

# Travel Report from RTCSA 2007

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**R**TCSA is one of the leading conference that is usually held in Asia; hence, the 13<sup>th</sup> instance of this conference was held in the city of Daegu in South Korea. Thanks to competitiveness of this years version if the conference the quality of the presented papers was quite high. The conference was a three day event with three parallel sessions with 20 papers in each session. The three sessions were focused on real-time, ubiquitous computing and embedded systems. I attended most of the real-time track but also attended a few presentations in the other tracks. The papers in the real-time track was a rich mix between among others, resource sharing, the mandatory scheduling, multi-processor and multi-core issues, and finally a database session.

The conference was well organized with a very spiritual keynote held by Prof. C.L Liu talking about the conceptual size reduction of the earth. The keynote was ended with a joint singing session where Prof. Liu urged the audience to join him in a song regarding that we live in a small world :-)

The second keynote was given during the banquet by one of the CTOs of consumer electronics in Samsung. This keynote was mostly about future use of media applications.

**T**HIS years version of RTCSA was very special for my part since my paper "Contract-Based Reusable Worst-Case Execution Time Estimates" was chosen for the best paper award in the real-time track. I was the first presenter in the real-time track during the first day of the conference. I received interesting questions and good feedback on the presentation. In the following days I could relax and only to the other presentations.

The most interesting part of the conference was, as usually, to meet and talk to fellow researchers. I met several fellow researchers from previous conferences, with whom I continued some rather interesting discussions. That is one of the very rewarding parts of returning to the same conferences and joining the same people. Of course it was also very special to receive the best paper award plaque during the conference banquet.

**T**HE trip to Daegu started at 12am from Arlanda, via Frankfurt where we changed planes to a Lufthansa Airbus that was going to take me and a colleague I travelled with all the way to Seoul. When we arrived in Seoul we went with a bus for one hour to the Seoul train station, from where we took the 300km/h bullet-train to Daegu. Finally at 5pm local time (10am Swedish time) we arrived in the hotel in Daegu. The first evening in Daegu we spent

down-town trying to find a nice place to eat. After a few hours of walking we finally found a really nice small Korean style fish restaurant, shown in figure 1. Overall the food during the trip was excellent, ranging from raw meat and fish to exotic vegetables and fruits.

In the last day of the conference we joined a tour to a preserved Korean village. At the village we experienced traditional paper-making and soju-making. Soju is a very strong type of wheat-rice spirit. All participants of the tour got to make their own sheet of paper, and got to try some Soju.

The overall stay in Korea was very nice and very different from what I am used to. The people, the culture, the food and the cities is everything but European; but in a nice way. People are very friendly and constantly try to help. The food is quite spicy and it is common to share the food among several people, meaning that several people are eating from the same plate - also quite uncommon in Europe. All these things together with a well organized and interesting conference made our stay very exciting.



**Figure 1. Korean traditional style fish restaurant.**