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ISUS Newsletter

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

Cover Story

<Graduate Admissions for ISUS>

The Department of Global Construction & Sustainable Urban Development will recruit 4 students, to start the first semester of Fall 2022.

The Online application period is from May 12 to 25, 2022.

Admission briefing will be held online via ZOOM on May 13, 2022.

<Interview>

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<Field Trips >

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<All Social Distancing measures lifted>

The Korean Government decided to lift all social distancing measures starting from April 18. However, facemasks are mandatory in public places, indoor public areas, and on public transport. Public places like food establishments are no longer required to limit business hours or enforce mandatory contact tracing and vaccine or PCR test entry requirements.

Newsletter Interview Article: MGLEP Alumna Kenneth Regunan Tabliga

ISUS presents a special series of interviews to share stories of ISUS members.

For May's interview, let us read about Kenneth Regunan Tabliga (MGLEP 4), who is Chief of the Forest Policy Section in the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines.



Q1.Please, introduce yourself.

Kenneth Tabliga : Mabuhay! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be interviewed for the newsletter. I am Kenneth Tabliga from Quezon City, Philippines. I am a Forester by profession and currently working as one of the Section Chiefs in the Forest Policy, Planning and Knowledge Management Division (FPPKMD) in the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). As a senior technical, I am engaged in supervising the development of forest policies in-lined with the national and international agenda.

I hold a bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of the Philippines – Los Baños (UPLB) and I am a member of the fourth batch of Masters of Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy Program (MGLEP) from 2018–2020.

Q2. Could you describe your job and organization you belonged to?

Kenneth Tabliga : Currently, as the Chief of the Forest Policy Section under FPPKMD, I supervise the formulation of policies and strategies on forestry-related plans and programs taking into consideration the emerging issues such as forest degradation, the impact of illegal logging activities, climate change, and forestry-market demand and supply. My functions include overseeing the review of ENR-related policies, and legislative concerns, particularly on the Sustainable Forest Management Bill. I also head the Bureau's Policy Review Committee Secretariat tasked to guide the formulation, analysis, and evaluation of policies, as well as initiating policy proposals and reforms. Also, I am engaged in coordinating various concerns related to the Philippines' international commitments in the forestry sector. Additionally, I am a member of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Team of FMB.

I would like to mention that the Forest Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) develops and recommends programs and regulatory policies to the Central and Field Offices for the effective protection, conservation, and development of forestlands and watersheds, including the urban and rural communities.

Q3. What motivates you to be in this field?

Kenneth Tabliga : Working for the forestry sector as well as for the Environment and Natural Resources sector in the Philippines is truly rewarding. I get to work with various stakeholders thriving to overcome issues concerning forest management in the Philippines.

Since the forest is considered one of the most valuable natural resources in the country, I would like to make a change through policymaking and do forestry reforms to enhance the implementation of policies and programs toward achieving sustainable forest management, and ultimately serve the interests of the public.

Q4. How did the ISUS programs help you with building you career?

Kenneth Tabliga : Through the MGLEP Program and ISUS, I expanded my knowledge, developed a new set of skills, and enhanced my competencies in policy-related matters for the sustainable development of the environment and natural resources. My experiences at the University served to improve myself and further develop my abilities in different disciplines, particularly those related to international agendas.



Q5. Could you share with us the most memorable experience from ISUS?

Kenneth Tabliga :While studying at the University was generally pleasant and an eye-opening experience for me, the most memorable experience I gained from ISUS was meeting people from all over the world and getting to share with them the joy of learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ISUS and the NIEHRD-MoE for giving me the opportunity of being part of the MGLEP4.

Q6. Do you have any other words to share with ISUS students?

Kenneth Tabliga :For the ISUS students, please remember that to be successful in your chosen fields, you need to be positive, productive, pro-active, and principled. Value your time, value all the people around you and consider every experience that comes your way as an opportunity to learn new things and improve yourselves. Also, find comfort in being uncomfortable, specially provided that ISUS students have cultural differences. Remember that every person – classmates, dormmates, faculty, and the ISUS coordinators– matters in this journey of you acquiring new knowledge and life lessons.

Thank you ISUS! Hope to see you all soon.

ISUS 71st Urban Infra Forum



The ISUS 71st Urban Infra Forum (UIF), marked the second UIF for the 2022 Spring Semester, it was held on Wednesday, April 13th, from 07:00 to 8:30 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom. This edition's topic was "Introduction to Korean Forest Policy – From Greening to Sustainable Forest Management in the Republic of Korea", delivered by Dr. Hyun PARK, who is currently the President of the National Institute of Forest Science.

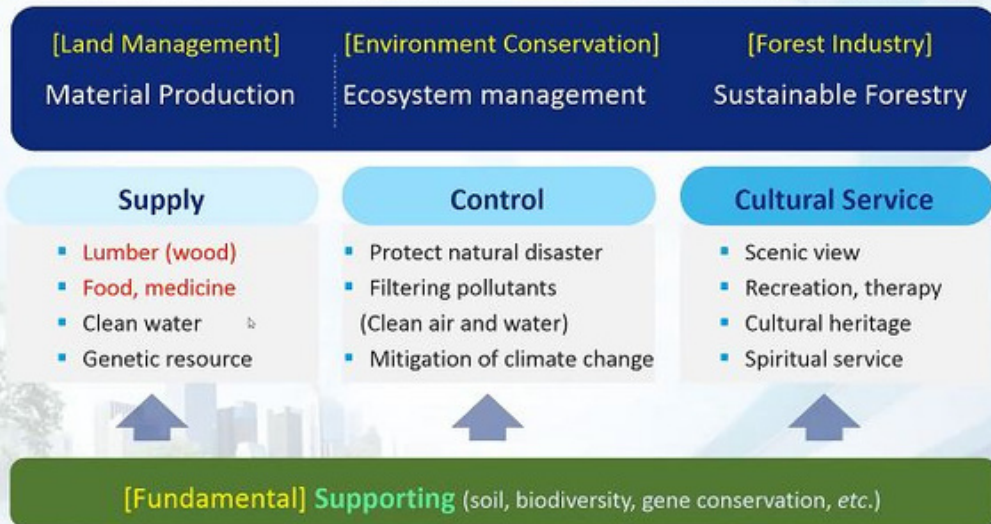
Through the 70th UIF, participants were granted a valuable opportunity to listen to "the past and present situation of Korean Forest and activities and vision of the international cooperation in Korean forestry".

Changes in awareness for the Role of forest

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| Forest provides diverse benefit |



UIF is a discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers. Participants of this forum are mainly ISUS members, who are Foreign Public Officials as well as Domestic Practitioners. Thanks to the combination of participants' experiences, the forum has served as a platform for international networking and mutual learning.

You can find the lecture materials of UIF on the website below.

http://isus.uos.ac.kr/freeTC/list.do?list_id=50018C7

ISUS homepage > Community > Urban Infra Forum

Graduate Admissions for MIPD

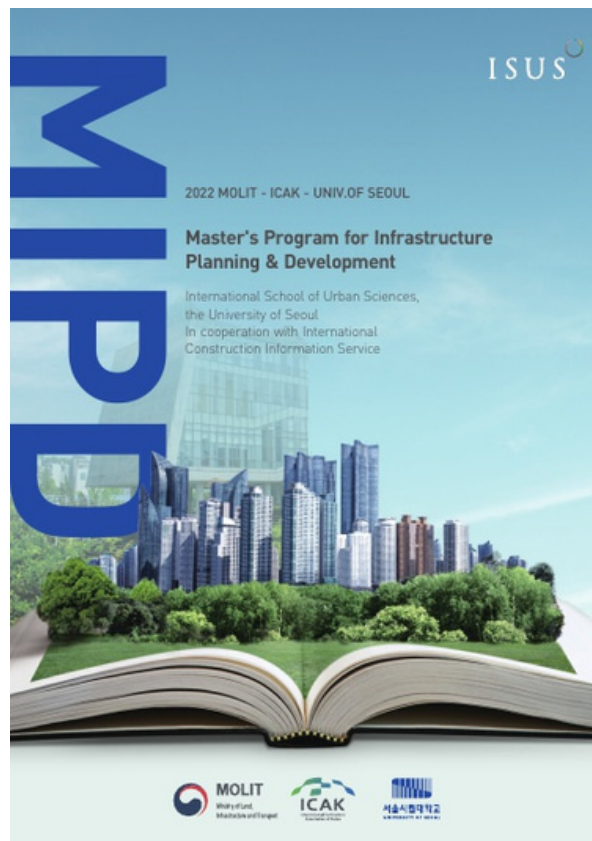
For the first semester of Fall 2022, the Master of Infrastructure Planning & Development (MIPD) of the International Urban Development Program (IUDP) at the UOS will recruit 20 students.

The Online application deadline is May 20, 2022. Applicants must register through the ISUS website (<https://isus.uos.ac.kr/>) and submit their documents to ISUS, those who fail to do so will be ineligible for admission.

Document Review will be held on May 23 and the Online Interview via ZOOM on June 1, 2022. The time and place for the interview will be notified individually, only to qualifying applicants who pass the documents screening. The qualified applicant must connect 15 minutes before the start of the interview.

For more information, you can visit or share the following links:

– Notice about 2022 MIPD Admission: <https://url.kr/2lvdu4>



MGLEP Korean Culture Field Trip to Folk Village



On April 22, MGLEP had a special semester meeting: an outdoor one!



Not only they had a chance to explore the Korea Folk Village, but they also had a semester meeting with Prof Shin Lee, which was very informative. The perfect weather and the outdoor gathering made this semester's meeting special.



At the Folk Village, MGLEP students got to experience traditional candle making, they also enjoyed walking around admiring the beautiful traditional houses; at this place, they were able to learn more about Korean culture and traditions.



MGLEP Waste Management Class Field Trip

Professor Yoon Jong Su scheduled field trips for his Waste Management Class. The visits resulted in a very fruitful field experience where students got to understand better the concepts studied in class.

On April 1st students visited Sudokwon Landfill Site, the main objective of this visit was to learn about the waste-to-energy process.



Later, on April 29th, the class visited Nowon Resource Recycle Center, where students got further knowledge about the incineration process.



PPP Class Field Trip

On the 22nd of April, Professor Hyeon PARK's PPP class students visited Songdo International City. It was a class field trip that MURD, MIPD, and MUAP students attended together.

At Songdo Convensia, students could see how the PPP project works. They saw the different kinds of conference rooms, exhibition halls, and ballrooms. Students also experienced the VR, and AR system in the MICE (Meeting, Incentive Travel, Convention, and Exhibition) Center.



Students also visited the Incheon Economic Free Zone (IFEZ) PR Center, where they learned about the Center's development plan and the progress status of its projects. In this place, students could see the world's top 3 free economic zones.



The last stop of the field trip was IFEZ Smart City Integrated Operation Center. This center is the core facility, it manages all services and infrastructure in IFEZ Smart City such as transportation, crime prevention, disaster prevention, environment, and information service for residents. They cover three districts which are Songdo International Business District, Yeongjong District, and Cheongna International City. Students had an opportunity to learn about the Smart City operation system.



UOS Campus in May



May, a perfect month to gather !



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