

Kim Lee Soong

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C R Culver — 03 Apr 1998, 02:12

Friends,

I made a query on sci.lang about any meaning of "Kim Lee Soong" and this is what was responded:

"C R Culver (crculver at aol.com) wrote:

: I'm wondering if the Korean name "Kim Lee Soong" or any word out of it has a : definite meaning in Korean.

All three parts have "definite meaning" in Chinese when written in, and read as, Chinese. Most educated Koreans can associate the same meanings with the Sino-Korean provided they know the Chinese characters.

"Kim" also has definite meaning in a name context as virtually "the" Korean surname. It was normally written (and largely still is) with a Chinese character read "kum" in Sino-Korean with the meaning 'gold.'

Probably someone with enough experience at Korean names could make good guess about the "Lee" and "Soong." But I don't think it's possible to be certain without seeing them in Chinese, and nowadays some names may not even be associated with Chinese characters for all I know. I should have left this for Patrick Chew to answer, perhaps.

Bart Mathias"

I guess Wolfe picked KLS 'cause it was a common Korean name, and not because of any meaning. Still, perhaps there is mythological significance to the name.

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