

Korea Trip ~ July 1st - July 4th, 2004



A total of 13 people including members and their guests participated in a delegation tour to Korea for their annual Jewel fair as well as some sightseeing.

Highlights of the tour included the attending of the jewel fair itself and its opening gala dinner, the 25th anniversary reception of Far East

Gems, a visit to the GIA Korea School, a tour of the LG Home Shopping Production Studio and a traditional Korean BBQ with members of the Korea GIA Alumni Committee.

All in all, the trip was a great learning experience and one of which I hope could be a stepping stone for more to come.



With the committee not being familiar with organizing a function of this magnitude, the trip could not have run smoothly without the help of Miss. Seung-Hae Moon and Miss. Stella Lee. So a special thank you for their preparations and time given in regards to the trip.

- Calvin Ko

Beas River BBQ Gathering ~ June 5th, 2004

On a sunny afternoon, thirty of our members and guests enjoyed a family and friends gathering at the Beas River Country Club (part of the Hong Kong Jockey Club).



After arriving, we were notified about the rules and regulations of the exclusive clubhouse and a comprehensive guided tour followed which included a look inside the horse stables. Afterwards, members enjoyed different kinds of activities such as basketball, tennis, table tennis, swimming, cycling and even horse riding.

At about five thirty, the air-conditioned function room was set up for the indoor entertainments. Some members played cards and mahjong while some sang Karaoke. The BBQ dinner started at about seven o'clock where everybody enjoyed the delicious food and the relaxing atmosphere.

After the party, the bus took us back to the city where everyone went along their merry ways. Once again, we have to thank the effort of our committee members to make this event successful.

- Alan Chiu

GIA Alumni Association Awards ~ March 3rd, 2004

GIA Alumni Association chapters receive recognition for their commitment to the Institute and its Alumni Association and are presented with awards every year. In 1995, 1998 and 1999 the Hong Kong Chapter was awarded the "Regional Chapter of the Year".



This year our President, Mr. Richard Ko received the "2003 Most Valuable Volunteer" award for his contributions to the Association. He was presented with the award by GIA President William E. Boyajian at the Hong Kong International Jewellery Show in March as he was unable to attend the industry awards ceremony held earlier this year in Tucson.

- Calvin Ko

CVD Diamond and New Corundum Treatment Lecture ~ March 1st, 2004

Mr. Thomas M. Moses, Vice President of GIA Gem Laboratory Identification and Research Services, presented a special lecture on "Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) Laboratory-Created Diamond" and "New Corundum Treatment" on March 1st.

A total of 35 people attended the lecture which was held exclusively for our members as well as current students. About 15 samples were brought in from the US and were on display during the evening.

As most were amazed by the rare specimens, some stayed beyond the 2-hour lecture to further discuss and made queries about the CVD Diamond and Newly Treated Corundum with Mr. Thomas M. Moses.

- Norton Sun