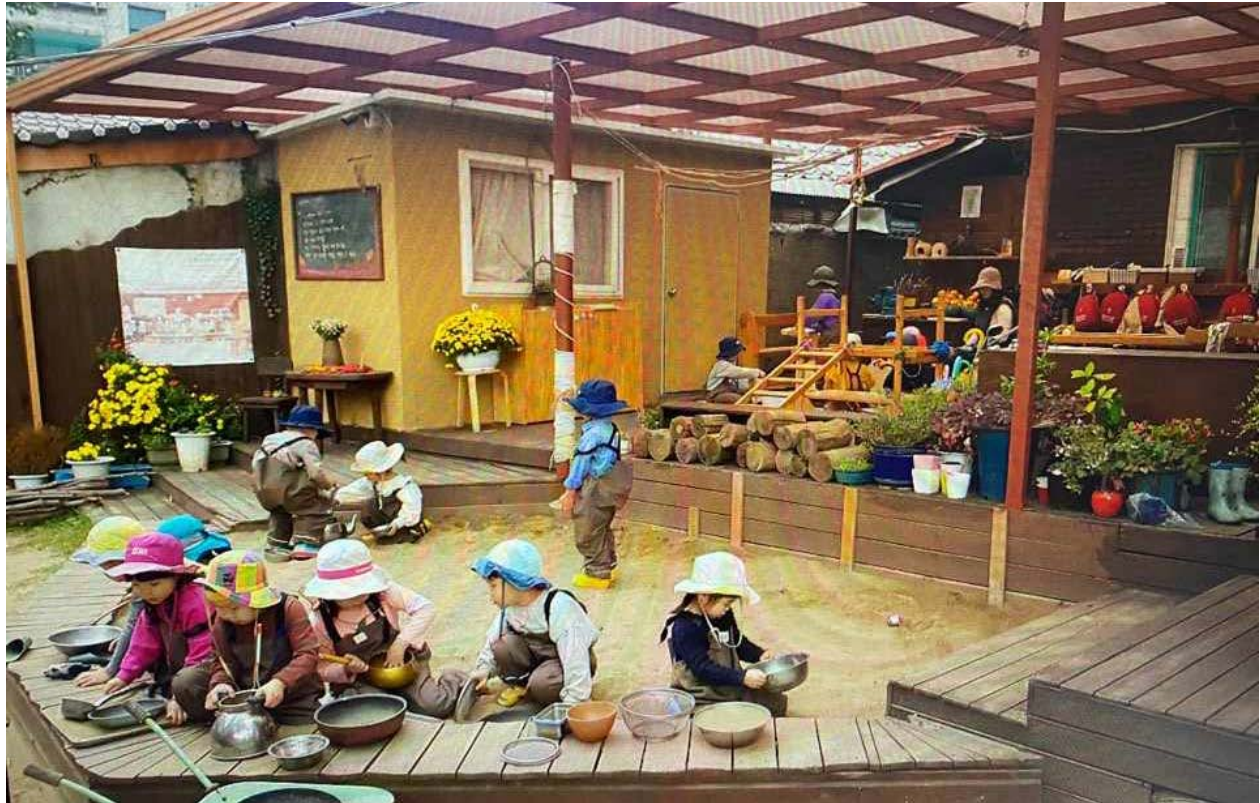


## A new Waldorf Early Childhood Association in the Republic of Korea – KASWECE

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The Waldorf early childhood education movement in Korea has a history of nearly 20 years. Many excellent early childhood educators have completed Korean training courses in Waldorf Early Childhood Education and accordingly, early childhood initiatives committed to the spirit and values of Waldorf education are gradually spreading here in Korea.



Up to the present, many educators and from Korean Waldorf institutions have attended IASWECE international conferences and participated in relevant study trips and programs. And now, in the past year, in order to protect the quality of Waldorf education and to make more systematic and meaningful exchanges among Korean Waldorf colleagues, we have established the Korean Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education on December 7, 2019.

Thirty-seven Waldorf Infant & Toddler Institutions have participated in the founding of our Association. The aim of our association is to maintain the quality of Waldorf's early childhood education by developing the Waldorf Infants and Early Childhood Education movement based on Steiner's views of the first seven years of life. Our activities will include

- promoting ongoing professional training of educators
- a joint research project on the care and education of infants and toddlers
- support for Waldorf institutions for infants and toddlers working together in their regions.

We look forward to participating in international activities together with the IASWECE Council and to sharing the global and human responsibility for the role of Waldorf education.

At this time of year, we celebrate “Chuseok”, a harvest and thanksgiving festival. Below is a photo of this year’s festival circle in the kindergarten.

