

## **Endorsement: RHEA METITUK for Second Vice-President**

This is an endorsement of Rhea Metituk for the position of Second Vice-President of Korea TESOL. I have known Rhea for the past three years through her involvement in Korea TESOL. During that short time, she has been very active in multiple areas of the organization's activities. She has quickly proven herself as a very capable leader, becoming the president of the Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter of KOTESOL and serving on the National Council as both Chapter president and Financial Affairs Committee chair, positions that she still holds at present.

As Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter president, Rhea has taken charge of organizing the chapter's events. In addition to organizing professional development-related workshops and talks for the chapter's monthly meetings, Rhea has very ably taken on the task of organizing annual regional conferences for her chapter for the past two years. Both conferences were well attended and were composed of presentations on up-to-date teaching methods and teachers' concerns that were much talked about afterwards – a credit to Rhea's organizational skills and astute realization of teachers' needs.

Beyond her chapter activities, Rhea is active in several of our special interest groups. Rhea is an active member of the Social Justice SIG as well as co-facilitator of both the newly formed Environmental Justice SIG and the more recently formed Women and Gender Equality SIG.

As facilitator of the Women and Gender Equality SIG, Rhea is organizing a panel discussion session that she plans to showcase at the Asian Association of Women's Studies Conference, an international event to be held in Seoul this December. As KOTESOL Financial Affairs Committee chair, Rhea will be leading her team of auditors in auditing KOTESOL's finances for the second consecutive year.

In her KOTESOL-related activities, Rhea has always displayed a high degree of professionalism. She pushes innovation and espouses creativity: For her chapter's meetings, for example, she has experimented with different types of venues and different meeting formats. Rhea is a great event organizer because she is a great people-person. And she is a great presenter, displaying presentation skills that capture the audience's interest, holds their attention, and very importantly, imparts key information in a clear and concise manner.

One of the roles of the second vice-president is to oversee the affairs of KOTESOL's special interest groups. With her exhibited interest and leadership in several of our SIGs, I am confident that Rhea is most capable of supporting and promoting our SIGs and addressing their concerns.

A major project that falls on the second vice-president is organizing KOTESOL's annual Leadership Retreat. Months before she was even thinking of running for the 2nd VP position, Rhea was already floating ideas on what she thought would be improvements to the format of the Retreat

for the next Retreat. I am confident that in Rhea's able organizational hands, KOTESOL's upcoming Leadership Retreat will be quite successful.

Based on her performance in her numerous KOTESOL positions in the past three years, it is without reservation that I endorse Rhea Metituk for the position of Korea TESOL Second Vice-President.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David E. Shaffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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