

SPRING SONATA

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1 – 6 April 2012. A Spring is a season blossomed with flowers, and visiting a country known for its beautiful spring is a must. Amidst busy teaching schedule, CMLHS organized a four-day and five-night Muslim Educational Tour to Korea from 1 – 6 April 2012. A group of 21 CMLHS associates and families, headed by Mohd Iszuani Mohd Hassan, the Head of Foreign Languages Department, set out to visit a number of educational and historical sites in South Korea.

Hoping to enjoy the beautiful spring, the tour group was fortunate to experience the last bit of the cold Korean winter as well. Upon landing, the group headed straight to Sokcho, a sleep city in the East Coast of South Korea, which is known as the gateway to Seoraksan National Park, one of the beautiful national parks in South Korea. The group was surprised with a heavy snowfall on the morning of the second day. Although their



trip to the peak of the mountain was halted by the snowfall, they were excited to be experiencing a rare April snow.

The group also had the opportunity to learn about the benefits of ginseng at the Ginseng Center, learn how to make simple radish kimchi, a Korean traditional dish and try on Korean traditional dress, hanbok, at the Kimchi School, pray at the one and only masjid in Seoul, learn about the making of the popular Korean dramas at



the KBS television network, and observe the Seoul city, from Tower 63. The group was also brought to the National Folk Museum of Korea as well as Gyeongbokgung Palace and Gwanghuimun Gate, two of the many historical sites in Seoul, which history traces back to the Joseon Dynasty of the 13th century. It would not be fun without a shopping spree, which the group did so at a few places, and the famous Namdaemun Market was one of it. It was indeed a fruitful and entertaining visit for all.