

KWA Ground Breaking Ceremony

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First of all I would like to thank KWA Board Chair, Kyong Sook Arbeeny, the staff and volunteers of the Korean Women's Association, for inviting me to be part of today's ground breaking ceremony.

On behalf of the Korean Community, I would like to express how proud I am of the Korean Women's Association. For over 30 years the KWA has been instrumental in providing services to the community.

Over the years the KWA has organized naturalization work shop, the meal site program for the seniors, and providing on-going youth programs such as leaders in training.

Today's ground-breaking ceremony is yet another example of how the KWA completes its mission to provide services to those residing in Washington State.

Two years ago, I stood here with many of you to congratulate the KWA on building their new Community Services Center. Now the KWA has become a beacon for the greater community by being selected as the organization responsible for building the International Place for low-income seniors.

It is fortunate that the seniors, our respected elders do not have to be concerned with finding safe, healthy, and beautiful places to live out their lives.

Thank you,

Jae-Gouk Kim

Consul General
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