



Project Description & Submission Guidelines

KCS 150

Korean Canadian Stories: A Canada 150 Project

Connecting Communities
Sharing Stories
Recording Our History

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About the Project

- KCS 150 is a virtual gathering place (online site) that will be unique, dynamic and comprehensive
- KCS 150 will feature stories, facts and links about people, groups/organizations, achievements, places & milestones that are part of the Canada-Korea history & relations of the past 150 years
- *Save the Date!* Official unveiling of site at “Canada Korea 150 on the Hill” National Celebration in Ottawa, (Oct. 2nd, 2017)

Why should we tell our Korean Canadian stories? Why now?

As Korean Canadians, we come from a people that have experienced immeasurable pain, yet have achieved notable heights and accomplishments throughout our long history. We are resilient. We endure peaks and valleys with the strength borne out of fierce determination.

We are also great story tellers. The Korean people have been telling stories of our suffering and triumph through songs, books, dramas and theatre over thousands of years.

We speak of our experiences to our families and friends. In fact, we are very loud communicators among ourselves. We number in the hundreds of thousands from coast to coast to coast. There are numerous organizations and societies, with no shortage of events, news and excitement at any given time within the Korean community. And yet, we are rather silent when it comes to sharing our stories within Canada or around the world. Some have described the community as being “a noisy absence” when it comes to sharing our Korean Canadian stories that are already woven into the very fabric of Canadian society.

In 2017, during Canada’s 150th year as a nation, it’s the perfect time to tell our stories, ***loud*** and ***clear!*** Whether we are someone who came to Canada as an immigrant, a scholar, an investor, an adoptee or as a child of an immigrant, all of us are living a life in Canada that is imbued with great Korean Canadian Stories. And by sharing our stories, we will see how closely connected we are to each other.



Therefore, in celebration of **Canada’s 150th birthday**, we are building a virtual place called, ***Korean Canadian Stories 150 (KCS 150)*** to connect communities, share our stories, and record our history.

Submission Guidelines

So, you've decided to tell a story, now what?

- **Write it all down and send it to us! Deadline: May 30, 2017**
- We want your stories - long or short (any length)
- Submit your story in one or more of the following languages: English, French, and/or Korean
- Send your story in a word document (not PDF) *Note: the KCS 150 editorial board reserves the right to edit the text of the submission as needed*
- Send video clips or photos if they help tell your story more vividly (optional) *Note: you are responsible for ensuring all additional materials submitted are approved for publication on the KCS 150 site*
- Share a previously written and/or published story or write an original one. *Note: you are responsible for ensuring that previously published copy is permissible for republication on the KCS 150 site*

Stories we could tell are endless ... here are some ideas:

- What does being a Korean Canadian mean to you?
- What does Canada's 150th birthday mean to you?
- Your whole life story in Canada or that of someone else whom you wish to write about
- How or why did you/your family decide to come to Canada?
- What was your first memorable impression/experience in Canada?
- What was the hardest/happiest discovery about living in Canada?
- A story about a memorable event or period during your/your family's life in Canada
- A story about the best, most interesting, remote or challenging place you've lived, worked or traveled to in Canada
- An interesting or favourite kimchi story or any element/aspect of Korean culture that you wish to write about
- A story about a Korean Canadian you admire

For more ideas on how to tell your story, check out these links:

<http://www.macleans.ca/canadas-stories/>

<https://www.historicacanada.ca/blog/jasons-story-embracing-the-hyphen-in-korean-canadian/>

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