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—Secretary Vilsack

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Each week, 28 enthusiastic 5th graders arrive at the Habib House greenhouse. After meticulously measuring and watering their plants, the students participate in a garden-related activity—anything from dissecting a seed to transplanting their thriving bean sprouts. Assisted by one American staff member and one locally employed member from the AAO, the students and their teacher spend a total of 40 minutes at the residence.

Above: Sun Young Choi works with Emily (left) and Laura (right) to plant bean seeds
Below: Susan Phillips, Agricultural Attache, helps students make compost

Above: Sang Yon Oki instructs students on plant observation
Below: Stan Phillips, ATO Director, oversees students hard at work

The Habib House, named after former United States Ambassador Philip Habib, is just around the corner from DuR Su Elementary School. The house has been home to American Ambassadors since 1883 and is rich with history and tradition. It was the first property in Korea ever sold to a foreigner and has been owned by the U.S. government longer than any other Ambassador’s residence. In addition, the house has been designated a National Treasure. The Habib House’s well-kept garden, immaculate lawn, and spacious greenhouse (below) make it an ideal site for planting with students.