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**Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (KCCLA)**  
**Hosts Korean Picture Book Exhibition & Author Talk**  
 Featuring award-winning picture book *Okchundang* (2023 Korea Picture Book Award)  
 and its author, Jung-soon Go

- ▶ **Event:** Korean Picture Book Storytime
- ▶ **Date/ Location:**
  - September 6th(Saturday) 12PM / KCCLA Ari Hall
  - September 7th(Sunday) 9:30AM-4:30PM / West Hollywood Park \*Author Talk 12:00-1:00PM
- ▶ **Organizer/Host:** Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles, Korean Publication Industry Promotion Agency of Korea (KPIPA)
- ▶ **In Partnership with:** Los Angeles Kids Book Festival, Gilbut Children Publishing
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The Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (Director: Haedon Lee) will present a **Korean Picture Book Storytime: Exhibition of Korean Picture Books & Author Talk with Jung-soon Go** on September 6 at KCCLA's Ari Hall and on September 7 at West Hollywood Park, as part of the Los Angeles Kids Book Festival. The program features an exhibition of the award-winning picture book *Okchundang* and original illustrations, along with a special book talk and tea time with the author.

The event aims to introduce outstanding Korean picture books—renowned for their universal appeal across languages and cultures—to children and families from diverse backgrounds in the U.S. Through Jung-soon Go's lecture and workshop, visitors will gain

a deeper understanding of the unique narratives and artistic sensibilities found in Korean picture books. By participating in the Los Angeles Kids Book Festival, which annually attracts over 3,000 visitors, the program also seeks to promote cultural exchange in children's literature between Korea and the United States.

This year's featured work, *Okchundang* (written and illustrated by Jung-soon Go), received the Special Award at the 2023 Korea Picture Book Awards, as well as honors including The White Ravens 2023 and the Charlotte Publishing Culture Award. The book delicately portrays Korean tradition and sentiment through the motif of okchundang, a traditional Korean candy. Visitors will not only have the chance to meet and converse with the author but also enjoy cultural experiences such as tasting traditional Korean tea and sweets featured in the picture book.

Jung-soon Go, a picture book author and illustrator, is widely loved for her warm storytelling rooted in Korean tradition and sensibility. Beyond picture books, she actively writes essays, novels, and comics, expanding her creative range.

Alongside the *Okchundang* exhibition, a curated selection of internationally acclaimed Korean picture books translated into English will also be displayed, including Heena Baek's *Cloud Bread* and *Moon Pops*, as well as Suzy Lee's *Wave* and *Shadow*. This will provide audiences with a rare opportunity to experience some of Korea's most beloved picture books in one place.

The exhibition will run for two days—September 6 at KCCLA Ari Hall and September 7 at West Hollywood Park. The author talk with Jung-soon will take place from 12:00 to 1:00 PM on both days. Further details are available at [www.kccla.org](http://www.kccla.org).

Director Haedon Lee of KCCLA stated, "Through this event, we hope Korean picture books—deeply rooted in traditional themes yet rich in originality and cultural sensitivity—will leave a lasting impression on children and families. KCCLA will continue to actively introduce diverse, lesser-known genres of Korean culture, including children's literature, to the broader community."

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Attachment: Event Poster