



*Rosalind L. Wee, PSBI's
2009 Woman of the Year*

2009 Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year Award

Since 1979, the Pearl S. Buck Woman of the Year Award has been given to women who emulate the qualities of Pearl Buck: accomplished humanitarians who have excelled in their career fields. Pearl S. Buck International® (PSBI) was pleased to name Mrs. Rosalind Wee as the 28th Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Wee lives in the Philippines with her husband, Lee Hiong Wee, and their six children. She is a very spirited woman who performs her duty as an entrepreneur, humanitarian, mother, and serious golfer despite being legally blind after a brain tumor operation.

Mrs. Wee is the founder and director of the Marine Resources Development Corporation, a seaweed and food formulation company supplying major processed food and ice cream supplies. She is also the owner and developer of First Marcel Properties, Inc. and W. Land Holdings, Inc. Mrs. Wee is the current President of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines, Inc. She serves as treasurer of the Philippine National Red Cross (Quezon City Chapter), as well as a Board member of the inspirational Shepherd's Voice Radio and TV

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Bucks County Forms 21st Century Alliance

American and Korean flags flanked the stone fireplace in the Cultural Center on the morning of Friday, July 24, 2009, when Bucks County Commissioners and members of the Namdong District of Incheon, South Korea gathered to sign the first formal partnership that Bucks County has ever signed with another government.

This '21st Century Alliance' was arranged by Bucks County resident Tom Jennings, whose volunteer work with the International Visitors Council Program led him to meet Adam Kim, head of the governor's commission for Asian American Affairs. Together, Jennings and Kim paired Bucks County with Namdong District based on their business goals and environmental efforts. Namdong and Bucks County are similar in population, have large industrial complexes, and share an interest in biotechnology.

At the ceremony, Namdong's Mayor Yoon Tae Jim invited the Commissioners to Korea for their annual port festival this October 16-19. He also suggested that the two communities arrange annual business meetings, and encouraged Bucks County to establish a Korean language program.

"It was very symbolic that the 21st Century Alliance Ceremony took place at the homestead of Pearl S. Buck," said PSBI CEO Janet Mintzer, "because of her love for South Korea as well as her lifelong efforts to unite Asia and the West."

Above Right: Bucks County Commissioners Charles H. Martin, Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, and James F. Cawley, Esq., pose with Namdong's Mayor Yoon Tae Jim.



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