The 17th Congress of the Yanggeum World Association Between 3-8 November in 2024 in Seoul

According to its objective defined in its statutes the **Yanggeum World Association** organises a congress every two years, each time in a different country, the venue of which is decided by the members. Our next congress will be held in South Korea.

The aims of the Congress are to hold a meeting of the members, to make decisions about the operation of the Association, to let the delegations from different countries introduce the cimbalom culture of their homeland, to share and gain knowledge and information and to popularize the instrument. The different concerts, presentations and vending exhibitions held by the members during the congress will be open to the general public.

Locations of the congress:

The opening concert: National Gugak Center

(Seocho-gu, Nambusunhwan-ro, 2364, Seoul, South Korea)

Tel: +82-02-580-3300(10:00~18:00, GMT+9)

Approach:

- City Bus
 - G Green Bus (Local line) No. 5413 (National Gugak Center / Raemian Art Hill)
 - B Blue Bus (Main Line) No. 142, No. 406 (National Gugak Center / Raemian Art Hill)
 - Red Bus No. 1500-2, No. M5532 (Bangbae-dong Raemian Art Hill / National Gugak Center)
- **Express Bus**
 - Express Bus 1500-2 (Yongin Dundang Sadang) Get off in front of the National Gugak Center / M5532 (Osan Sadang), Get off in front of the National Gugak Center
- Subway
 - 2 Line No.2 Bangbae Station (Turn around No. 1 Exit and next to MR. Pizza) Take thea town shuttle bus, Seocho No. 7, Seocho No. 15, or Seocho No. 16
 - 7 Line No.7 Naebang Station (Exit No. 3) Take the town shuttle bus, Seocho No. 7 or Seocho No. 15
 - 3 Line No.3 Nam but erminal Station (Exit No. 5) Take the town shuttle bus, Seocho No.22

Presentations, Exhibition, Concerts: Gangbuk Cultural Foundation

(Gangbuk-gu, Samgaksan-ro, 85, Culture and Arts Center 3F, Seoul, South Korea)

Tel: +82-02-994-8458(10:00~18:00, GMT+9)

Approach:

Line No.4 Suyu(Exit No.4) Take the Green Bus(Localline) No.Gangbuk01(강북01) Get off in front of the Gangbuk Culture and Arts Center

Program of the Congress:

The 17th YangGeum World Congress

	2024-11-3	2024-11-4	2024-11-5	2024-11-6	2024-11-7	2024-11-8		
Morning 09:00-12:00	리하실 Rehearsal	08:00-09:00 Group Photos	08:00-09:00 Rehearsal	08:00-09:00 Rehearsal				
		09:15-09:45 Opening of Musical Instrument Exhibition	Concert	Concert				
		10:00—11:00 korean & Foreign Yanggeum Dialogue	Concert	Concert	Rehearsal	Competition		
		11:00—12:00 CWA Membership Meeting	Concert	Concert				
			Dinner & F	Rehearsal				
Afternoon	리하설 Rehearsal	Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures		Competition		
		Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures	Rehearsal			
13:30-16:00	Refleatsat	Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures				
Dinner & Rehearsal								
Evening 19:00-21:30	Opening Ceremony &Concert	Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures	19:00-21:30 Closing Ceremony & Concert	Competition		
		Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures	& Concert			
		Concert	Concert	Concert / Lectures	22:00-24:00 Banquet			

The program for 2024-11-8 is planned to be a competition. See the booking form for more information.

X On 9 November from 8:00 am there will be sightseeing Seoul tour by bus. -Participation fee: to be announced.

It is advisable to arrive on 2024-11-02, to make airport pickup smoother and to be sure of not missing the opening ceremony. Your return can be on 2024-11-08, 2024-11-09, or 2024-11-10, depending on whether you plan to attend the optional programs described above on 2024-11-8 and 2024-11-9.

Participation fee for members and their relatives for the whole duration of the Congress:

Super Early Bird: 340 EUR per person

(approximately 500,000 WON) if paid by May 20, 2024.

Early Bird: 380 EUR per person

(approximately 550,000 WON) if paid by July 1, 2024.

Basic: 400 EUR per person

(approximately 600,000 WON) if paid by August 15, 2024.

* Please note that registrations completed after the specified deadline will be subject to a **Late Fee**, which reflects the additional administrative efforts required. As such, <u>a surcharge of 10% will be applied to the basic participation fee</u> for any late submissions. We kindly ask for your understanding and prompt adherence to the registration timelines.

To register for the congress, please complete the booking form via this link:-

Congress Booking Form

There is also information about the competition in the above form.

Payment for the application

To pay the application fee, please remit to the following bank account:

Account Holder: KOREA YANGGEUM ASSOCIATION

Bank: Wooribank

Account Number: 1005204654000

Swift Code: <u>HVBKKRSEXXX</u>

Payments must be made by the relevant deadline, based on Korean Standard Time.

Please remember:

- * The deadline for Super Early Bird registration is May 20, 2024.
- * The deadline for Early Bird registration is July 1, 2024.
- * The deadline for **Basic** registration is **August 15, 2024**.
- * Registrations after August 15, 2024, will be considered Late and subject to the increased fee.

- * Please note that this does not include the cost of instrument rental or accommodation.
- * The remittance must be made in the name of the applicant or the group.
- * We cannot be held responsible for any mistakes in remittance.
- * The participation fee is separate from the CWA membership fee.

Participation fee includes the costs of travelling between the location of the Congress, lunch box (lunch, dinner), the Airport pick-up transportation, the pamphlet, the poster, the cloth bag giveaway, the Event venue name tag, the essential equipment needed for the presentations, tickets for all the programs, the opportunity to take part in the common programs, and publications of the Congress.

* Instrument rental fee, Accommodation costs excluded.

Active participation at the concerts and presentations can be guaranteed only to members. Non-members of the Association can only attend the concerts and presentations as a visitor.

Deadline of registration: 15 August 2024. We can only accept registrations for passive participation after this day.

Please submit your CV and an activity photo via email. Ensure that the file formats are either PDF, JPG, JPEG, or an image file.

Email them to koreayanggeum@gmail.com with your full name or group name

(whichever applies to your application) clearly mentioned in the subject line or body of the email. (Subject: Your name_2024CWA congress application form)

As per the deadlines above, the participation fee and any additional fee for extra exhibition area should either be remitted to our bank account number. It also can be paid on the spot by prior arrangement. We regret to inform you that we cannot accept any cheques. We kindly ask you to give the method of payment on your application form.

If a participant cannot attend the congress we cannot grant a refund. However, participants unable to attend the Congress after having paid their registration fees can transfer the fee to someone. In this case the participant must provide a written request about the transfer. Members of the Association can transfer their fees paid only to another member while non-members can transmit it to anyone.

Accommodation offers:

These are three good quality hotels we recommend. Cooperative discounts cannot be applied, but you can receive a personal discount of about 5% through the Agoda and Toyoko-inn websites.

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No.	Hotel		Rates/Night	Website		
1	URBANEST Hotel		Around 102,500 for a twin/double per night	http://www.urban- est.co.kr/site/english/main.htm		
	URE Address		BANEST I 1725, Goyang-daero, Deogyang-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do			
	Link(map)		https://maps.a	pp.goo.gl/auHzYPjjzY5WWLw2A		
2	Address			https://www.toyoko- inn.com/eng/search/detail/00282/ Seocho-dong), Seocho-gu, Seoul 06627		
3	Link(map) Golden Seoul Hotel		Around 102,500 for a twin/double per night	http://gsheng.kocomtec.gethompy.com/		
	Address	66	53, Gonghang-daero, Gangseo-gu, Seoul, Korea (260-7, Yeomchang-dong, Gangseo-gu, Seoul			
	Link(map)		https://maps.ap	pp.goo.gl/wFhS7DT7W4DNscMp6		

X You can also use the AGODA website.

(Link: https://www.agoda.com/)

Please note that all hotel reservations must be made directly by either phone or online to the specific hotel that you wish to stay. We suggest all participants to complete their

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reservation as soon as possible. If you are having trouble making a reservation, please

contact us on koreayanggeum@gmail.com

Here's the BANK OF KOREA's official exchange rate, you can change WON into USD or

other countries' rate: https://snapshot.bok.or.kr/dashboard/B1

Participation fee and the price of accommodation are handled separately because of

participants who would like to arrange accommodation themselves.

If a participant who had already made a reservation cannot attend the Congress we

cannot grant a refund. However, participants unable to attend the Congress can

transfer the fee paid for the accommodation to someone. In this case the participant

must provide a written request about the transfer.

A letter of invitation can be sent if it is requested. For visa a copy of the passport is

needed beside the letter of invitation.

The Organising Committee