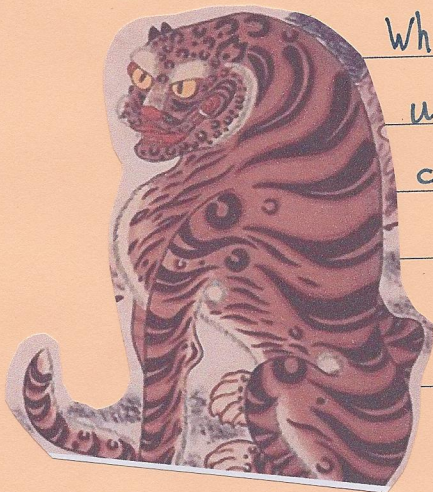


Dear Brave Veterans of the Korean War,



Hello. My name is Young Bean Kim, and I am the president of the Korean student organization "NANUM." Having learned about the Korean War, we Korean students have always been thankful for the veterans, and have been wanting to express our gratitude. However, it seemed that many students could not find the good means to do so. Thankfully, as the president, I was able to find a way to get in touch with the KWVA. That's how our organization decided to thank the brave veterans by sending these letters.

Before I go on any further, I would first like to thank you for participating in what was the most chaotic event ever happened in the Korean Peninsula. I have recently watched a documentary about the Korean War. At that time when the foreign soldiers have just arrived in South Korea, we were close to losing. However, thanks to the soldiers, South Korea was able to overcome the crisis, which could have ended a disaster, had it not been dealt in time.



Whenever I think of the brave soldiers who helped us, the images of a tiger and a pine tree comes into my mind.

If you were to ask Koreans what the national animal of Korea is, ten out of ten would say

that it is a tiger. These brave and strong creatures remind me of the spirit of the soldiers who have fought courageously in the Korean War.



A pine tree is a symbol of eternity in Korea. It is known for its never-changing shade of green and its tendency to survive even in the coldest weather. The victory that you have given us is just like the pine tree. It will never fade away and will forever be green.

Your gracious help is the reason why Korea could quickly regain its national capabilities. It was the reason that we, the students of Korea, can go to our schools every day, learn new things, and prepare for the future. We can't thank you enough for providing us our happy lives. We promise to try our best and hardest in everything that we do, because we remember that you are the ones who have given us that opportunity.

We pledge, that we will never forget and will always remember and be grateful for what you have done for us. Once again, thank you.

Yours truly,
Young Bean Kim