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TORONTO ZOO PROUDLY UNVEILS STATUE OF CANADIAN AND KOREAN HERO DR. FRANK SCHOFIELD

Wednesday, October 6, Toronto, Ontario: Today, the Toronto Zoo unveiled a striking 3-metre statue of Dr. Frank Schofield. This next stage in the ongoing development of the Dr. Frank Schofield Memorial Gardens was unveiled before invited guests and media. Toronto Zoo staff have been working closely with the Korean Government, Korean design experts, and Toronto's Korean community on this project. In coming years, Zoo visitors will be able to appreciate the beauty of Korea, its plants and animals, its culture and the statue of a unique Canadian, Dr. Frank Schofield.

When completed, over the next several years, the Memorial Gardens, which are located adjacent to the Zoo's existing Marco Polo area, will include: a type of walled stone entrance gate found in ancient Korean gardens, traditional Korean gardens (including a Stone Garden), a Dr. Frank Schofield Memorial Building a centre commemorating Korean contributions to Canada, typical Korean trees and shrubs, and a Korean Tea House. Beautiful, but endangered, Asian pheasants and other animals native to Korea will be on display there.

Although not well known in Canada, Dr. Schofield may be thought of as a Korean Norman Bethune. In the early part of the twentieth century, as a missionary, he made important contributions toward Korean independence, wellbeing and culture and is also remembered for his love of animals and his important scientific discoveries and research during his tenure as a University of Guelph professor. Dr. Schofield died in 1970 at the age of 81 and is the only foreigner to be buried in Korea's National Independent Hero cemetery. During his lifetime he received numerous honours from the Korean government.

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Current Zoo Hours: 9:00am to 6:00pm. Last admission one hour before closing. General Admission 13-64 incl. is \$23.00 as of Children 3 and under are free, Children 4-12 are \$13.00 and Seniors 65+ are \$15.00. Parking is \$10. Prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change without notice. Events are subject to change without notice. The Zoo is located at Meadowvale Road and Hwy. 401, Exit 389 east and west bound. For general information, call (416) 392-5929. The Toronto Zoo is open year round (except December 25th).

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