

**2011년 9월 9일 키워드 스피킹 방송 / 주제: 추석**

This upcoming weekend will be one of the most important holidays of the year for Korean families. Chuseok is a major harvest festival and a **three-day holiday** in Korea celebrated on **the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar**. As an official national holiday, Chuseok is often compared to the Western holiday of Thanksgiving for its time in the fall and celebrations with family. For many Koreans it is one of the only times of the year that they are able to **get away from their busy schedules** to return to their hometowns and visit their relatives. As a result, it isn't strange to see the bustling city of Seoul seem a bit empty as businesses close down and children take the day to spend time with their parents.

Chuseok is one of Korea's oldest holidays dating back to 650 A.D. Many traditional customs of the day include **paying respects to their elders**. In the morning, people **perform ancestral worship** and **gestures of respect to their grandparents**. Later on, many **visit the resting place of their family members** who have passed away where they clean and **present offerings of food, drinks, and flowers**. There have been some interesting developments with Chuseok in the 21st century. More and more Koreans are using this precious time off to **take a trip overseas**, and it's become commonplace for single sons and daughters to prepare themselves for **the pressure and nagging they'll receive from their parents to get married**. All in all, it is one the most cherished holidays for Koreans where we are reminded the importance of family..

**Key Words**

1. 음력 8월15일 the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar
2. 바쁜 일상에서 벗어나다 get away from their busy schedules
3. 차례, 제사 ancestral worship, domestic ritual, gestures of respect to the ancestors
4. 성묘 visit the resting place of family members
5. 결혼하라는 잔소리를 준비해야 한다 to be prepared for the nagging from parents to get married
6. 더도 말고 덜도 말고 한가위만 같아라 I don't want more, I don't want less, I just want it to be exactly like Chuseok; I want it to be like Chuseok
7. 전 부치기 sauté meat or fish, fry meat or fish
8. 보름달을 보며 소원을 빌다 make a wish upon a full moon
9. 양력 Gregorian calendar
10. 묘지 resting place, cemetery, grave
11. 허리 풀고 많이 먹다 I have to loosen my belt