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KCCLA hosts ‘Taste of Korea’ Cooking Competition with LA Harbor College

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- ▶ **Event:** Taste of Korea (LAHC Culinary Invitational Competition 2025)
 - ▶ **Date:** May 23, 2025 / 08:00 – 14:00
 - ▶ **Location:** LAHC Student Union 2nd Floor
1111 Figueroa Pl, Wilmington, CA 90744
 - ▶ **Presenters:** Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (KCCLA) &
LA Harbor College
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On May 23, the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (KCCLA), in collaboration with LA Harbor College, will host the “Taste of Korea” Culinary Competition.

This event celebrates the recent inscription of “Jang Making Culture in Korea” as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (2024), aiming to raise awareness and appreciation for Korea’s traditional fermented sauces — doenjang (soybean paste), ganjang (soy sauce), and gochujang (red chili paste).

Student teams from local high schools and culinary programs will compete by creating original dishes using one or more of these traditional sauces. The competition will include two categories: main dishes and desserts.

The event will also feature public workshops demonstrating how to use jang in everyday

cooking, as well as tasting booths presented by the Jeollanam-do and Chungcheongnam-do U.S. offices, introducing Korea's regional specialties.

Director Haedon Lee of KCCLA noted, "This competition will provide a meaningful opportunity for youth to explore the deep flavors and philosophy of Korean cuisine through the foundational ingredient — jang."

The Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles will continue to promote Korean cuisine and deepen cross cultural exchange through ongoing collaborations with culinary institutions, lecture and food programs.