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KOREAN NATIONAL DAY FLAG CEREMONY – PHOTO OP

The City of Ryde will celebrate Korean National Foundation Day with a flag raising ceremony on Friday 7 October 2011 at 10.30am.

Members of the local Korean community will join officials from the Korean Consulate General at the Civic Centre ceremony, followed by a morning tea.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Artin Etmekdjian said: "Much of the vibrancy and prosperity of our City is in part thanks to the contribution of the large Korean community that now call the City of Ryde home.

"Being of Armenian heritage, I can identify with the deep connection to national traditions while proudly calling myself Australian.

"For the local Korean community this is an important cultural event to remember and I am proud to be part of it."

'Gaecheonjeol' is a public holiday in South Korean on October 3. Also know by the English name National Foundation Day, this holiday celebrates the creation of the state of Gojoseon (ancient Korean) founded in the 2333 BC.

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