

**Short report on the 2nd SRC-IREEES Joint Symposium
held at Seoul National Univ.**

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The 2nd SRC-IREEES Joint Symposium “Current Issues of Russian-Slavic Studies in Korea and Japan” was held on Nov. 21st at Seoul National University (SNU). Prof. Matsuzato, Prof. Mochizuki and I (Iwashita) from SRC attended the reception on the night of the 20th. Presidents from both universities made their opening remarks followed by the traditional Korean musical performance which included a passionate and enchanting rendition of “Samul nori (traditional percussion music).”

The Director of IREEES, Jongso Park, and I made our brief opening remarks, followed by each panel divided into literature/language, history/sociology and politics/international relations which Prof. Mochizuki, Prof. Matsuzato and I delivered our work in the respective sessions.

The literature, history and economic experts from IREEES gave their thought provoking comments to the 3 speakers from SRC. A relatively small audience on a Saturday morning worked to the participants’ advantage since we were able to leave enough time for an intellectually stimulating discussion. After the symposium, the Korean and Japanese participants enjoyed the traditional Korean barbeque “kalbi and bulgogi” and traditional rice wine “makkori” to celebrate this memorable occasion and for our continuous friendship.

The 3rd SRC-IREEES Joint Symposium will be co-hosted by these two organizations at our very own Hokkaido University in Sapporo, and the emphasis will be placed on panels of issues pertaining to linguistics, language and literature as many of the IREEES members are experts on these themes.



1. Opening Remarks by Director Park



2. Prof. Matsuzato rebutting on a comment made by the discussant