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**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO FUND U.S.-KOREAN
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**Simon and Anna Lee's Gift will Support a Partnership with GW and Korea University's
Schools of Engineering**

WASHINGTON— Undergraduate engineering students at the George Washington University will have the opportunity to study alongside Korean students and professors thanks to a \$1 million gift to fund a student exchange program with Korea University in Seoul.

The gift by Simon S. Lee, M.S. '05, and Anna H. Lee will create the Simon and Anna Lee University Endowment, which will provide assistance for GW's School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) students who wish to study abroad at Korea University. SEAS will begin recruiting students for the program this fall with the first exchange expected to take place in January 2011.

"I am deeply grateful to Simon and Anna Lee for this latest act of generosity, building on their previous support of George Washington," said GW President Steven Knapp. "Their gift strengthens the university's long-standing relationship with the Republic of Korea and offers our students what for many will be a life-transforming opportunity."

Korea University President Ki-Su Lee, said, "We are living in a society that demands universities to shape our young minds to be innovative and creative. I personally believe creativity and innovation can only spring from diversity and their own experience. What better way would there be for them to lead innovation than to experience cross-cultural complexity and embrace it? Simon Lee himself is such a role model and I believe he wants to share what he experienced and learned from two cultures with students of both universities to use this endowment."

Mr. Lee is president and chief executive officer of STG, Inc., a federal government solutions provider he founded in 1986 that currently employs nearly 1,500 people. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1979 with his wife, Anna, and received a B.S. in industrial engineering from Korea University and an M.S. in systems engineering from GW. Three of his children—Julie Lee, M.S. '05; Philip Lee, M.S. '05; and Michelle Lee, B.B.A. '05, M.S. '08—also received degrees from GW.

"This endowment is not just about charity, it is not just about money," said Mr. Lee. "It is about building a bridge that links two outstanding educational institutions and brings students from two countries and cultures closer together. I consider myself an ambassador to both great lands — South Korea and the United States — and this endowment will help educate and develop new ambassadors. This is about building an educational partnership between the two countries I love."

SEAS Dean David Dolling also has established a partnership with University College in Dublin and plans to develop more relationships with universities in Europe, Asia and South America.

“Our students can no longer be simply technical experts. In a world where technological challenges demand interdisciplinary approaches, and solutions hinge on a complex balance of technology, economics, policy and politics, our graduates must be able to understand and embrace complexity,” said Dr. Dolling. “They must be able to lead teams that may be spread across the globe, cutting across cultures, time zones and many disciplines. Studying abroad helps lay the foundation for the development of this expertise.”

In the heart of the nation's capital with additional programs in Virginia, the George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the District of Columbia. The University offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study, as well as degree programs in medicine, public health, law, engineering, education, business and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of undergraduate, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 130 countries.

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