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Homage to Professor Insung Jung

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When Prof. Insung Jung told me about her decision on her early retirement, my jaw literally dropped because a sudden sense of sorrow and loss engulfed me. Prof. Jung was one of a few role models in my entire professional and private life. I have never seen anyone like Prof. Jung who is super-efficient, creative, bold, kind, fair, generous, curious, explorative, humble, loving, playful, educational, and young at heart.

Prof. Jung was my invaluable mentor at ICU. When I joined ICU in April 2011, she kindly arranged a few occasions where she invited some female faculty members across the departments to have informal conversation on campus. With such introduction, I felt welcomed to and comfortable with the ICU community from the beginning. When she sensed me under stress, she took me out for lunch to have Japanese noodles in *Jindaiji* or a generous lunch at *Kisoji*, dropped by at my office to give me some sweets and Korean cosmetics, and even sent me some gifts for relaxation. She also occasionally asked me about my personal life with a two-year-old daughter then and shared her experience of bringing up two daughters in South Korea and Japan as a working mom. She has given me so many children's books, skating shoes, bags, etc. for my daughter who has now turned 13. Prof. Jung also shared her story that the only thing she

demanded her husband for their marriage was freedom, with which I could not agree more. As we did not have the mentoring system for the new faculty at ICU then, it was her natural initiative of mentorship for me.

Prof. Jung has been also my source of energy and motivation for challenging various international research and publication. She was successful in obtaining some research grants from the United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia and the Promotion and Mutual Aid Cooperation for Private Schools of Japan to initiate an international research project on liberal arts education (2015-2018). She was a great convener for organizing wonderful programs and conferences with numerous researchers in Asia, America, and Europe, and was an excellent book editor with thorough review with impeccable comments. When I was hesitant to contact a "big name" whom I had never met to ask for writing a foreword or a chapter for our book, she told me that we were equal in academia and that there was no need for me to hesitate to ask someone I did not know in person for contribution. It seemed so natural for her to connect with international researchers through professional work, and we were successful for connecting people that way. Such proactive professional attitude and behavior influenced me to

a great extent and transformed and inspired my concept of an international researcher. Prof. Jung continues to inspire me as the academician extraordinaire until this moment.

Professor Insung Jung obtained a B.A. and attended an M.A. program at Seoul National University and a Ph.D. from Indiana University. She served as an Assistant and an Associate Professor at Korean National Open University, and an Associate Professor at Ewha Womans University, before joining ICU in September 2003. Her Area of specialization includes distance education, e-learning, instructional design, educational technology, and media literacy, but she has more recently extended her interest to liberal arts education and higher education. Prof. Jung served as a Director of the Multi-Media Center at Ewha Womans University and Director of Institute of Educational Research and Service (IERS) and Chair of Education and Language Education (ELE) Department at ICU. She has served for numerous academic editorial boards, the Open and Distance Learning Initiative for Higher Education Knowledge Base (ODLKB) at UNESCO, International Board of Standards for Training, Performance and Instruction in the U.S., and PAN Network-Openness and Quality in Asian Distance Education at the International Development Research Center (IDRC) in Canada. Prof. Jung is a top-notch scholar in the field and has been invited as a guest lecturer and advisor from various organizations in Spain, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Mongolia, and Malaysia to name a few, as well as international and regional organizations such as UNESCO, the World Bank, APEC, and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Professor Jung's publication records exceed 100. She has written more than 20 books. In 2016, a book titled *Women's Voices in the Field of Educational Technology* by Springer, presented 31 outstanding female scholars' life history and Prof.

Jung was selected as the only Asian scholar in the book. In 2015, Prof. Jung established the Global Research Network for Liberal Arts Education at ICU that connects with liberal arts universities in the world. In 2016, she published a book by Springer titled *Liberal Arts Education and Colleges in East Asia: Possibilities and Challenges in the Global Age* with our colleague, Prof. Toshiaki Sasao and myself.

Prof. Insung Jung has been a great leader in many ways. Based on our book published in 2016, she initiated a Faculty Development Program for New Faculty at ICU. She involved many faculty, staff, and students, to form a task force to work on the online materials, and developed a successful program. This FD program for new faculty has become a very useful practice of ICU and contributed to connecting the new and more experienced faculty members with ICU's mission and unique pedagogy as well as the ICU community at large. She has also produced 11 Ph.D. holders in her 18.5 year-service at ICU. Three Ph.D. students are still working under her supervision, but our colleagues will take them over until they complete their degrees. Students came for Prof. Jung's advice from all over the world, including the Philippines, South Korea, Nepal, Malaysia, Fiji, Mexico, Egypt, Uganda, Tanzania, and Mali. Prof. Jung's seminar was always active and its team work spirit with voluntarism was always outstanding at ICU's Graduate School. When her Ph.D. student made a presentation and passed for a degree, almost all the students came, celebrated, and cried together.

Professor Jung was nominated as the final candidate for the President of ICU in 2019. Our Board members, faculty, staff, and students all knew her outstanding leadership and distinguished scholarly, educational, and administrative abilities with profound knowledge on liberal arts education. Her leadership at ICU was very much appreciated.

Her leadership represents her insightful vision, fairness in listening to multiple voices, a brilliant ability and mind to help discover people's gift, sensitivity and perceptive ability to consider others' emotion and self-esteem, and diligence with untiring efforts to achieve the intended goals. When I asked her how to cultivate her leadership, she told me that she made a diary to reflect on her leadership and tried to evolve her leadership style in every meeting and project. Her outstanding professional achievement is based on her diligence, international wide vision and interest, proactive and sociable personality, and deep faith and love.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Prof. Insung Jung for her wonderful leadership and friendship during her 18.5 year-long service at ICU. I was privileged to meet such a wonderful role model and mentor in my life. ICU, including the IERS and the ELE Department, will continue to reap the benefits of Insung's work for many years to come. Those of us who knew Insung will always remember her, and miss her. We will never forget wisdom and love she gave us all. Thank you, Insung, for everything you have done for us and ICU and we wish you and your family a great future ahead in South Korea.

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