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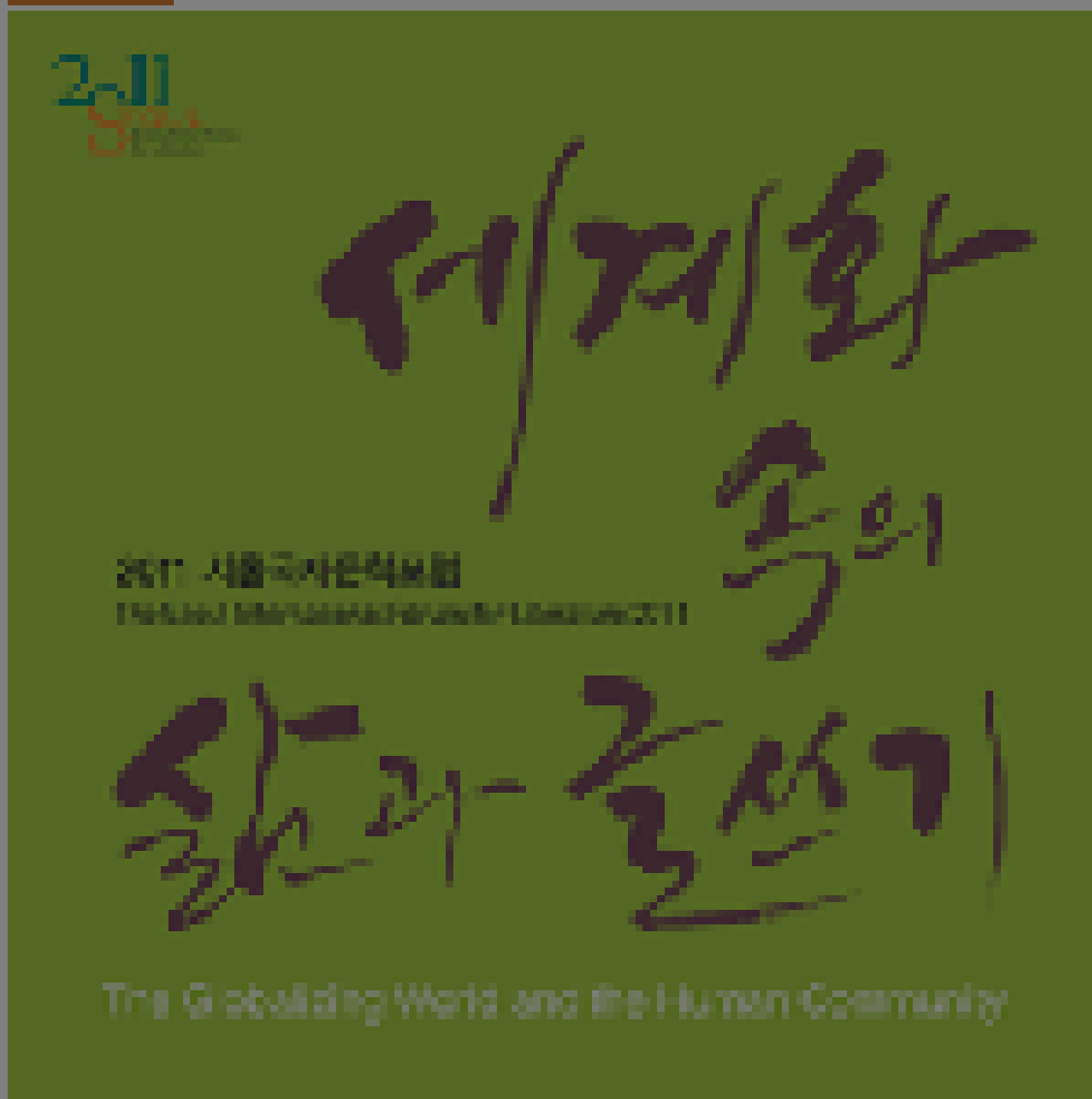
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The **Seoul International Forum for Literature**, first held in 2000, invites outstanding writers from around the world to discuss the theme of 'The Globalizing World and the Human Community' from 24-26 May 2011. The Seoul International Forum for Literature brings together in Seoul some of the biggest names in world literature. French author and professor, Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, the 2008 Nobel Prize laureate and Chinese-born novelist, playwright and stage director Gao Xingjian, who became the first Chinese writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2000, will each deliver an hour-long lecture on May 24 and May 25, respectively. The forum will also host English poet Andrew Motion, German author Ingo Schulze, French literary scholar Antoine Compagnon and Japanese-born writer Yoko Tawada. Also on the list of Korean poets, novelist and critics are Kim U-chang, Kim Seong-kon, Yi Mun-yol, Gong Ji-young, Bok Geo-il, Eun Hee-kyung and Sung Suk-je. Many of the foreign authors coming here write in more than two languages. Japanese writer Tawada, for instance, writes in both Japanese and German, according to Kim Seong-kon, vice-chair of the Seoul International Forum. Recent works by leading authors indicate that modern literature has now become a language that transcends nationality, Kim said. "I believe that the forum will build a bridge between Korean literature

and the global scene,” he added. Keynote speeches and discussions will focus on writing in the era of globalization, with discussions arranged into five themes: The Self and the Other in the Age of Multiculturalism; Writing in the Globalizing World; Literature in the Age of Post-Ideology; Writing for the World Market and the Multimedia Environment; and Literature and Eco-Criticism. All addresses and discussions are open to the public with simultaneous translations into Korean, English and French. Read more about the Forum in [SEOUL Weekly](#) and [The Korea Herald](#)

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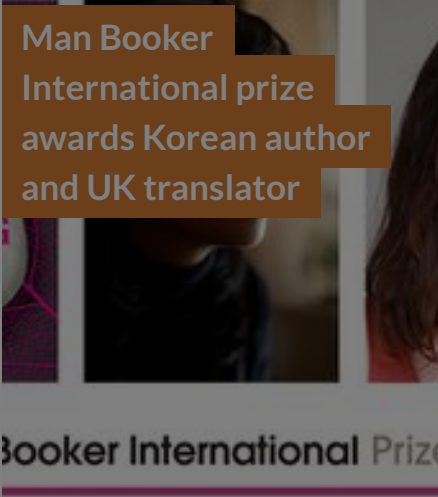
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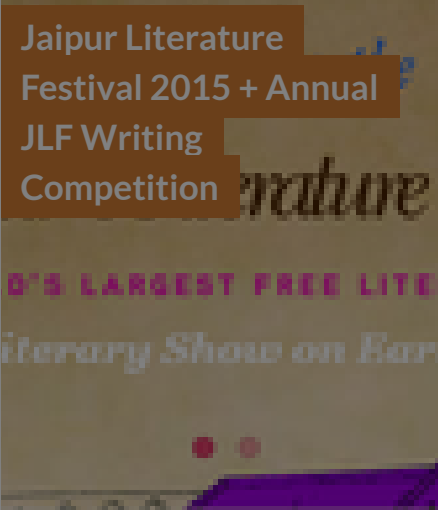
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