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## Meet the History of the Korean Provisional Government through Storytelling Performances

- Performances will be hosted three times in occasion of the weeks of: Korean Provisional Government Foundation Day (Apr 14), National Liberation Day (Aug 11), and Patriotic Martyrs' Day (Nov 16) under the theme "Meeting the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea."
- The first performance, "People Who Pick Up Pieces of History," will take place at 2 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) on-site and YouTube live streaming.

**[Korea, April 12]** A performance on the history of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea, including the life of independence activist couple Lee Hoeyoung and Lee Eun-suk, and the story of the Korean Liberation Army, is due to take place both online and offline.

The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (Minister Kang Jung-ai) announced that it will hold a series of storytelling performances (public lecture) "Meeting the Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea" this year at the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government (NMKPG). The performances will take place on the occasion of the Korean Provisional Government Foundation Day (Apr 14), National Liberation Day (Aug 11), and Patriotic Martyrs' Day (Nov 16) to share the history of the Provisional Government with the general public.

The first storytelling performance "People Who Pick Up Pieces of History" will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) to mark the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean Provisional Government Foundation Day, sharing the lives of Lee Hoe-young and Lee Eun-suk and their dedication towards independence through the performance "128 Tongin-dong." In addition, the lives of independence activists will be shown through various items that have the letter "independence" on them.

**Theatrical Recital** "128 Tongin-dong": A performance made in the form of a reading music drama that depicts the arduous journey of Lee Hoe-young and his wife Lee Eun-suk, who sold all their property and crossed to China to live as independence activists.

- \* Lee Hoe-young (Independence Medal in 1962): After seeking refuge in China, Lee established the Shinheung Military Academy, became a member of the Provisional Assembly, and was martyred by torture in Dalian after being arrested while conducting an operation to assassinate the Japanese army commander.
- \* Lee Eun-suk (National Medal in 2018): Lee Hoe-young's spouse, who supported the opening of an independence movement base and raised funds for the independence movement in 1925

Director Jung Dae-kyung, who directed the reading musical "128 Tongin-dong," and historical data collector Park Geon-ho will take the stage as lecturers and panelists to communicate with the audience.

The National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government plans to interact with the audience with its second performance, "The Korean Liberation Army: Stories Leading to Stories," on the occasion of the National Liberation Day (Aug 11), and its third performance, "Behind the Scene: People Behind the Stage," on the occasion of Patriotic Martyrs' day (Nov 16).

Attendance to this performance is available through application (first-come, first-served basis for 100 people) through QR code and link (https://naver.me/FjcgeOqg) posted on the National Memorial's website and Instagram, and will also be live-streamed on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/channel/imjung0411) on the day of the performance.

Kim Hee-gon, director of the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government, said, "We hope the three story performances held this year will be a meaningful opportunity to look back on the lives of the people of the Provisional Government and remember and inherit their noble dedication and spirit toward independence."

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