari's Pastor*

The pastor cares 4 churches and about 1000 members. He showed a great joy as he saw Kumari who came back after her surgery. Then, he knelt down beside her who was still sleeping because of anesthesia, put his hand on her body, and offered a prayer with a nurse who was responsible to Kumari. After the prayer, the pastor expressed his thanks to each of the

staffs with shaking hands." Ishikawa, male nurse of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, added, "The pastor's behavior of his thanks was very impressive and non Adventist staffs were also moved by him. It is said that Kumari will be baptized by the pastor after going back to her home. Truly, God has been in Nepal."

ADRA Japan has been cooperating with Showa University and Chiba University in past 7 years for the Cleft Lip and Plate Operation Project in Nepal. Over 400 operations were practised until now. However, Tsukamoto said, "I understand that there are more than 40,000 cleft lip and palate patients in Nepal because of no skilled plastic surgeon."



*The Medical Team sent by ADRA Japan*

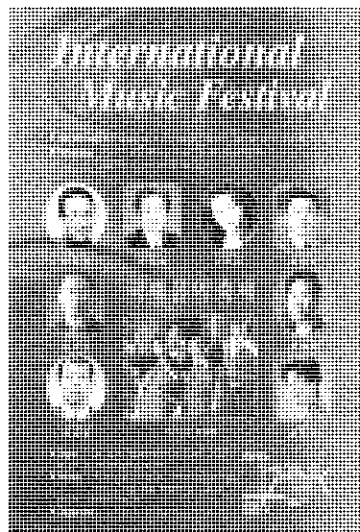
The population of Nepal is around 24,000,000 and there are 6 Adventist churches with about 1,000 members.

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## International Music Festival at Sahmyook University, Korea

The 1st International Music Festival was held at Sahmyook University in Korea on December 22, 2001. Among around two hundred attendees, most of them were Koreans, though there were a few of special visitors. His Excellency Koenraad Rouvroy, Ambassador of Kingdom of Belgium, and his wife, Mrs. Rouvroy; and His Excellency Ricardo Chavez, Consul of Republic of Ecuador responded to the invitation of the concert. Dr. Nam, Daegeuk, president of Sahmyook University,

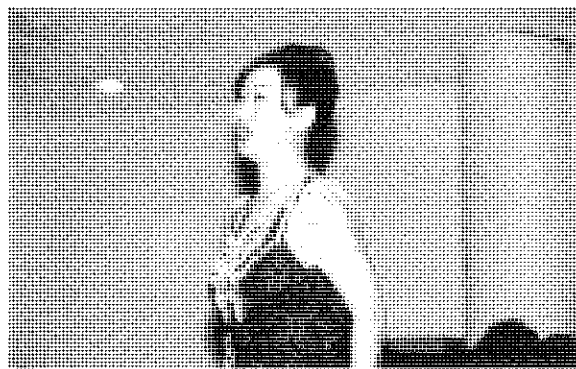
welcomed and greeted the honorable guests.



The music program was prepared by the music department of the university. Professor Yoo, Byung Hai, head of the department and female violinist, was coordinator of the performance. There were four male and two female soloists who sang the world favorite folk songs in Part 1 which began at 7.00 p.m. Then, in Part 2, the university instrumental ensemble composed

of the students played classical music with violin solo, and all soloists sang together several Korean folk songs in medley. In addition, since the Belgium embassy sent a couple of folk songs of the country to be played on this day, the ensemble performed one of them as well as a Chinese and a Japanese song. Finally, vocalists and instrumental players all together performed "O Holy Night," and the audience joined them for the last stanza of the song.

Cho, Kyung Ja, one of the volunteer receptionists of the concert, commented, "Music was most wonderful." In a special way, the attendance enjoyed very much with each professional soloist. Kim, Hye Jin, soprano, sang "Torna a Sorrento" and "Il Bacio." Kim, Hyun Tae, tenor, "Pourquoi me reveiller." Jung, Hyo Sik, baritone, "Che sara," and "Largo al factotum della citta." Kim, Kwang Soo, baritone,



*Kim, Hye Jin, soprano,  
the first singer of the concert*

"Tu Ca nun chiagne," and "Madamina! IL catalogo e questo." Kim, Hee Jung, soprano, "Ack, ich fuhl's, es ist verschwunden," and "Carlo vive." Kim, Chul Ho, tenor, "La donna e mobile," and "Dicitencell vuie."



*All soloists singing the final song,  
"O Holy Night"*

This music program was made a plan as a joint project of Sahmyook University, an Adventist educational institution with over five thousand students, and the Public Affairs and Communication Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When this plan was introduced to Dr. Nam, he quickly replied, "This is an excellent idea."



*(from right to left) His Excellency Koenraad Rouvroy, Ambassador of Kingdom of Belgium, and his wife, Mrs. Rouvroy; and His Excellency Ricardo Chavez, Consul of Republic of Ecuador; and Mrs. Lee, Young Ja, wife of the university president and Dr. Nam, Daegeuk, president of Sahmyook University.*

The purpose of the event was to express thanks to the overseas diplomats working in Korea far away from their home countries and so to give encouragement to them during the holiday seasons. Therefore, not only embassy people, but also any workers from abroad were also welcomed. Consequently, several citizens from China, Japan, South Africa and U.S.A. participated in the program. Since the university has foreign faculty members and students, this program was another good opportunity for them to have fellowship with new overseas people.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL/Publishing/SOP/ATN*

## General Sessions conducted in Hong Kong and Taiwan

The constituency meetings of the Hong Kong - Macao Conference was conducted in Hong Kong on December 14-17, 2001. One of the major agenda items was the election of the officers. The following new individuals were chosen for each position.

President Howard Hau-Leung Fung (re-elected)  
Secretary Terry Tsui  
Treasurer Richard Chu

On December 18-20, 2001, the General Session of the Taiwan Mission was held in Taiwan, and the new officers who were appointed during the Chinese Union Mission Annual Council on December 3-4, 2001 in Taiwan were introduced. They were as follows:

President Robert Folkenberg Jr  
Secretary Huang Chin-Chen  
Treasurer Dan Liu

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## PR of David and Mary Wong

*leaving on January 22, 2002*

David Wong, Youth and Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Director; and Mary Wong, Women's/Family/Children's Ministries Director and Shepherdess Coordinator; will be going on their permanent return to California, the United States of America.

David served in the Far Eastern Division, General Conference, and Northern Asia-Pacific Division in various capacities in different educational institutions and in the area of youth ministry.

Mary served in the same divisions and General Conference as well as her husband as teacher and chair of the English Department in different colleges and in the areas of children's, family and women's ministries.

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# Coming Events ...

<i>NSD Prime Time/Spiritual Emphasis Week</i>	Jan 7-11, 2002	Ilsan, Korea
<i>Children's Ministries Seminar</i>	Jan 18-20, 2002	Korea
<i>Publishing Council &amp; Leadership Seminar</i>	Jan 21-24, 2002	Tokyo, Japan
<i>Literature Evangelists Rally</i>	Jan 26 - Feb 03, 2002	Tokyo, Okinawa, Kyoto, Japan
<i>Educational Administrators Council</i>	Jan 28-31, 2002	Daejon, Korea
<i>Training Evangelistic Teams</i>	Feb 14-17, 2002	Korea
<i>19th 1000 MM Training Session</i>	Feb 17 - Mar 23, 2002	Philippines
<i>Health Ministries Advisory</i>	Feb 25-26, 2002	Ilsan, Korea
<i>1000 MM Board Meeting</i>	Feb 27, 2002	Philippines
<i>AIIAS Management Committee</i>	Feb 28, 2002	Philippines
<i>Pre-Marital Counseling Training</i>	Mar 4-7, 2002	Bangkok, Thailand
<i>ELS Evaluation/Coordinators Meeting</i>	Mar 11-14, 2002	Moscow, Russia
<i>IHFA Conference</i>	Mar 15-20, 2002	Argentina
<i>ADRA Pan-Asia Consultation</i>	Mar 17-21, 2002	Thailand
<i>AWR Asia/Pacific Region Advisory</i>	Mar 18-20, 2002	Singapore
<i>ADRA Asia Board Meeting</i>	Mar 22, 2002	Thailand
<i>CHUM Teachers' Convention</i>	Mar 28, 2002	Hong Kong
<i>Family Ministries Seminar</i>	Mar 29-31, 2002	Hong Kong
<i>Go One Million Seminar</i>	April 2-13, 2002	Japan
<i>Asia-Pacific Educational Leadership Seminar</i>	April 7-10, 2002	Muak Lek, Thailand
<i>GC Spring Meetings</i>	April 8-16, 2002	Silver Spring, USA
<i>Stewardship Seminar</i>	April 9-13, 2002	Gwangju, Korea
<i>AIIAS Management Committee</i>	April 14, 2002	Silver Spring, USA
<i>GC Trust Services Certification Program</i>	April 21-26, 2002	Berrien Springs, USA
<i>Theological Field Conference</i>	April 29 - May 7, 2002	Middle East
<i>NSD Prime Time Week</i>	May 6-10, 2002	Ilsan, Korea

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