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## 2016 Taekwondo and Rhythm of Korea Showcase in LA



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Starting September 12th, Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles has conducted the Taekwondo Education Program and Rhythm of Korea (Korean Traditional Music Program) through LAUSD's Beyond the Bell Program for 10 weeks. Each program's showcase was hosted by the individual school.

**\* Taekwondo: 11.18(Friday) Los Angeles Elementary School, High School, John Burroughs Middle School, 11.29(Tuesday) Wilton Pl. Elementary School, 12.2(Friday) Cahuenga Elementary School etc.**

**\* Rhythm of Korea (Korean Traditional Music Program): 11.28(Monday) John Burroughs Middle School, 11.29(Tuesday) Wilton Pl. Elementary School, 11.29(화) Ambassador School of Global Leadership etc.**

Started with the intention to expand the knowledge of Taekwondo, this marks the 6th year to incorporate the Taekwondo Education Program to teach students about the basic Taekwondo techniques of attack and defense, rules, and to increase their mental and physical strength. A total of 53 classes were opened in 19 schools, and about 1,900 students were given a chance to learn Taekwondo.

On the final 10th week of the program, students showcased what they learned during the 10 weeks of training. For 30 minutes, they marvelously displayed their Taekwondo techniques, kicking skills, and breaking of roof tiles and pine boards, which impressed their fellow classmates and parents.

Also, the Korean Traditional Music Program that started with the idea of spreading Korean culture in 2012 was organized in 28 classes in 8 schools. Students learned samulnori (traditional percussion quartet), mask dance, traditional Korean dance. During the Rhythms of Korea Music and Dance Showcase, the students performed to many Korean music with such joy and pride, which amazed their friends and parents.

Nak Jung Kim, the Director of KCCLA, stated, "This was a great opportunity for students to show their friends and parents what they have learned and trained, and show the excellence of Taekwondo and Korean traditional music through their proud performance. With many schools hoping to incorporate these programs in their classes, we are planning to continue working with the LAUSD staff to prolong and expand these cultural programs"