

# **A Study on the Costume and Culture in Chunghahk-dong**

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## **I. Introduction**

Chunghahk-dong is located in a retired spot, Jiri Mountain and has been built up its own religion and culture without any exchange outside world.

People in Chunghahk-dong believe in a religion called Genjungyutaosim. Forming a trinity on which mind is Taoism, body is Buddhism, and behavior is confucianism. These are the principle elements to form a village. They made their own unique cultural factor such as longhaired boys and girls, wearing traditional cloths and hat, a monastic life, folk mores and family rituals, and private school system. This shows a great deal of affection on their life style and organization and is closely connected with community and culture. Grasping a culture and behavior on clothing, it has purpose to understand Chunghahk-dong properly according to this study. A method of study has a purpose to understand culture and clothing behavior precisely in Chunghahk-dong. I inquire into clothing behavior with investigation and study of picture script.

## **II. The Culture of Chunghahk-dong**

Chunghahk-dong is small village about 800meters above sea level. People of Chunghahk-dong, called DoInChon have faith in Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism and Genjungyutaosim and has built a village after Korean War. Genjungyutaosim is to unity Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism and learning of east and west for eliminating and irrationality of modern culture and train a true character of humanity, righteousness, courtesy, and knowledge for practicing human morals. An objection of faith is SunDangKung. The basic scriptures are BuEongKyung that contains traditional morals. People in Chunghahk-dong do a special exercise called a YungSunDoIn law right after waking up in the morning. This exercise has 36 kind movements that lead to a wizard's tendency in the body through throat. They have a religious service for convincing a racial spirit and harmonizing a nation based "devotion to the welfare of mankind" on

October, third. With this religious doctrine they has kept Confucianism life style. They braid and tie up their hair, wear a white cloth, go to the private school, and take a serious view the rules of etiquette. However, outsiders often come in and go out because of development of transportation and introduction of technology since 1980 changing to tourist attraction.

### **III. The Costume of Chunghahk-dong**

People in Chunghahk-dong show unique clothing and hair style behavior based on Genjungyutao.

First, men and women wear a white cloth called HanBok(Korean costume) and footwear made of rubber. Only men wear a blue vest. A grown up men wear a long coat when they go out. They are dressed in traditional cloth for a ceremonial occasion. The reason why they put on the HanBok(Korean costume) is a belief on our traditional cloth becomes a standard dress in the future. They believe Korea becomes a standard dress in the future. They believe Korea become a leading country in the world. This clothing behavior is symbol of Genjungyutao and has a role of delivery system for expressing their split.

Second, In sign of being a Genjungyutao men, they let their grow hair. Cutting hair is not to be a Genjungyutao men any more. There is few reason that people in Chunghahk-dong let grow their hair : First, because of importance in TanGun's ideology, they believe Korea is a first nation in the world and can't cut their hair which has grown from TanGun(The founding father of the Korean nation) Chosun traditionally. Second, Cutting their hair runs counter to the principle of nature. Third, They value their body for confucianism. They don't want to damage their body because of body from their parents. Boys and girls braid and tie up their hair and adult tie a topknot and a chignon. Wearing a YouGun(A horsehair skullcap) at home and a Kat(A Korean top hat) when going out, they express as a Genjungyutao. Hemp cloth and synthetic fibers are main clothes. Also, they wear an improved HanBok(Korean costume) these days on influencing outside.

### **IV. Conclusion**

People in Chunghahk-dong has the value of life in split of IlSimGyo(One mind religion) based on the unity of Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism and Genjungyutaoism. They have a group life as a social symbol of Genjungyutao and unique clothing behavior and hair style. Men and women put on traditional HanBok(Korean costume) and keep traditional clothes for a ceremonial occasion.

They never cut their hair. Boys and girls braid and tie up their hair and adult tie a

topknot and a chignon. This is indicated the spirit of Genjungyutao and the traditional ceremony HanBok(Korean costume) and hair style by HanBok(Korean costume) and hair style. In addition, first they take off footwear, then step on it and after that put hands down and hang their head making a bow. Also, they prohibit a smoking.

People in Chunghahk-dong has built their unique cultural and social system with influence of Genjungyutao and expressed their own clothing behavior, life style, and education.

However, the uniqueness of Chunghahk-dong has been popular because of development of transportation and introduction of electricity and technology.

Only clothing behavior shows their religion these days. And this has been become a tourist attraction, In conclusion, we should consider clothing behavior and hart style, which was closed to tradition and stood firmly by people in Chunghahk-dong though Chunghahk-dong is not hundred or thousand old village and don't have a unique history.