



October Interviews

Interviewee: Swathu
Capacity: Club Leader

Hello Swathu, how are you today?

I'm good. How are you?

I am good as well. Thank you. I am here to interview you as part of club leadership for the K-Theatre Club. To start off, could you please introduce yourself?

Hello, I am Swathu, leader of K-Theatre Club and also a moderator on the server. I am an auditor by profession. My bias is Taehyung, and my bias wrecker is Jimin. However, sometimes it's all seven of them.

Would you introduce your team as well, please?

Sure. We have Suzy who is our co-leader. Soora and Guada - our secretaries. Special mention to Soora - who has been supporting our club so much when I am away due to some personal reasons.

Oh that's great! It's nice to have a team you can count on! Could you give us a general overview of the club? What have you guys been doing since you started?

Okay, we watch K-Dramas or Korean films with all genres possible and learn from them. In terms of learning, we make grammar slides, and then we teach that grammar to our members, and sometimes we play games. Once, we watched *BTS: In The SOOP* season one, and I learned some recipes. Most of the time, we focus on grammar, vocabulary, and other things related to the Korean language, but we make learning fun by watching dramas etc.

Oh wow! That sounds like fun! So how long has the club been running?

K-Theatre is one of the oldest clubs when KSG thought about starting clubs, so I believe it was around June or July, last year.



Wow that sounds like a long time. Have you been the leader since the start then?

Yes, I have been. But lately due to personal reasons, I have not been active, but my team has been covering up for me.

Oh alright. How have you been finding this experience, being the leader of K-Theatre Club?

It's been good so far. It's a lot of work since we need to prepare content beforehand, but at the same time, it's fun as well since we watch our favorite K-Dramas together with members of the club. Although sometimes I feel like I am not worthy of being the leader of the club as I think I am not capable of creating good content. But I try to keep my head high, and I am always open to suggestions from members or my club leadership.

Why do you feel like that?

That is because each and every person has different tastes, so I cannot make content that is liked by everyone. So in order to cater to that, I split dramas we watch into genres. For example, Rom-Com to thrillers to BL, and it worked quite well.

I'm sure you are doing great, Swathu ! What about the rest of your team? Have you had them since the start?

Only Soora and Guada have been there from the start. We originally had two co-leaders who left the club, and later, we worked alone. Eventually, when I got busy with my schedule, Suzy volunteered to help as a co-leader.

How is working with all of them?

Honestly, amazing. They are sweet and cooperative. And of course, I will catch up soon and will be back to being active again.

So what made you decide to be a leader?

At first, I was skeptical about being a leader, but I love to learn with others and even teach them. This is how I learn when I study, so when the leadership positions were being decided, I was at first hesitant in taking the leader's position. But everyone else encouraged me to take the leader's position, and that is how I became the leader of K-Theatre Club.



That sounds great! I'm glad you are loving it! What challenges have you faced whilst being a part of leadership?

For me, the challenge I have is the time to host meetings. Before, the meetings used to be at 4 am for me, and I used to host them. But then we changed the timings. Now, it is my work that is not letting me host meetings. Another challenge I have faced is content creation, and that is because we have different levels of Korean learners in our club, so I need to cater to everyone.

Oh? If the timing isn't right for you right now, then why don't you change it?

Yes, I want to, But then I am not really in the position to host meetings as of yet. But once I become more active, then definitely I will change the timings.

So regarding the different levels of learners, how do you deal with this challenge?

I usually split content between high levels and beginners so that everyone has a challenge that suits their Korean level. For example, we taught them basic grammar points. But in homework assignments, we asked beginners to make simple sentences, and for higher levels, we asked them to make complex sentences, so it worked out. In regards to vocabulary, that is something that everyone has to learn. So there is no other way to divide them between levels.

In regards to working with your team, how do you all operate? Do you divide tasks amongst yourselves?

Yes, we do. Secretaries usually do the attendance, but when I did not have a co-leader, they helped me out in creating content and gave their opinions too, so it worked in a way where we could make better content.

What's your opinion on the club, and how do you think you can improve?

Club is good so far, but if I have to improve one thing, that would be creating more fun activities to have in each meeting. We do have activities in our clubs but not very frequently.

What are your goals for the club, and what do you look forward to doing in the future?



I look forward to helping my leadership team more and host more meetings. And goals for the club is to make members comfortable with listening and speaking skills. I will also help members with slang which we do not get from the textbook.

Previously there have been collaborations between clubs. Has K-Theatre Club ever had a collaboration before?

As far as I know, we have not had any collaborations before. Though, we might collaborate in future.

Is there any club you have in mind to do this with?

Probably K-History to watch a historical drama and then discuss Korean history.

That's okay, so back to club content. How do you choose what you will watch every month?

We try to choose a genre, and then we put up polls in which members get to vote, then whichever is the most voted one, we watch it.

And what about the assignments? How do you try and make it different and unique?

Sometimes, we ask our members how they want it to be. We just try to come up with different ideas, make it fun to them, and make them do it as well.

What's an idea you've done that you've personally loved?

I had created a speaking and listening skills test which I personally loved since we all struggled with it.

Do you provide feedback for assignments?

Yes, we do. Usually when I prepare it in google forms, they get answers after they finish. We score it for them.

You're in so many clubs not only as a member but as a part of leadership too. How do you juggle it all?

I am in only 2 clubs for which I am in leadership; leader and secretary. I used to be in different clubs, but I had to leave since I am not active these days.



Do you have any ideas or suggestions you would like organizers to implement regarding clubs?

Not right now. If we need anything to be implemented, we can always modmail.

Lastly, why do you think members of the server should join the club?

I believe we all love K-Dramas, and we can watch dramas together without feeling guilty since in this club we learn as well. And of course, we also provide learning materials that are not in textbooks, for example, slang or grammar points.

Thank you for the interview, Swathu!

No problem. I hope I answered the questions correctly.

