

## Choi Tae-seong delivers first lecturer as ambassador for OKA

‘Outreach education for understanding overseas Koreans’ conducted at Shinsung Middle School for Girls and Saeseogwi Elementary School in Jeju on July 14-15

Screening of ‘Hawaii Love Song,’ a film about immigration to the Americas; film’s director Lee Jin-young also attended



OKA Ambassador Choi Tae-seong gives a special lecture on “Outreach education for understanding overseas Koreans” at Saeseogwi Elementary School in Jeju on July 15.

“Starting with our immigration to Hawaii, overseas Koreans who have established roots all over the world are another protagonist of our history.”

Choi Tae-seong, a Korean history lecturer appointed as a public relations ambassador for the Overseas Koreans Agency (Commissioner Lee Sang-duk), concluded his first half of the year’s official activities with “Outreach education for understanding overseas Koreans.”

Choi, known as “Big Star Teacher,” concluded the first half of this year with “Outreach education for understanding overseas Koreans” lectures at Shinsung Girls’ Middle School on July 14, Saeseogwi Elementary School on July 15 and Shinheung Middle School in Suncheon, South Jeolla Province, on July 17.

This lecture explored the history of Korean immigration to the Americas, focusing on the documentary film “Hawaii Love Song” (directed by Lee Jin-young), which depicts the lives of Korean immigrants who left for Hawaii in 1903.

Choi described the lives of the picture brides in the film and the

hardships and settling-in period of the first generation of labor immigrants. He emphasized, “Overseas Koreans are an important group that is rarely discussed in Korean history education.”

Following the lecture, director Lee personally interacted with the students, sharing the film’s production background and the lives of Korean immigrants to the Americas, furthering their understanding.

Kim Ji-woon (3rd grade) from Shinsung Girls’ Middle School said, “It was beneficial to learn about the history of overseas Koreans that I hadn’t encountered in textbooks,” while Min Ha-won (6th grade) from Saeseogwi Elementary School said, “I drew courage from the pioneering lives of the picture brides.”

Choi previously appeared on a program on understanding overseas Koreans for civil servants on July 10.

Having appeared on various broadcasts, including EBSi’s “Lectures on Korean History,” KBS’ “History Journal That Day” and tvN’s “Naked Korean History,” he said, “I hope that through this program, students will feel closer and warmer toward overseas Koreans.” 