

TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION AND AGREEMENT

Professor Kyunghee Lee, Director and CEO of the Australian International Conservatorium of Music returned this week from Korea with news of a partnership that will provide AICM with some new directions, not to mention valuable international connections of a very special kind.



Kyunghee Lee

On September 27, 2008 Professor Lee signed a MCA (Mutual Co-operation Agreement) between AICM and the Open Cyber University based in Seoul, Korea. OCU provides a wide range of online options for some 25 consortium members throughout Korea and beyond. AICM is the first Australian partner to be formalized and bodes well for some anticipated new directions.

Professor Lee commented - 'This is an extraordinary opportunity for the new AICM to find a range of new teaching and learning opportunities in partnership with a highly accomplished team of developers and educators. I am delighted with the outcome of my recent trip and look forward to a range of joint initiatives with this leading Korean based education focused organisation'.

The foundations of the agreement are to establish an organic link between the two organizations by building up bilateral collaboration; co-operate in the areas of promotion of instruction models; joint use of educational facilities and exchange of information; joint development and operation of educational contents and teaching-learning programs; and collaboration in running degree and certificate courses.

Dr Greg Whateley, Principal of AICM and co-founder of The Virtual Conservatorium said - 'this level of co-operation opens the gate for a range of innovative and long needed virtual music education in Australia and Korea for starters. I congratulate Professor Lee on her initiative and audacity in this matter. AICM can only benefit from such associations and collaborations.'

The agreement is for a four year period with automatic extension if partners remain collaborative and active.