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## MoU Signed to Bridge Korea and Hungary for Stronger Education Exchange

- ☐ On November 22, the *National Institute for International Education* under the Ministry of Education (headed by Ryoo Hyea-Sook), *Liszt Institute Hungarian Cultural Center Seoul* (headed by Medvigy István) and the Department of Hungarian Studies of *Hankuk University of Foreign Studies* (headed by Han Kyeng-min) will sign a memorandum of understanding to promote the exchange of language, education and culture between Korea and Hungary, including administering the internationally certified Hungarian language proficiency test at the *National Institute for International Education*.
- ☐ Hungary is known as the center of the Eastern European culture, in which the popularity of Korean movies, drama series and pop music is on the rise. Accordingly, the popularity of the Korean language department has also increased enormously recently, with the acceptance rate of 10% since its establishment in 2008 at ELTE University, a prestigious Hungarian university in the field of humanities.
- ☐ The MoU states the following:
  - The three institutions will provide information and promote mutual cooperation

for the development of introduction and operation of the internationally certified Hungarian language proficiency test;

- the three institutions will administratively cooperate for domestic operation of internationally certified Hungarian language proficiency test; and
- the three institutions will mutually exchange and support seminars and training programs hosted by the three institutions.

□ Mr. Medvigy István, the Head of the *Liszt Institute Hungarian Cultural Center Seoul*, said, "The Center will continue its mutual cooperation to promote the Hungarian language proficiency test in Korea, and to advance the exchange of education and culture between Hungary and Korea."

- Professor Han Kyeng-min, the head of the Hungarian Studies Department at *Hankuk University of Foreign Studies*, said, "I believe that the first-ever administration of the Hungarian language proficiency test in Korea will contribute to the fostering of Hungarian-speaking professionals here in Korea, and we'll do our utmost to successfully administer the test."

□ Ms. Ryoo Hyea-Sook, President of the National Institute of International Education, said, "I'd like to thank the *Liszt Institute Hungarian Cultural Center Seoul* and the Department of Hungarian Studies of *Hankuk University of Foreign Studies* for their hard work to offer the internationally certified Hungarian language proficiency test in Korea."

- She added, "I hope the signing of this MoU will stimulate the Hungarian language proficiency test in Korea, and that it will not only galvanize the exchange of language, but also the overall relations between the two countries. Beginning with this test, the NIIED will get on with expanding the range of foreign language tests in Korea to foster diverse talent who can fluently speak critical foreign languages."