1. 학술회의 주최기관 및 개최기간(Conference Host & Conference dates)
   University of Cambridge (Center for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities), Cambridge, United Kingdom, December 11th 2015

2. 학술회의 경과 보고(Appraisal): 계획대비 결과 비교, 향후 계획 등
   (Outline of Activities, Activities completed, Comparison between Plan and Outcome, Future Plans, etc.)

Engage Korea 2015, held the event funded by the AKS Grant (AKS 2015 C11) on the 12th of December 2015 at the University of Cambridge’ Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
organisers alongside the AKS funding also received funding and institutional support from the British Korean Society, the University of Cambridge’ Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and the Beyond the Korean War project at the University of Cambridge. As outlined in the grant proposal the event and its attendees sought to explore practical experiences of engagement and interconnection with North Korea, both within its borders, across its borders and elsewhere. Speakers also were also concerned to analyse and consider the successes and weaknesses of practical and empirical methodologies which underpinned such engagements using comparative case studies which served to illustrate particular examples. Engage Korea 2015 as specified in the grant proposal and outline also incorporated within the event a sub event from the Tumen Triangle project coordinated by Dr Hyun-Gwi Park, Research Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge. Within this section of the event scholars sought to consider the geo-politics and developmental progress and potential of the geographic Tumen Triangle area, containing parts of North Korea, the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China, as well as the work done by organisations such as the Greater Tumen Initiative.

The event was organized thematically into panels, focusing on Health, Education and Cultural Exchange, the Tumen Triangle and a series of smaller seminars led by the successful applicants to a global competition for student speakers. On the Health focused panel, Dr Kee Park, the current Chair of the Global Outreach Committee of the Korean American Medical Association and Sun-Hwa Lee of the charity DULA in particular gave interesting accounts of engagements with the field of North Korean healthcare. Sun Hwa-Lee’s experience of the organisation and visit of the North Korean Para-Ensemble’s to the United Kingdom and Europe earlier in 2015 was rich with interesting material for the attendees. Mike Cowin, Research Analyst at the United Kingdom’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office also gave an interesting presentation addressing the United Kingdom Government’s support for health based infrastructure and development in North Korea.

The panel focused on education and cultural exchange started with a revealing paper from Professor Colin McCulloch, currently Professor of Management and Economics at Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST) addressing the organization of academic and empirical environments in North Korea which follow a model of conventional scholarship. Following Professor McCulloch, PhD Student Jana Hajzlrova of the Charles University of Prague examined the past experiences of the Czech Republic in connecting with North Korea as a partner and friend in the past, but in the light of the Czech Republic’s important and burgeoning relationship with South Korea. Norwegian performance artist Morten Traavik then challenged attendees of this panel with a considered, reflexive and humorous account of his unique and challenging interactions with North Korea’s cultural milieu, in particular his bringing of Slovenia’s controversial yet deeply intellectual band, Laibach to play at North Korea’s foremost classical music conservatory in 2015.

In the panel focused on the Tumen Triangle and in conjunction with Dr Hyun Gwi-Park of the University of Cambridge’ North Asian Borders project and Clare Hall panelists from disparate institutions as the Russian Academy of Science, Far Eastern Division in Vladivostok (Dr Anastasia Konyakhina) and New York University (Professor June Hee Kwon) sought to reconceptualise a once peripheral border space shared between three countries as the flows of history and global capital bring its terrain once more to the attention of external analysts. Professor Kwon’s intriguing work on the northern border of North Korea as spectacle and Dr Konyakhina’s comparative example of communities in Russia’s near territory abutting North Korea complemented each other and brought new analytic perspectives to bear on this most contested of political and sovereign spaces.

Finally Engage Korea 2015 sought to connect with and present the output of the next generation of academics whose focus is North Korea and inter-Korean matters and organised an open competition for speakers and presenters who have not yet graduated to take part in the event. These scholars spoke in a series of seminar groups connected to the plenaries and included University of California of San Diego’s Mark Buttwieiler on North Korean agriculture, Sung Kim of the University of California, San Diego on North Korea’s diplomatic engagement strategy, Jongmin Park of the Royal College of Art, London on Architecture as a technology of peace building and Justin Kim-Hummel of SAIS at Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC on comparisons between peace building in the Iranian case and North Korea.
In general the event very closely followed the outline given in the event and grant proposal initially given to the Academy of Korean Studies, in terms of its academic and thematic content. It was necessary for the purposes of organization and time management as well as the logistical issues on the ground to organize reconfigure the event into one long day on the 12th of December, rather than two shorter days on the 11th and 12th of December as originally envisaged in the grant proposal. However those attending and those organisers ultimately felt that this made for a more cohesive, structured and energetic event.

The event garnered some interest from external commentators and was reviewed by outlets whose interest is North Korean matters, in particular NKNews.org and the Witness to Transformation blog run by Professor Stephan Haggard and Marcus Noland. A review of the proceedings of the event will also be published by the Association of Asian Studies in the United States in the coming months. Finally the Tumen Triangle Project organized by Dr Hyun-Gwi Park and part of Engage Korea 2015 has a special issue of the journal Asian Perspective in summer 2016 in which a number of the papers from the Tumen Triangle panel will occur.

Engage Korea and its organisers will be arranging their event for 2016 at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC, United States (SAIS) and hope to organize an event in 2017 at Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. Engage Korea is also organizing a series of online seminars and courses through web based teaching platforms to develop some of the material presented during the event funded by the Academy of Korean Studies Grant (AKS 2015 C11).

3. 결산(Financial Statement): 지출내역, 지원금, 잔액 등
   (Item, Detailed Expenses, AKS Funds, Balance, etc.)

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4. 증명서류 (Documentation): 결과물, 영수증 원본 및 기타 관련 자료
(Proceedings or publications, All original receipts, and Related Materials on the Conference)

I have attached all the conference receipts, financial statements and publications from the event itself to the email which this project report is attached to. I hope you find all the information helpful and in a satisfactory format.

5. 서명(Signature)

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Project Director