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## Embassyline

### Venezuela Novelist Imagines She's in Seoul

The Venezuelan Embassy organized a small gathering of Korean students and writers Wednesday with journalist, writer and editor Eva Feld.

Feld arrived in Seoul Tuesday and will stay through April 19 to promote her new novel ``La Senda de las Flores Oblicuas (The Path of the Oblique Flowers)."

The title of the novel, published in 2005, was derived from the Joan Baez song ``Where Have All the Flowers Gone." The story is set in Korea.

Feld came to Korea in 2003 and stayed with a Korean family to do research for the setting and background of her novel about a Venezuelan woman who resorts to living in a make-believe world she creates as she cannot make sense of the society in which she finds herself.

``When someone creates a different image of reality, it becomes art," Feld said.

### Russian Duma's MP Talks Up Space Tech

A Russian parliamentary friendship group visited Korea last week to discuss ways of promoting communication and contacts between the legislatures of the two countries.

Former cosmonaut Elena Kondakova, deputy of Russia's Duma and member of the United Russia Party, led the Russian delegation. She participated in two missions to space in 1994 and 1997, spending a total of 179 days in space.

The week of April 12 marks the 41st anniversary of humanity's pioneering exploration into space, Ambassador Gleb Ivashentsov said.

The inter-parliamentary visit came just after an agreement was made between Korea and Russia to send Korea's first astronaut into space aboard a Russian spacecraft and

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speculation on the capacity of Russian aerospace technology.

`` The quality of Russian aerospace technology is evidenced by American cooperation with Russia on space," Kondakova said.

`` An American shuttle blew up on two occasions. There are no problems with Russian shuttles," she said.

### **Korean War Veterans to Visit Seoul**

Veterans from the British Commonwealth will visit Korea from April 17 to April 24 to commemorate their service in the Korean War (1950-1953).

Some 84 veterans of the Korean War from such countries as the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa will participate in ceremonies to be held at war cemeteries in Seoul and Pusan.

They will also take part in ceremonial events at sites where the Battle of the Imjin River and the Battle of Kapyong were fought.

The veterans are coming here in association with the British and Commonwealth Veterans, a war veterans' organization.

### **Contemporary Mexican Art on Asian Tour**

The Mexican Embassy organized an exhibition at Samsung Raemian Gallery titled `` Grupo de los Dieciseis (Group of Sixteen)" of contemporary artworks from Mexico by 42 artists.

Ambassador Leandro Arellano of Mexico said he is proud that his country's Department of Foreign Affairs could be an integral part of making the exhibition's Asian tour possible.

It was displayed in Singapore. It will exhibit until May 4 here, and then is off to Hong Kong for the last leg of its three-country tour.

Grupo de los Dieciseis is an association that distributes the funds generated by the Annual Art Sale they have been organizing for the last 25 years to four welfare projects they select every two years with one that is permanent.

The group sees its activities as serving a social purpose through the work of outstanding artists. They selected and gathered the artworks shown in the exhibition.

More information can be obtained at [www.raemian.co.kr](http://www.raemian.co.kr) or by calling 02) 765-3304.

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