

Lake Washington TC expands sister school pact

Lake Washington Technical College (LWTC) has signed an agreement to expand its sister school relationship with the Korea Polytechnic Colleges (KOPC), an organization made up of 43 technical colleges in South Korea.

"Training students for the global economy is one of our

primary purposes and this new agreement helps meet the workforce and student needs for both countries," said Dr. Sharon McGavick, LWTC president.

The new agreement enables KOPC students to attend a South Korea technical college for their first year and then at-

tend LWTC their second year. The first group of KOPC students are scheduled to attend LWTC in the 2008 fall quarter. The agreement also opens the door for future U.S. students to attend LWTC for their first year and then attend a KOPC technical college for their second year.

Three Washington state senators, Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe, Sen. Paull Shin and Sen. Tracey Eide played a major role in supporting the new

agreement. A delegation of the three senators, Dr. McGavick and other LWTC representatives recently traveled to Seoul, South Korea to attend an official signing event for the new agreement. The delegation also attended the Third Annual Women's Political Exchange Conference while they were in Seoul.

LWTC has had a summer program sister school relationship with the KOPC colleges since 2004.

In December 2007, LWTC also formed a partnership with the ED Company—a worldwide electronics company based in Seoul, which included a donation to the college of nearly \$1 million worth of electronics educational training equipment. The donated electronics equipment will be housed in a newly-renovated LWTC electronics program instructional area, which is scheduled to be completed in November 2008.