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**KCCLA Holding a Special Exhibition: The Beginning of a Democratic Republic, Korean Provisional Government Commemorating the 105th Anniversary of the March 1st Movement**

		
<b>The Proclamation of Korean Independence by Korean Women's Relief Society in Hawaii   1919</b>	<b>Taegukgi (Korean flag) containing Korean Independence Army's Signature   2.1945</b>	<b>Notice to All Koreans at Home and Abroad   1945</b>

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- ▶ **Event:** A Special Exhibition: The Beginning of a Democratic Republic, Korean Provisional Government
  - ▶ **Date:** February 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – April 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday), 2024
  - ▶ **Presenters:** Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles, National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government
  - ▶ **Location:** Art Gallery (2nd Floor) at the Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles  
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**The Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles (KCCLA),** in partnership with **The National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government,** proudly presents **A Special exhibition: The Beginning of a Democratic Republic, Korean Provisional Government,** which will open with the reception at the Art Gallery of the Korean Cultural Center (located at 5505 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036) on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The exhibition will take place from February 29th to April 12th at the KCCLA.

After Korea was deprived of its sovereignty in 1910, the Korean Provisional Government provided key support for the Korean independence efforts that followed the March First Independence Movement in 1919 and lasted until Korea's liberation from Japan. Established on April 11, 1919, the Korean Provisional Government declared its intention to achieve full independence and clearly stated that the country would shift from monarchy to democracy.

The Korean Provisional Government installed a Provisional Congress to fulfill the functions of the National Assembly of the time. It also enacted a constitution as part of its effort to build up the nation's foundation and reflect the spirit of the times. Many Koreans who had settled in the Americas wholeheartedly supported the liberation of their homeland and united behind the goal of independence. Along with providing financial support, they actively supported the diplomatic efforts of the Korean Provisional Government. As a democratic republic, Korea has maintained this independent spirit since its inception 105 years ago. The visitors are encouraged to explore the roles and activities of the Korean Provisional Government and to learn the history of the support from Korean-American organizations for the Korean Provisional Government.

Director of KCCLA Jung Sangwon said, "Los Angeles is an important region as it is the settlement of the first generation of Korean immigrants in the Americas and a representative stronghold of the Korean independence movement in North America during the Japanese colonial period. There are still many historical sites and monuments where numerous independence fighters worked. I hope that this exhibition will provide an opportunity to learn about our country's modern history and for the second and third generations of Korean Americans to rediscover their identity and pride as Koreans."

The opening ceremony for the exhibition will take place at the KCCLA on Thursday, February 29th at 4pm. Mr. Kim Hui-gon, the director of the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government, will be in attendance as well.

The exhibition will be accessible to the public from Thursday, February 29th to Friday, April 12th.