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105th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Korean Provisional Government to be Celebrated on the 11th

- *On Thursday, April 11, at 10 a.m., the ceremony will take place at the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government, with about 200 participants including descendants of independence activists and key government officials.*
- *Under the theme "The Road to Dawn," the ceremony aims to commemorate and perpetuate the noble spirit of the independence activists of the provisional government together with the public.*
- *Minister Kang Jung-ai stated, "We will devote our efforts to ensure that our citizens and future generations can always take pride in the journey of the provisional government and the spirit of independence of our forebears."*

[Korea, April 9] The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (Minister Kang Jung-ai) announced that the "105th Anniversary Ceremony of the Foundation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea" will be held to remember and carry forward the proud history of the provisional government established on April 11, 1919, for the independence of the country. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 11, at 10 a.m., in the Provisional Assembly Hall of the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government (NMKPG), located in Seodaemun-gu, Seoul.

This year's ceremony, held under the theme "The Road to Dawn," will be attended by approximately 200 people, including descendants of independence activists, key government officials, and representatives from various sectors.

***Theme Selection Reason for "The Road to Dawn"**

The theme is inspired by the title of a memoir "The Road to Dawn" by Kim Moon-taek, a veteran independence activist from the Liberation Army, symbolizing the challenging journey of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea towards freedom and liberation. It conveys a message to remember and carry forward the unyielding spirit of our forebears who faced numerous crises and difficulties without giving up.

The ceremony at NMKPG, steeped in the history of the independence movement, self-reliance, and the democratic republic during the Japanese occupation, will include an opening performance, a pledge of allegiance, memorial performances, a memorial address, and the singing of the Song Celebrating the Foundation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, lasting about 45 minutes.

The opening performance will reenact the scene of independence activists gathering in Shanghai, China, on April 10, 1919, to hold the first Provisional Assembly meeting and establish a new nation. This act, along with the recitation of the Provisional Charter of the Republic of Korea, will remind us of the significance of that day 105 years ago.

The first memorial performance will deliver the message that we must carry forward the undying spirit of independence of our forebears who faced numerous crises through three readout plays based on some of the provisional government officials' memoirs that will be specially exhibited at the NMKPG starting on the day of the ceremony. Between each reading drama, songs related to the independence movement will echo through the ceremony site.

* Writings included: Jeong Jeong-hwa's "Janggang Diary", the "Jessi's Diary" by * Yang Woo-jo and Choi Sun-hwa, and Kim Jun-yeop's "Long March."

* Songs included: "Geogukhaeng" (lyrics by Ahn Chang-ho, composed by Lee Sang-jun) and "Song of the Dawn" (lyrics by Lee Hae-pyeong, composed by Han Hyung-seok).

Following a commemorative speech, the second commemorative performance starts with a video that shows the historical flow of legitimacy from the Korean Provisional Government to the succeeding Government of the Republic of Korea after its officials returned to Korea. After the video clip, "Dawn," a song asking all Koreans to remember the unstoppable journey of the Republic of Korea towards national liberation, is sung by singer Jung Dong-ha.

Finally, the ceremony concludes with the attendees singing together the "Song that Celebrates the Foundation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea."

Minister Kang Jung-ai expressed her hope for a meaningful ceremony that commemorates and perpetuates the nobility of the provisional government's forebears who tirelessly moved towards the dawn of a brilliant morning of national independence, despite the continuous darkness of numerous crises and difficulties during the Japanese occupation. She also stated, "The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs will devote its efforts to ensure that our citizens and future generations can always take pride in the journey of the provisional government and the spirit of independence of our forebears."

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ATTACHMENT 1

CEREMONY OVERVIEW

☐ Goal

- To honor the legal succession and historical significance of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, established in the wake of the March 1st Movement, and to create an opportunity to inherit the spirit of independence and self-reliance of our ancestors.

☐ Overview

- Theme : 『The Road to Dawn』

The theme is inspired by the title of a memoir "**The Road to Dawn**" left by Kim Moon-taek, an independence activist from the Liberation Army. It conveys a message to remember the journey of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, which continued the arduous struggle toward freedom and liberation, and to inherit the indomitable spirit of our ancestors who faced numerous crises and difficulties without faltering.

*** It is also one of the 168 memoirs of the Provisional Government to be specially exhibited on the first floor of the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government from April 11 to August 18.**

- **Date/Time: April 11th (Thu) 2024 / 10:00 ~ 10:45 AM (45 mins)**
- **Location : Provisional Assembly Hall (4F), National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government (Seodaemun-gu, Seoul)**
- **Participants : Approximately 200**, including descendants of key figures of the Korean Provisional Government, Independence Merit Recipients and their families, key government figures, etc
- **Order of Event**

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Opening Performance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Memorial Performance 1
5. Commemorative Address
6. Memorial Performance 2
7. Song Celebrating the Establishment of the Korean Provisional Government
8. Closing Ceremony

ATTACHMENT 2

CEREMONY POSTER



"The Road to Dawn"

- 105th Anniversary of the Foundation
of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea
10:00AM, April 11th (Thu), 2024
National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government
MINISTRY OF PATRIOTS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

ATTACHMENT 3**CEREMONY TIMELINE****□ History of the Ceremony**

- Until 1989: The Association of Korean Independence Merit Recipients organized the ceremony.
- December 30, 1989: Enactment of the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea (Presidential Decree No. 12876 "Rules on Various Memorial Days and Observances").
- April 13, 1990: From the 72nd anniversary, the ceremony is conducted as a government-organized event.
- November 2, 2018: The Anniversary of the Foundation of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea changed* (from April 13 to April 11).

Reason for the change: April 11 is the day when the national title (Republic of Korea) and the Provisional Charter were established, and the cabinet was formed.

□ VIP of the Ceremony per Year

Year	Organizer	VIP
1990 ~ 1995	MPVA	Prime Minister
1996	"	"
1997	"	"
1998	"	"
1999 ~ 2002	"	"
2003	"	President
2004	"	Acting President
2005	"	Prime Minister
2006	"	Minister of MPVA
2007 ~ 2008	"	Prime Minister
2009 (90 th Anniversary)	"	President
2010 ~ 2013	"	Prime Minister
2014	"	Minister of MPVA (Read President's Speech)*
2015 ~ 2016	"	Prime Minister
2017	"	Acting President
2018	"	Prime Minister
2019 (100 th Anniversary)	"	Prime Minister
2020	"	President
2021	"	Minister of MPVA (Read Prime Minister's Speech)*
2022	"	Prime Minister
2023	"	Prime Minister

* Prime Minister was on official trip abroad in 2014 and 2021

ATTACHMENT 4

HISTORY OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

□ Timeline

- April 10, 1919: The first Provisional Assembly is convened in the French Concession of Shanghai.
- April 11, 1919: The 10-article Provisional Charter is established during the first Provisional Assembly meeting.
- September 11, 1919: The first constitutional amendment integrates the provisional governments in Hansung, Shanghai, and Noryeong.
- December 1919: The Republic of Korea Provisional Army is created, and a military organization plan is established.
- June 1920: The Battle of Bongdong (Fengwudong) takes place.
- October 1920: The Battle of Cheongsanri takes place.
- January 3, 1923: Approximately 130 members of domestic and international independence organizations convene the National Representatives Convention.
- January 1930: The Korea Independence Party, a political party supporting the provisional government, is formed.
- January 8, 1932: Lee Bong-chang conducts an assassination attempt on the Japanese Emperor in Tokyo, Japan.
- April 29, 1932: Yun Bong-gil carries out a bomb attack in Hongkou Park, Shanghai, China.
- September 17, 1940: The Korean Liberation Army is established, commanded by Ji Cheong-cheon (also known as Lee Cheong-cheon at the time).
- November 28, 1941: The Korean Declaration of Independence is announced.
- December 9, 1941: A declaration of war against Japan is made.
- November 23, 1945: The return to Korea follows the liberation on August 15.

□ Movement of the Korean Provisional Government

- ❖ Shanghai Period(1919~1932)
- ❖ On-move Period(1932~1940)
- ☞ Hangzhou → Zhenjiang → Changsha → Guangzhou → Liuzhou → Qijiang
- ❖ Chongqing Period(1940~1945)



ATTACHMENT 5

SONG CELEBRATING FOUNDATION OF KPG

대한민국 임시정부 성립 축하가

작사 미상

작곡 최영섭

1. 자 유 민 ~ 아 소 ~ 리 처 서 만 세 불 러 ~ ~ 라
 2. 우 리 이 ~ 미 이 ~ 민 족 의 노 예 아 니 ~ ~ 오
 3. 자 유 민 ~ 아 일 ~ 어 나 라 마 지 막 까 ~ ~ 지

대 한 민 국 임 시 ~ 정 부 만 ~ 세 불 ~ 러 ~ ~ 라
 또 한 천 계 정 치 ~ 하 의 백 ~ 성 아 ~ 니 ~ ~ 라
 삼 ~ 천 리 신 성 ~ 국 토 광 ~ 복 하 ~ 도 ~ ~ 록

대 통 령 국 무 총 리 각 부 총 장 과
 독 립 국 민 주 정 치 자 유 민 이 니
 게 선 식 독 립 연 의 날 이 가 람 다

국 계 연 ~ 맹 어 러 특 ~ 사 만 ~ 세 불 ~ 러 ~ ~ 라
 동 ~ 포 ~ 여 소 리 처 ~ 서 만 ~ 세 불 ~ 러 ~ ~ 라
 동 ~ 포 ~ 여 용 감 하 ~ 게 일 ~ 어 나 ~ 거 ~ ~ 라

대 한 민 국 임 시 정 부 만 ~ 만 ~ ~ 세

대 한 민 국 임 시 정 부 만 ~ 만 ~ ~ 세

THE SONG CELEBRATING THE FOUNDATION OF
 THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Lyrics: Unknown

Composed: CHOI Young-seop