

Honorary Family. From Korea with Love

To my family and friends in Mexico; thank you for accompanying me on this journey as an Honorary Reporter, thank you for reading me and always dreaming with me, even from a distance.

Since 2011, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, through the Korean Culture and Information Service (KOCIS), has selected and brought together a group of people around the world who share a passion for exploring and sharing the diversity and cultural richness of Korea. And for the past three years, I have been one of them.

I became an Honorary Reporter in May 2022. I remember receiving the acceptance email with great joy, but above all, full of hope, as that same year, I came to study in Korea. From that moment until now, the Honorary Reporters program has become a space for communication and dialogue, a unique opportunity to share with my own family and friends, who are now several kilometers away from me, all the things that I am passionate about regarding Korea.

For me, writing an article goes beyond the simple transmission of information. It is a way to bring to life the experiences I live day by day, to paint landscapes through words and build bridges based on the passion I have for this country.

Being part of the Honorary Reporters means much more than researching and writing articles. It has been through this platform that I have been able to take my family by the hand on a journey through Korea, its streets, its history, and its cultural richness. Through my words, I have been able to show the people I love the most how impressive and special Korea is to me.

Every word I write is an invitation to my loved ones to understand me, to understand my life here and to feel the emotions I feel when discovering new traditions and immersing myself in the history of this country. Every story I tell, every detail I share, is a little piece of Korea that I bring home, becoming a way to always carry them with me, to feel close to my family, even though they are far away. But this connection is not limited only to my close circle. As Don DeLillo (1991) expressed, "Writing is part of a secret community" and in this case, that community is formed by my fellow honorary reporters, with whom I share this passion for writing to the world about our passion for Korean culture.

I am sure that each of the Honorary Reporters, in every article we write, reveals a little of ourselves, sharing our own experiences and perspectives while exploring Korea and its cultural richness. Our journey as Honorary Reporters has not only been about informing or sharing, but also about building and strengthening connections with our families, with our colleagues, and with all those who have a great passion for this country.

It fills my heart to know that, through each of the words we write as Honorary Reporters, we are creating a legacy that transcends borders and generations, uniting us in a shared love for Korea and its culture.

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