

**Press Release  
Team  
September 2011**

**Kukkiwon Taekwondo  
Korea's Premier Taekwondo Corps**



**Sat 10 Sept and Sun 11 Sept 2011  
The Mayor's Thames Festival  
Next to the OXO Tower, London  
Entrance: free**

**The Korean Cultural Centre UK is delighted to present 'Kukkiwon Taekwondo Team' as part of their programme of events at 'Korea Calling' at the Mayor's Festival.**

The Korean martial art of Taekwondo is arguably the country's best known cultural export. Meaning 'the art of striking with foot and fist', Taekwondo is practiced as a method of self defence by thousands of Taekwondo students all over the world. Taekwondo's international popularity continues to flourish, and has enjoyed the status as an official Olympic sport since 2000.

Established in 1974, 'Kukkiwon Taekwondo Team' functions as a diplomatic corps that is committed to globalizing Taekwondo culture. Comprised of 70 members including Taekwondo students and instructors with at least 5<sup>th</sup> Dan competency, the team expands awareness of Taekwondo by organising global demonstration tours as well as performing regular demonstrations to international visitors in Korea.

Our talented representatives from 'Kukkiwon Taekwondo Team' kick off the weekend's programme of events at 12pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and will give a total of four performances throughout the weekend. Each performance will be followed by a free taekwondo workshop for children.

**Taekwondo demonstrations (40 mins):**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 12 and 5:30pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12 and 5:30pm

**Taekwondo workshops:**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 1 and 6:30pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1 and 6:30pm

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. For more information on the free outdoor family event '**Korea Calling**' next to the Oxo Tower on **10/11 September** and the accompanying family days at the KCCUK, please contact Kyunghee Choi at [kyunghee.choi@kccuk.org.uk](mailto:kyunghee.choi@kccuk.org.uk) or 020 7004 2603.
2. **The Mayor's Thames Festival** is London's largest free festival, a spectacular two-day celebration of London and the River Thames, attracting over 800,000 people every September. The festival transforms spaces on and around the River Thames with a vibrant mix of music, dance, feasting, carnival, river races, art installations and street performances. It takes place every September, with a weekend of outdoor events on the River from the London Eye to Tower Bridge and beyond. Through the Festival's year round learning and participation programme it works with over 300 schools and community groups across London, engaging 10,000 young people. The Thames Festival Trust is a not-for-profit charitable trust with an independent board of trustees. The Mayor's Thames Festival 2011 takes place on 10 and 11 September. For more information, please visit [www.thamesfestival.org](http://www.thamesfestival.org)

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For more information on the Mayor's Thames Festival River Commission project Reclaimed by The Thames visit:

[www.thamesfestival.org/learning\\_and\\_participation](http://www.thamesfestival.org/learning_and_participation)

3. **The Korean Cultural Centre UK**

The Korean Cultural Centre UK (KCCUK) was opened by the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in January 2008 under the aegis of the London Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The role of the KCCUK is to further enhance friendship, amity and understanding between Korea and the UK through cultural and educational activities.

From the KCCUK's central London location near Trafalgar Square, its dedicated cultural team work to further develop cultural projects, introduce new opportunities to expand their Korean events programme in the UK, and encourage cultural exchange. Facilities at the centre include a gallery, small theatre, lecture room, a multimedia centre and library.

Opening Times:

Mon-Fri: 10am-6pm

Sat. 11am-5pm

Closed Sunday

[www.kccuk.org.uk](http://www.kccuk.org.uk)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kccuk/>

Entry to the Korean Cultural Centre is free.

The Korean Cultural Centre UK is fully accessible.

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