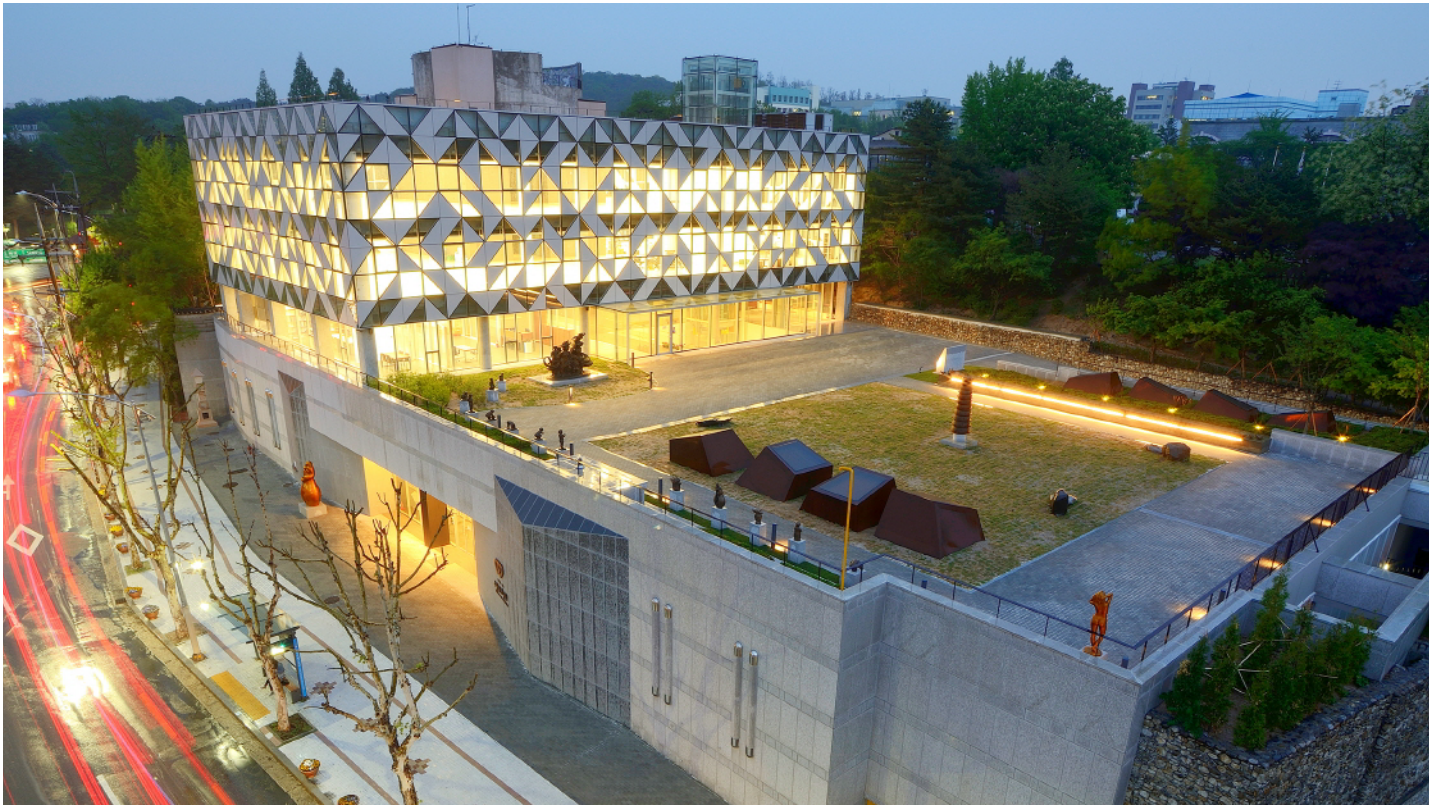
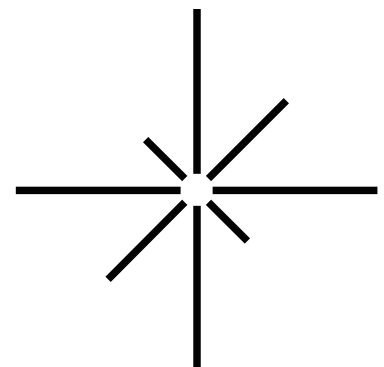


Soorim Cultural Foundation



Cultivating a forest where culture and art live and breathe.

Soorim Cultural Foundation is a non-profit private cultural organization founded in 2009 by Hee-soo Kim, known by his art name (ho) Donggyo. The philosophy of the founder is to enrich a nation through culture and to cultivate talent. Inheriting the founder's will to "Carry a torch to illuminate darkness through learning," the organization supports artistic creation and fosters cultural and artistic talents. Our goal is to create a sustainable cultural ecosystem with artists, just like a forest where large trees, beautiful flowers, and numerous nameless wild flowers coexist and grow together.



Founder

Donggyo Kim Hee-soo 東喬 金熙秀 1924-2012



"Let us become people who illuminate the dark corners of society with a small light, not the brilliant light of the sun, but a small light, like the light of a torch."

- Message to graduating class, CAU Newspaper, 1992.02.21

"Bequeathing wealth to the next generation is the lower life, bequeathing a business is the middle, and bequeathing people is the highest form of life."

- From People & People, The Kyunghyang Shinmun, 2002.02.04

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| 1924.06.19 | Born in Changwon-si, Gyeongsangnam-do (formerly Masan-si) |
| 1938 | Emigrated to Japan |
| 1953 | Graduated from Tokyo Denki University, Electrical Engineering major |
| 1961-2011 | Founded Kanai Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Keumjeong Corporation) |
| 1987 | Received the Order of Sports Merit, Blue Dragon Medal |
| 1987-2008 | Chairman of the Board, Chung-Ang University |
| 1988-2004 | Chairman of the Board, Kanai Gakuen, Soorim Foreign Language Institute |
| 1994 | Received the Order of Civil Merit, Moran Medal |
| 2001 | Received an honorary doctorate in Education from Herzen State University of Russia |
| 2005-2008 | Honorary Chairman of the Board, Kanai Gakuen, Shurin Foreign Language Institute |
| 2008-2011 | Honorary Chairman of the Board, Chung-Ang University |
| 2009-2012 | Chairman of the Board, Soorim Cultural Foundation |
| 2011-2012 | Honorary Chairman of the Board, Soorim Cultural Foundation |
| 2012.01.19 | Passed away at the age of 87 |

Greetings from the Chairman

K-Culture: Leading the Way as a Cultural Powerhouse

Greetings,

I am Jeon Kyung-hee, Chairman of the Soorim Cultural Foundation.

Our foundation is dedicated to upholding the visionary legacy of our founder, Dr. Kim Hee-soo, who once said, "The 21st century is an era of cultural competition; let us discover and nurture the talents that will lead it." It is our mission to bring his foresight to life.

Since our establishment in 2009, we have launched the Soorim Literature Award, Soorim Art Prize, and Soorim Music Award (Soorim NewWave Award), each dedicated to discovering and nurturing talent in the fields of culture and the arts. Over the years, we have created numerous opportunities for both traditional and contemporary artists, contributing to the cultural enrichment of our society and championing diversity in the arts.

Looking ahead, the Foundation remains committed to expanding our support for the arts and culture. We aim to cultivate a new generation of talented artists, support the global expansion of innovative K-culture and art, and strengthen our role as a leader in cultural diplomacy.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported the Foundation and look forward to continuing our work to ensure that Korea shines as a beacon of K-culture on the global stage.

Thank you.

August 1, 2024

- Chairman, Jeon Kyung-hee

Organization Chart

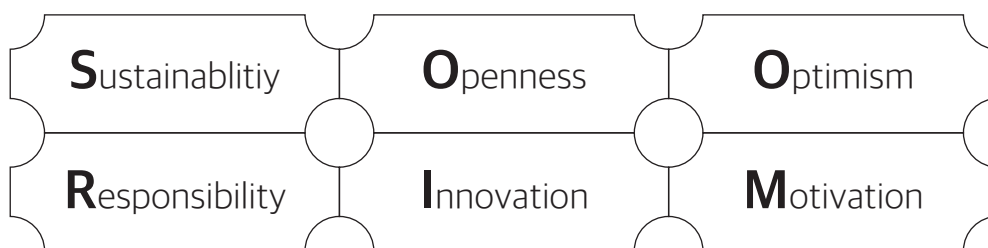
People who care for the forest.

Mission

Implementing the founder's philosophy
(enriching a nation through culture & cultivating talent)

Vision

Building a platform for a society where culture and art coexist



Board of Directors

Chairman	Jeon, Kyung-hee	Partner Lawyer, DR & AJU Law Group, LLC. Former Director of the Korean Bar Association
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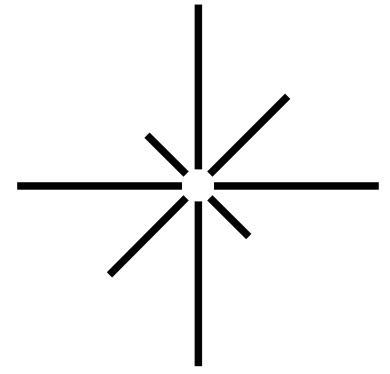
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History



- 2023 Jeon Kyung-hee appointed as the 6th Chairman.
- 2022 Opened a culture complex, 'SOORIM CUBE.'
- 2021 Choi Kyu-hak appointed as the 5th Chairman.
- 2020 'Kim Hee-soo Arts Center' renamed.
- 2019 Awarded a commendation from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.
- 2018 Yoo Jin-ryong appointed as the 4th Chairman.
- 2017 Jeon Kyung-hee appointed as the 3rd Chairman.
- 2016 Opened a culture complex, 'Kim Hee-soo Memorial Soorim Arts Center.'
- 2013 Acquired the former headquarters of the Korean Film Council
- 2012 Founder Donggyo Kim Hee-soo passed away at the age of 87 (2012.01.19)
Ha Jeong-woong appointed as the 2nd Chairman.
- 2010 Jung Seong-jin appointed as Acting Chairman of the Board.
- 2009 Foundation establishment approved by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in June, 2009. Kim Hee-soo appointed as the 1st Chairman.