Learn Korean, be part of workshops; Inko Centre launches ‘virtual connect’ programmes

This lockdown, to connect with its audiences digitally, Inko Centre in R.A.Puram has launched a virtual connect program.

Under this program, people will be able to take Korean language classes and workshops online. Soon, the centre also plans to hold its cultural workshops, residencies, and exhibitions online on its website and social media handles.

Says Rathin Jafar, director of Inko Centre, “Until the social distancing norms are in place, we plan to meaningfully connect virtually with people. Hence, we launched this program. It is divided into three parts – e-learning, infotainment and cultural collaborations.”

The e-learning, she says will include an online suite of Korean Language classes. Masterclasses, workshops and demo sessions facilitated by writers, storytellers, performing and visual artists from Korea and India will be presented periodically.

As part of Infotainment, the centre plans to introduce e-magazines, e-books, webinars, podcasts and links to films, videos and information on singular aspects of Korean and Indian culture.

The cultural collaborations initiative will focus on developing cultural collaborations with artists from Korea and India, through virtual residencies. The centre also plans to webcast its e-performances and e-exhibitions.

In the future, when normalcy returns, Rathin says they plan to retain their virtual connect program along with their stage performances and physical classes and workshops.

Recently, the centre also opened door deliveries of Korean dishes from its cafe.

For information regarding these activities, people may visit their website http://www.inkocentre.org/

At 18, Adyar Club Gate Road, R.A. Puram. Ph: 24361224.
Registrations open for the online Korean language course at InKo Centre

Registrations are open for the online Korean language elementary level course to be conducted by R. A Puram based InKo Centre under the aegies of The King Senjong Institute Foundation and Sangmyung University.

It is open to youngsters and adults aged 17 years and above. No prior knowledge of the language is needed. As a part of the language component of this course, the student will be introduced to relevant cultural classes. A certificate will be awarded on the completion of the course.

At the end of the three month course, the students will be proficient in access words, will be able to engage in simple day-to-day conversation and will be able to write and read short paragraphs in Korean on simple topics.

The course commences on July 13. Registration is open till June 30. Limited seats available. Registration on a first come first serve basis. For enquiries contact 24361224 or send an email to nandini.menon@inkocentre.org.
Excerpts from an Indo Korean concert series to be streamed online by R. A. Puram based InKo Centre

R. A. Puram based InKo Centre, in association with The Korea Foundation, Arts Council of Korea and Royal Opera House, Mumbai initiated an Indo-Korean collaboration that brought together and showcased music and dance traditions from both countries. The performance premiered in four cities in India in February of this year.

Excerpts from the concert series, Same Same but different (SSBD), held in association with the Royal Opera House, Mumbai will be streamed online on July 4 at 6 p.m. The concert series was produced by Korean New Wave Music Group Noreum in 2013 to introduce its international collaborations with artistes around the globe.

Noted artistes including contemporary dancer Astad Deboo, percussionist BC Manjunath, singer and flautist Varijashree Venugopal and percussionist and composer Praveen. D. Rao have performed in the fifth edition of this series. InKo Centre is located at 18, Adyar Club Gate Road, R. A. Puram. For details contact Gail Bosser at 9840013017, 24361224 or write to enquiries@inkocentre.org.