Opening Reception October 5 for New Korean Cultural Exhibit at Pearl S. Buck International

There will be an opening reception Saturday, October 5, 2019 for a special new exhibit at Pearl S. Buck International presented by Bucheon City, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea:

*Lasting Relationships & Meaningful Impact of Pearl Buck & the Korean People*

The opening reception will be from 1–4 pm at Pearl S. Buck International, 520 Dublin Rd., Hilltown, PA, 18944. It will feature an official ceremony marking the beginning of cultural exchange between Pearl S. Buck International and Bucheon City, Korea; Korean entertainment /children’s activities; and a ribbon cutting and exhibit tour. Local dignitaries as well as government and cultural dignitaries from Bucheon City will be in attendance.

*Lasting Relationships & Meaningful Impact of Pearl Buck & the Korean People* pays tribute to the rich cultural history of Bucheon City, Korea (a UNESCO City of Literature) and the deep and meaningful relationship between Pearl Buck and the Korean people.

Highlights of the exhibit include:

- A history of Korean life and culture from the 19th century until Korea’s liberation from Japanese colonial rule;
- The exciting and dynamic changes happening in Bucheon City from the time Pearl Buck spent there in the mid-20th century to the development of Korea as an IT power and Bucheon City as a UNESCO City of Literature;
- Displays of Korean traditional dress and other culturally significant objects.

In March 2018, an official delegation from Bucheon City, Korea visited Pearl S. Buck International for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for future collaboration and cultural exchange between the city and Pearl S. Buck International. Bucheon City was designated a UNESCO City of Literature in 2017, the first in Asia and the 21st in the world. During her lifetime, Pearl S. Buck made important contributions to Bucheon City, which today hosts an annual festival in her honor. The Pearl S. Buck Memorial Hall now stands on the former site of her orphanage for war orphans and mixed-race orphans.

*Lasting Relationships & Meaningful Impact of Pearl Buck & the Korean People* marks the beginning of the cultural exchange and collaboration between Pearl S. Buck International and Bucheon City. The purpose of the exhibit is to introduce people to Korean history and culture and to express the positive influence of Pearl S. Buck’s philanthropic spirit on Korean society.
For more information about the exhibit go to www.pearlsbuck.org/exhibits. This exhibit will run from October 3, 2019 through November 30, 2019 in the Welcome Center of Pearl S. Buck International.

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