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I. President's Message

It was my great honor in January 2018 to begin a two-year term as President. We now have a new website to encourage active participation of the members and promote closer collaboration among members. I will focus on building strong relationship among members, organizing various activities including Korean War North American Veteran Appreciation Concert by music professors of our association, and organizing fundraising for scholarships during my term.

I will do my best to make this association be the platform for you to contribute your talents and to excel your career. I hope we will be the role model for the next KAUPA members. We must reach out to our community and encourage our younger generation to educate people and perform research for betterment of the society.

We have compiled over 5,000 Korean-descendant professors and researchers working at the universities in North America. Please go to our new website, http://kaupa.club/ and become the registered member. Most of the membership fee will go to scholarship fund. Join us and do something good and return our talents to the society.

We need energetic members to take leadership roles in our association where over 30 positions are available. You can go to http://kaupa.club/join-leadership/ and sign up for the position that you want.

Thank you in advance for your part in our vision for the betterment of our society. Let's work together and achieve our vision.

Jae Kwang Park, Ph.D. The 13th KAUPA President

II. KAUPA Activities and Member News

1. KAUPA Activities

- New Website Link Open

A new website of KAUP was launched by significant effort of current leadership team members and Prof. Wayne Lee (former KAUPA President). Especially, current Present Prof. Jae Kwang Park contributed a lot of time and effort toward this project. KISTI of Korea has been supporting financially this project and the KAUPA Membership Directory Database update project since last summer.

The new URL of KAUPA homepage is

http://kaupa.club/.

Please visit the homepage and register yourself and look around the site.

- KAUPA Membership Directory Database Update Project

In parallel with the new KAUPA homepage launching project, KUPA leadership team is compiling all the Korean American faculty members in USA and Canada and updated the membership database. Currently, about over 5,100 faculty members were identified up to now as of May 16, 2018 and the number is growing continuously.

As a member, you would be privileged to access the database for various academic research and social activities. Please review the members of your affiliated university and let the leadership team know the missing faculty members to make a complete KAUPA Membership Directory Database.

Your Volunteering for KAUPA is Needed

KUPA leadership team is recruiting your precious talent for KAUPA. If you are interested is please click the following URL and your best position you want to serve.

http://kaupa.club/join-leadership/

If you have any questions, please let the KAUPA leadership team know. Your engagement is highly encouraged.

2. Member News

The Team of Prof. C. K. Lee Wins the First Place in the Third Biennial Collegiate Wind Competition Hosted by the Depart of Energy

<u>Dr. C.K. Lee</u> of <u>James Madison University</u> in Harrisonburg, Virginia led thirty motivated students from business, engineering, and other disciplines from James Madison University and participated a business plan contest for wind-oriented energy at <u>the third biennial</u>

<u>Collegiate Wind Competition</u>. The Department of Energy host the competition, held at Chicago between May 7 and 10, 2018. James Madison University came in first place for the business plan contest.

The two-semester process began in the Fall of 2017, where the students develop several ideas for the wind energy project. In the spring of 2018, they narrowed down their six ideas into the one deemed the most viable from both an engineering and a business point of view. From there, they developed and polished a strong business plan and began work on the smaller scale-model prototype. Dr. Lee, in his first year as a professor at James Madison University, says "The knowledge and skills from different disciplines added value to this achievement. Engineering students can understand about the business plan and business principles, and Management students can learn about a disruptive technology. The wind industry is growing, and participating in this competition gives them a great opportunity to get experience and engage with people who make wind energy."

More details about the competition can be found at the following: https://www.energy.gov/articles/california-state-university-maritime-academy-blows-away-competition-3rd-biennial-collegiate

III. Announcements

- Job Opportunities link
- Any other useful announcements links

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