

Professor Trüeb's after-dinner speech and address to the KHRS on the occasion of the dinner and social gathering on May 28 2016 at traditional Korean Restaurant

Confucius said: *„In learning and straightway practising is there not pleasure also? When friends gather round from afar do we not rejoice?*

This is my fifth visit to Korea since 2004 on the occasion of the meetings of either the KHRS in 2004 and 2009 in Seoul, of the World Congress of Dermatology in 2011 again in Seoul, and of the World Congress for Hair Research on Jeju Island in 2014.

Confucius said: *„I was not born to understanding. I loved the past, and questioned it earnestly.“*

Learning and experience in clinical trichology over the years, and especially the exchange with friends and scientists from afar, has again and again brought me back to Korea, and ultimately resulted in 2014 in a joint book in Springer Scientific Publications with Woon-Soo Lee from Yonsei University Wonju College of Medicine on „Successful Management of Male Alopecia“.

Confucius said: *„A gentleman gathers friends by culture“* and *„All educated men are peers.“*

On the occasion of my trips to Korea, I have had the opportunity to meet with Korean culture and thinking, and to contract lasting friendships with eminent personalities such as Professors Byung In Ro, Won-Soo Lee, Chang-Hun Huh, and Geang Seong Choi, to name but a few who have again and again crossed my path across the globe.

Finally, the Master said: *„The whole end of speech is to be understood“*

I rejoice at being again in Korea, and besides meeting astute Korean friends, also having the opportunity to meet renown international invited speakers, whom I also personally know and admire, such as Professors Shigeki Inui from Osaka University, Japan, and Xingqi Zhang from Frist Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University, China. I also would like to thank Professore Woo-Young Sim, President of the KHRS, and Oshan Kwon, Director fo Scientific Affairs, for giving me the unique opportunity to partake at this prestigious meeting, and congratulate both to an excellent organization and scientific programme.

Reference

Citations from the *Analects of Confucius* (551 – 479 BC, eminent Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher), or the *lúnyǔ* (literally: *"Edited Conversations"*),