Looking back, 2009 was a big, big year for us. We got through another year with great events.

Which one was most memorable? As for me, it was Farewell & Christmas party where I could meet many foreign friends & get closer. Let me take opportunity to say thank you for every students who were at the party.

Anyway are you having wonderful winter vacation? In the beginning of January, there was heavy snow, Every street was snow-covered. Unexpected heavy snow was record high as 25.6cm since 1969. It’s extraordinary to see such huge snow even for me. The traffic was so stuck that it took me almost 3 hours to get school; I bet most students enjoyed snow with friends

Probably it would be the last snow during this winter. I am already missing next snow.

Miran Kwon

Greeting from ISL

Hello everyone. I’m an ISL volunteer Eunji Lee.

We held Christmas & Farewell party on the 18th of December. 30 of international students staying in Korea at that time participated in the party. The office was decorated with Rudolph, photos and a Christmas tree which had our wish cards and so on. We had doughnuts and cookies baked by volunteers. They were divided into 4 teams according to the name tag’s color, and we played 2 games. The first one was ‘explain without saying’, so we had to use body language. It was really fun and all of the teams did it very well.

The second one was ‘Absolute pitch’. We spoke out each word from the low pitch to the high pitch. Only one syllable should be spoken at a high pitch and moved to the next syllable when we said over again. I thought this game would be a little bit hard for international students, but actually it was not. Some were better than me.

After 2 games, we had a time for awarding prizes, so the members of the winner team got shirts which had letters ‘Do you Know Dok-do?’ on it. I really enjoyed and spent a happy time.

Lastly I hope everyone have a good winter vacation!!

See you in March!!! We will hold Welcome Party.

Eunji Lee
I took part in the ISL winter vacation program, thanks for this program, I have not only improved my Korean language skills, also, found it is easier to communicate with Korean friends gradually. Moreover, this program has largely enhanced my confidence and happiness for learning Korean in the future. Wow, isn’t that great?

At ISL, the tutoring teachers are all students from Inha University. They are very nice and their tutoring classes are so vivid. Each of them came up with their own way of teaching. So every class has to be really well prepared & we could see every effort that they made for it. Hats off to my friends!

Through games and chatting, we could understand other’s country better. I’ve never been so happy to find same common sense with other friends & got insight of their real culture. Also I was so proud of introducing my country to them!

I do hope we have this kind of program next semester. At last, I would like to thank all the teachers and staff in ISL.

Wusu

Hello Guys!!
I’m Youngjun Kim majoring in International trade as Junior. I have been ISL (International Students Lounge) volunteer since last Summer to help international friends in Inha University.

I taught Korean to the friends from China, France, India and Bangladesh.

To tell the truth, I was not good at teaching Korean because I had never taught it before. Also I was not capable of explaining well Korean to the friends.

However, despite of language problem, we could be gradually familiar with each others through playing together during the Korean class, watching a movie and having a meal. We also had a great time in "Welcome party" at the beginning of semester, "Movie night", "Thanksgiving day party" and "Christmas party". I was so happy to see my friends laughed during the events.

I really appreciate the ISL to give this chance to meet foreign friends and to experience different cultures.

This is what I would like to tell you. Don’t hesitate to contact us and then you will get good Korean friends like me in ISL.

Thank you for reading.
YoungJun Kim

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On 1 of February
(Kibaek, Wusu and Hwa Deung gwa from right side)

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