Korean Night festivities included a private ceremony to dedicate the Korean Conference Room (한국의 방), made possible with a gift from the Korean Consulate General of Chicago. A centrally located study room in the new Global and International Studies building is being appointed with exhibits and reference materials, as well as the technology for video conferencing and screening of films. The room will not only supply the resources for Korean programming, but because it is open to all, will also create a constant presence of Korean culture for anyone who wishes to study there.

Sara Friedman, acting director of the East Asian Studies Center, notes that Korean Night is one of several major events of the center this year. Others include:

**Sensing Taiwan.** “This was a month-long series of events,” said Friedman. “The Miao-Li Chen Family Pei-Kuan Pa-Yin Group from Taiwan performed in Bloomington over three days, with demonstrations of local and traditional music in classes on campus. This project had funding support from the Taiwan consulate.” There were also screenings of several Taiwanese films and a guest lecture on the commercial viability of Taiwan cinema.

**China Town Hall.** “The event began with a national panel discussion of the recent growth of Chinese direct investment in the U.S. It was webcast live to more than 75 locations around the world,” Friedman explained. “That was followed by a local panel responding to the issues of the national speakers. Our respondents included administrators from Peking University and an Indianapolis lawyer with experience working for the State Department. Capitalizing on our relationship with external entities, we regularly seek to provide events that speak to the larger community and to the state more generally.”

**China, Russia, and the World.** Each spring in a symposium that includes experts from IU and abroad, the center collaborates with IU’s Russian and East European Institute and the European Union Center “to explore our understanding of regional boundaries and to get a better sense of the connections and flows between different parts of the world,” said Friedman.