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2015 ISUS Global Friends Night

Written by Jai Yong CHOI



The International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul (UOS) held the 1st Global Friends Night, a homecoming party, at the 21 Century Building on the 20th of August with about two hundred attendees including ISUS family, representatives of SMG and KOICA, the president of the UOS and relevant ambassadors. The ISUS family includes fifty-five students from 5th cohort, 6th cohort and 7th cohort of the MUAP and 40 students from 1st and 2nd cohorts of the MURD.

The event was held into two parts. The first part started with the congratulatory message of the Dean of the ISUS, followed by the remark of

the chairman of the KOICA. Second part of the homecoming party was embellished with tantalizing Colombian couple dance, passionate Latin and Arabic singing performances of MUAP and MURD students. Also, students of the University of Seoul had enlivened the air of the party with the samulnori, (Korean) traditional percussion quartet. The event which was the first home-coming party, offered an opportunity for all alumni and students of ISUS as well as distinguished guests to meet together to witness the academic achievements of alumni and to build friendly relationships with each other.

SMG-UOS' GLOBAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM

- Seoul Smart City Forum -



The Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) at the University of Seoul (UOS) co-hosted 'Global Urban Development Forum: Smart City as an Innovative Urban Development Platform' from the 17th to 19th of December 2015 at the Seoul Global Center. The forum was attended by about 100 experts: of 20 city government officials from 15 governments, representatives from relevant Korean government organizations and companies.

In the forum, foreign city government officials were able given opportunities to share their knowledge and experience which are necessary for a successful transition to Smart City and went on field trips to industrial facilities of SMG and acquired cultural experience for in-depth understanding of Seoul.

The opening ceremony (17th of Dec.) began with the welcome remark of Mr. Chang-beom KIM, the Ambassador for International Relations of the SMG, followed by the opening remark of Dr. ManHee HAN, the Dean of the International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul. After the opening ceremony, the official session started.

In the Global Urban Development Forum, also known as 'Seoul Smart City Forum,' necessary measures for transition to a smart city were discussed. ▲ Urban transportation, ▲ disaster management, ▲ e-Government and ▲ urban planning were the four main agenda on which participants had time to grope for solutions to the problems that their cities face.



During the first session, researchers and invited foreign government officials delivered presentations and participants were involved in discussion. Dr. JaeYong LEE, the director of Smart and Green Center of Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) presented 'Smart City as an Innovative Urban Development Platform' and Professor Hyun Joo KIM from University of Seoul introduced 'Case Study of Seoul's Smart City.' Lastly, Mr. Sei Shin KIM, the chief researcher of the Advisory Group for the Urban Planning Commission of the SMG delivered 'The History of Urban Development of SMG.'

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Two foreign government officials, the alumni of the ISUS, also made presentations. Ms. Patrycja BAGINSKA, a senior financial analyst, introduced 'e-Services in the city of Warsaw' and Ms. Jinky Joy DELA CRUZ, a planning officer, presented 'Land-based Transport Governance: Focus on Manila'.

After presentations were delivered, the presenters and participants had Q&A sessions on the presentations and exchanged opinions.

Afternoon session was packed with policy briefings and G2G (Government to Government) meetings. Policy briefings were on three topics: urban transportation, disaster management and e-Government. As for the first policy briefing, former vice mayor of the SMG, Dr. SangBeom KIM, presented on 'Integrated Urban Transport Information System and the Operation Policy.' Mr. David Gatimu, the Chief Officer, Lands, Housing and Spatial Planning-Kiambu County Government of Kenya presented 'Africa: the New Frontier of Africa.' Mr. JinKHi JEONG, the Team Head of the Field Operations Divisions of Seoul Metropolitan Fire & Disaster Headquarters made a presentation on 'Smart Policy for Fire, Rescue and First-Aid.' Mr. JongWoo SHIN, the Informatization Planning Officer of the SMG delivered a presentation on Overview of SMG's e-Government and Big Data Utilization Policy.'

For the sake of more effective and fruitful G2G meetings, ISUS conducted a survey prior to the forum. The survey aimed at figuring out each participating city's field of interest, finding areas of substantial cooperation between cities and offering customized consulting for each city.

Government to Business (G2B) meetings were held on the second day of the forum (18th, December). A total of 10 companies attended the meetings, which were planned to advance into the participating countries for urban development and planning. The G2B meetings done in the form of one-on-one interview offered a an opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the needs of each country and a chance to form useful G2B networks.



On the second day, participants also went on site visits to Sangam Digital Media City (DMC) where visitors had a taste of Seoul's Smart City, and Transport Operation and Information Service (TOPIS).



On the third day (19th, Dec), as part of cultural experiences, participants visited GyeongBok Gung Palace and Bukchon Han-ok village to see the traditional part of Korea.



This forum was attended by many representatives from the home countries of IUDP students who are expected to serve the hub of continuous policy cooperation and networks with foreign cities. A participant said the ISUS has taken the lead in the exchange for the knowledge on the development of the SMG and the metropolitan cities across the globe. This forum is expected to make a significant contributions to cooperation between cities from different countries and nurturing international urban experts.

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Participant Contribution

A CONVERGENCE OF STATES, A UNION OF GOVERNMENTS: Strengthening SMG and Philippine LGU Cooperation for Good Urban Governance

Jinky Joy Ledesma DELA CRUZ (MUAP 7th Cohort)



As the former U.S. President Bill Clinton remarked, yours truly also believe that ***“We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more.”*** Indeed, in any planning activity and in any endeavor there are, especially in public service – whether it be at the national or local government level – what matters most is the way governments work together and the manner by which they go beyond the differences and find unity amidst diversity.

Just this month, yours truly has been given an opportunity to take on the new post as the Planning Officer at the Public-Private Partnership Center (PPPC), under the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) - one of the national institutions of the Philippine Administrative System. This is both a challenge and an opportunity; a challenge as I have been in a local government setting for more less five (5) years; and an opportunity as I shall have to learn and share fresh and new ideas, knowledge, and wisdom as a civil servant. The duties and responsibilities involve dealing not only with the other national government agencies, but also with the local governments, and more importantly so, communicating, sharing, and learning policy and experiential knowledge and information with other international counterparts.

Accordingly, it is important that the cooperation between SMG and LGUs through PPPC is strengthened. For a fortified cooperation, therefore, yours truly shall engage in three (3) roles, namely: (a) be a conduit; (b) be a facilitator of partnerships; and, (c) be an advocate of SMG policies and practices. First and foremost, with the mission of the PPPCenter ‘to facilitate and optimize public-private partnership in the country for the delivery of public infrastructure and other

development services’ it is yours truly’s undertaking to expedite international cooperation by being the sort of a bridge between PPPC with its local government clients, with that of Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG). The PPPC as a national government agency aims to help out the local government by providing capacity building programs and knowledge management trainings; in line with this, as the planning officer and a proud student of the ISUS under the MUAP program of SMG and UOS, yours truly would definitely be the conduit between SMG and the national agencies and local government, particularly that of Metropolitan Manila. This entails an open communication with SMG in conducting policy research and advocacy and formulating policies and guidelines by championing the best practice of SMG especially in terms of dealing with local government public and private partnership practices, transportation system, e-governance, and urban planning and administration. Second, yours truly would be the facilitator on trying to forge an agreement between PPPC and the SMG in undertaking knowledge sharing sessions, as well as, between the PPPC’s LGU clients and the SMG in shaping partnerships to better practice good urban governance. And third, yours truly, as I have experienced it first hand, would definitely be the supporter and advocate of SMG policies and programs that could be applicable to metro cities in the country, in the practice of urban governance. Hence, premises considered, albeit that the SMG and the PPPC might have been two different departments from different countries and distinct level of government, truly, there are unifying elements still; moreover, working together, communicating, and cooperating are definitely conceivable as the endeavor goes beyond one self, beyond level of government, and beyond countries...the endeavor is essentially for the greater majority.

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Participant Contribution

Attending the Forum as an Alumni

Janekan Janekankit (MUAP 5th Cohort)
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Pathum Thani, Thailand



It is well known that Korea's urban development system is one of the most successful ones in the world in both theoretical and practical terms. Therefore, it was great to participate in the Global Urban Development Forum on 17th to 19th December 2015 in Seoul to share and discuss our expertise with many people such as government officials, city planners, developers, scholars, faculty members and people who are in charge in the field.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Janekan Janekankit. I have been working as a lecturer and head of international affairs for the Faculty of Architecture at the Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT) in Thailand. Previously, I was a city planner for the City Planning Department, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration. During that time, I had the best opportunity from SMG and UOS to be a student of the 5th cohort of Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) of the International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul. Finally, I graduated from the program of Master of Urban Administration and Planning from the ISUS at the UOS in 2014. Korea offered the best chance ever that has dramatically changed my life.

Secondly, I would like to emphasize why it was meaningful to attend this forum as an alumni member. Currently, as a lecturer, I am a team member working on a new curriculum (Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning and Design). My responsibility is to initiate classes and programs on urban planning. I had learned many valuable theories and practices from the UOS and the Seoul Metropolitan Government in Korea such as U-town, public transportation management (Bus reform), growth management, e-government and so on. After the classes, I realize that Korea continues to develop its system in more efficient ways. Therefore, the concept of the Smart City, Inclusive City and the study of urban transition, the main topics of the forum, had provided me with invaluable opportunities to develop study in urban planning programs for the future of Thai's urban development. Moreover, I am confident that not only cooperative relationships between governments but also education exchange such as knowhow and other academic activities between the SMG and my organization would strengthen our friendship and networks as well.

A Fellowship for Life

YeongGil JEONG (SUD 2nd Cohort)



My relationship with Ms. Patrycja Baginska, a city government official of Warsaw, started in September 2014 when I prepared for a business trip to East Europe. As she went back to work after finishing her MUAP course, I contacted her for some support in arranging a meeting with Warsaw city government. Thanks to her help, I capped off my first business trip to East Europe.



Once again, Ms. Patrycja Baginska was very helpful in my business trip to Poland and Rumania in November 2015. On top of that, she surprised me with meaningful present. Ms. Patrycja Baginska gave me a book which includes her writing on the excellence of Seoul's transportation, T-money card. It was all the more meaningful as my trip aimed at promoting Seoul's transportation system.

Yet again, I had a chance to meet with Ms. Patrycja Baginska. As a Polish representative, she attended the Smart City Forum co-hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government and the ISUS at the UOS. She delivered presentation and also offered consulting to Korean companies.

Even if I graduate from the ISUS, I do believe that my relationships with the ISUS family will continue. To me, ISUS is such an amazing institution which has taken and will take the initiative in leading the future of overseas urban development. God bless ISUS.

ISUS' Preliminary Course for 2015 New Coming Students

Written by YoungHee KIM

The International Urban Development Program (IUDP) of the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) had provided preliminary courses to the 2015 new coming students for the period of four weeks starting on August 3rd, which is was designed to offer a basic understanding on the graduate study and life in Korea.



The preliminary course of the IUDP, designed for three majors, Master of Urban and Regional Development (MURD), Master of Urban Administration and Program (MUAP) and Master of Global Leader's Environmental Policy (MGLEP), offered basic major classes, basic Korean class, education on field trips and the

use of the library, culture experiences in Korea and sexual harassment awareness program. From 2015, students will also have special lectures on K-Developedia, an integrated database of Korea's experience of industrialization, run by the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. Most students showed strong enthusiasm over the subject perhaps because the research area of most students is geared toward Korea's experience of industrialization.

The MUAP, which began a preliminary course earlier than other majors, had provided six different special lectures on Seoul. Also, the MUAP recruited 'Seoul Friends', a group of selected undergraduate students of the University of Seoul, who would assist ISUS' international students in adjusting life at the UOS and in Korea. Seoul Friends will continue to support various activities so that new international students may become familiar with life in Seoul, which eventually will promote better adaptation between Korean and international students.

MURD's preliminary course included field trips to organizations such as Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS), Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), Hyundai Engineering & Construction,, MURD, also offered students basic understanding of the major program prior to the beginning of the regular coursework in earnest.

The MGLEP, a newly created major in 2015, is expected to add diversity and dynamism to the IUDP

ISUS NEWS

Master of Sustainability and Environmental Policy Kicked off

Written by Dong Gyun KIM

A total of eleven students from the six partner countries of Ministry of Environment (ME) and Korea Environment Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI), which consisted of Vietnam (4 people), Cambodia (2 people), Algeria (2 people), China (2 people), Indonesia (1 people), Colombia (1 people), were selected for Master's Program for Global Leaders in Environmental Policy.

These new students had taken the first step towards becoming experts in the environmental field by taking theoretical and practical knowledge which cover core lectures in environmental field such as 'Environmental Policy and Management' and 'Sustainable Development and Plan' and by joining field trips at the International School of Urban Sciences from September this year.



MGLEP has two program tracks based on the disciplinary focus chosen by the student from the time of application, namely Environmental Policy and Management (EPM) and Sustainable Development and Planning (SDP).

Students will take courses for 2 years. For three semesters students will take credits and at the fourth semester they are required to complete their Master's thesis and will be conferred of the Master of Sustainability and Environmental Policy (MSEP).

By hosting the MGLEP, ISUS has taken a step further to promote Korea's capacity of nurturing urban experts to the World and to extend its realm of education to include environmental field in addition to urban, construction and infrastructure field.

Thought & Reflection:

Internship Report

Written by Barbara CARVAJAL PINTO (MUAP, 7th Cohort)



During my stay in Korea, I had the great opportunities to participate in the internship program arranged by the International School of Urban Science (ISUS). I worked as an intern for three organizations: Korea Rail Network Authority (KRNA), Seoul Housing Corporation (SH) and Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS).

While I worked for KRNA, my duty covered supporting Korean President's official visit to Colombia and scheduling of several meetings, which was followed by signing of a Letter of Intent between the National Agency of Infrastructure of Colombia (ANI) and KRNA.

In addition, with the support of the District Office of International Relations of the City Hall of Bogota, KRNA held meetings by inviting Bogota's Metro Company and the Urban Development Institute (IDU, an entity responsible for design and construction infrastructure to address first line metro project in Bogota and relevant issues).

The goal and functions of SH is similar to those of Empresa De Renovación Urbana (ERU) in Bogota. Even my assignment at the SH was similar to mine at ERU. I hope I could coordinate the signing of MOU which will cover supplying shortage of social housing in Bogota with the support of Seoul Metropolitan Government.

During 2015 summer internship at KRIHS, I, as a member of Global Development Partnership Center (GDPC), participated in workshop program named a KRIHS-IDB Urban Development Academy (KIUDA).

KIUDA was attended by many senior officials from Latin America and the Caribbean including Ministers, Deputy Ministers and high ranking officials who are in charge of Housing and Territorial Development in Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bahamas, Jamaica, Brazil, Paraguay and Colombia, with whom I could share my experience and knowledge that I had acquired on topics such as rapid economic growth,

urban development, infrastructure and Korean culture.

Most of the participants including the housing counselor to the Vice President of Colombia were interested in advancing projects of developing housing and infrastructure in their countries with the support of the KRIHS.

As a non-Korean government official, it has been a privilege for me to participate so intensely in the projects of the Korean public corporations. I was able to have first-hand experience in Korea's working environment where I could witness the great commitment of civil servants. Besides, various assignments in different organizations had provided me with extensive technical and professional knowledge. These internships truly had supplemented the classroom education (of course, I LOVE all the lectures of ISUS). Also, it has offered valuable information to write my thesis and professional knowledge which I hope to apply to project in my home country.



Thought & Reflection:

Once Upon A Time in Korea

Written by Jinky Joy Ledesma DELA CRUZ (MUAP 7th Cohort)

"Everything you look at can become a fairy tale and you can get a story from everything you touch."

I have always been a believer and an aficionado of fairy tales. Hence, the quote from the prolific Danish author Hans Christian Andersen to start off this article. In fact, growing up, my faith in things that seemed impossible made me liken the people and events in my life to fairies, fairy godmothers, dragons, good and bad witches, climax, denouement, and happy endings. And so indeed, this whole Korean experience is but to me a yet another fairy tale that has been unfolded.

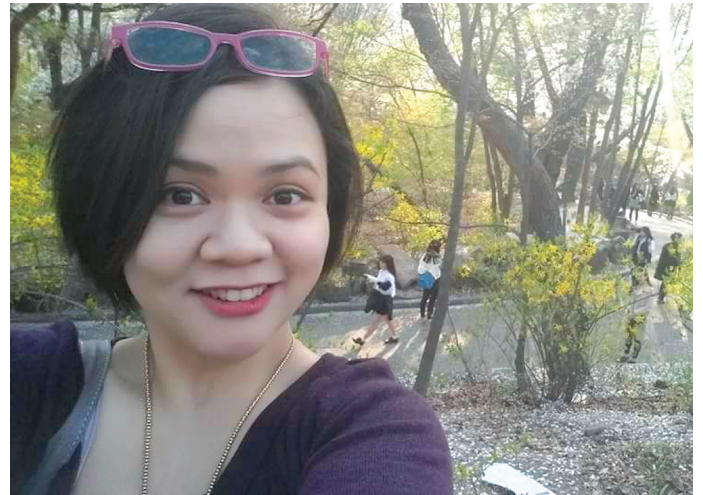
...I roamed a road distant and unknown and behold – I found thy self in a wonderland called Korea.

Our life in Korea – studying at the University of Seoul and taking up Masters of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) - is indeed a fairy tale with all its ups and downs, trials and errors, good and bad, happiness, sadness and madness, and even romance and intrigues. Korea indeed changed all of us in more ways than one, in that, we definitely are different people from whom we were more than twelve months back. Every single experience is an added element to each of the representative's, from all 14 countries, (fairy) tale.

My story began as I decided to apply for this program, then got a call, and was scheduled for an interview – you can just imagine! I felt like Alice in Alice in Wonderland as she chose to become the champion; I definitely had butterflies in my stomach as the interview went on. As I get the email from ISUS that I got accepted to the program, I began to sketch what kind of life would I be facing in a land so near yet so far from my country. However, just like the tin soldier, never for a second did I feel fear, instead I was all exhilarated by a new challenge that would come my way. Lo and behold, the August 4th came, and as we arrived in the realistic wonderland of Seoul, I met new people from different parts of the world whom I have likened to princesses and princes.

We started with a banquet, of sort, as we get to know each other first with all the graceful introductions and then proceeded by the year-long journey of metamorphosis, cultural exchange, the knowledge-sharing, endless laughter, and fun-filled trips in our castle called International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul (ISUS-UOS).

Nevertheless, just in any tale, life is not a bed of roses, as we also have to face and conquer our fears that are as big as the dragons and as high as Rapunzel's tower. I, for one, had to overcome my weakness in numbers by taking up Public Finance, Research Methodologies and



Quantitative Methods, and Public Investment Management. Before, I would say, a pile of readings and writings would be great, just not a problem with numbers, to solve; but, just like any heroine, I slayed and overpowered this villain in me, through my sword of diligence and perseverance, and before I realized it, I emerged victorious through these trials and difficulties and passed all subjects with flying colors.

Nonetheless, I would never have emerged victorious without my fairy godmothers and fairy godfathers in the selfhood of my professors – they who are emperors and empresses of urban planning, the dukes and duchess of urban administration, and the kings and queens of both academic and real-life wisdom and knowledge. Thereafter, my journey reached to some other lands in this wondrous country of Korea as I have seen its other cities, which offered different flavors of planning and policies suitable for our respective cities. In all thirteen months that we have been in Korea, I can say that every travel, every lesson, and every person that we meet along the way expanded our minds and widened our horizons. The interesting mix of cultures and personalities added spice to this tale and in the end, it produced a story worth telling about and a lesson worth sharing to (everyone). However, as any fairy tale, this part of the narrative had to end; a new story has yet to unfold as we go back to our cities, write our thesis, and transform our cities with the realistic magic of urban planning concepts and true-to-life enchantments of administration ideas.. This time, as we put a period and a "so we lived happily ever after" to our Korean fairy tale, let me just convey my special appreciation to the Seoul Metropolitan Government, University of Seoul, International School of Urban Sciences, to all the faculty and staff for all the help, support and effort to make our stay here a remarkable and supercalifragilisticexpialidocious one! We will truly hold this tale in our heart of hearts... forever and ever.

ISUS Family News: Faculty & Staff, Alumni and Students

ISUS FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Man-Hee Han (Dean, ISUS)



Dr. Man-Hee Han, the Dean of ISUS, along with the associate professor Shin Lee and 15 students of the Department of Sustainable Urban Development and the Department of Global Construction went on an overseas training trip to Vietnam from 17th to 21st of July 2015. During the trip, the Korean delegation paid a visit to Hue University, Da Nang Department of Foreign Affairs (DOFA) and Da Nang Institute for Socio-Economic Development (DISED), which had improved students' understanding of Vietnamese construction markets.

During their visit to DOFA, Mr. Nguyen Cong Tien, the Vice-Director of DOFA, warmly welcomed the Korean delegation and discussed how to extend and maintain exchanges between the two institutions.

At the meeting with Hue University, nestled in Hue City, the two educational institutions discussed how to develop effective and meaningful exchange program. Nguyen Hong Giang (MUAP 7th cohort), the senior staff of the Hue University, accompanied the visit.



DISED was another meaningful destination for the ISUS delegation where the two sides had in-depth discussions on how ISUS could make significant contribu-

tion in the 'restoration project of the vicinities of the Han River in Da Nang' with Korea's decade-long accumulated experience and expertise. Also, the two sides discussed further on how to build and facilitate staunch networks.

Dr. Man-Hee Han and associate professor Young-Chul Kang went on a business trip around Singapore and Hong Kong for 4 days from August 4th to August 8th to discuss how to improve international cooperation and ways for Korean construction industry to gain competitive edge in the international construction markets. To that end, they met with many construction experts and technicians of construction companies. Also, the two professors visited City University of Hong Kong and National University of Singapore to discuss ways for further cooperation.

Dr. Hyeon Park (Vice Dean, ISUS)

Dr. Hyeon Park, the vice dean of ISUS, delivered lectures as a key lecturer at a capacity building National Workshop on 'Public Private Partnerships and Unified Public Investment Management' held from August 14th to August 16th at the Kempinski Hotel in the capital city of Nay Pyi Thaw. This workshop is a joint project between KDI SCHOOL of Public Policy and Management and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).



The workshop aims to disseminate Korea's experience in the organization of private investment policy and the efficient management of

the infrastructure development project to eight-teen director or managerial-level government officials in the government economic and financial departments.

Dr. Hyeon Park met with Dr. Toe Aung, the Director of Urban Planning Division, and Dr. Kyaw Lat, the Advisor to YCDC in Urban Planning Affairs of Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) on August 12th in Yangon and consented to sign an MOU regarding research cooperation and exchanges in human resources. This meeting was accompanied by Dr. MyungJin Sohn, a research professor, and Mr. DongGyun Kim, a researcher who have been working on Advanced Education Project for Global Leading Construction Engineers as well as Hayman Tun Bella (5th cohort, MUAP) and Myint Ohnmar (5th cohort, MUAP), the Yangon City government officials.

Dr. Park, the vice president of the KSPPP, attended inaugural meeting and seminar of Korea Society of Public Private Partnerships (KSPPP) and presented 'The Experience of PPPs in Korea: Performance Evaluation and Lessons Learned'. The meeting was hosted by KSPPP and sponsored by the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF), the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) and Construction Association of Korea (CAK).

Dr. Shin Lee (Director, MURD)

· Dr. Lee presented 'Transport and Urban Environment' at a workshop themed 'Sustainable Mobility' as a guest lecturer on August 2nd at the Metropolis International Training Institute Headquarters (MITI HQ). The workshop, a part of the Urban Transportation Training Program of United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific UCLG-ASPAC (UCLG-ASPAC), was joined by thirteen participants who are managerial-level public officials in transportation-related field of local government in Asia Pacific region.

Dr. Hyunjoo Kim (Associate Professor, Global Construction)

· Dr. Kim joined the faculty of the ISUS from Sept. 1st, 2015. He had work experience as a senior researcher at the US Army Corps of Engineers in 2006-2009. As for his teaching experience, he was a faculty member in California State University Fullerton (2009-2012) and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2012-2015).



He is currently serving as a secretary to the InfraCOM of the buildingSMART, an international organization, participating in the development of the international standard in infrastructure. He is interested in various topics such as construction management and the development of Smart City/Future City. He is also devoting this time to the issue of suitability and green buildings.

Dr. Young-Cheol Kang (Director, Global Construction)

· Dr. Kang presided over a meeting for mutual cooperation between Ethiopian delegation led by the Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Construction (MUDHC) who visited Korea Institute of Construction Engineering and Management. Dr. Kang presented government-sponsored education program for Cambodian construction technicians.

· Dr. Kang successfully carried out the CM research project titled 'Training Program for CM professionals in Cambodia' which is the first research and service contract of the Global Urban and Infrastructure Research Center, aimed at training construction experts and establish CM in Cambodian construction market. Originally, the training program was slated for two weeks in June, Korea. However, due to the scare of MERS, this training was re-scheduled in July Cambodia.



Participants were enthusiastic on the training and participants were keenly aware of the need to establish CM in for the Cambodian construction industry.

ISUS STUDENTS

WoongJang Oh (GC 1st cohort)

Mr. WoongJang Oh, the president of ISUS Alumni Association, has been transferred to SAMOO CM Architects and Engineers, Inc as vice president of Business Consulting Unit from Haeahn Architecture.

Mr. Sang-Cheol Lee (GC 3rd cohort)

Mr. Lee has been transferred to Korea Development Corporation (KDC) from Kolon Global Corporation

Mr. Noh-Joon Park (GC 3rd cohort)

Mr. Park has been transferred to Dowha Engineering from Saman Corporation.

Mr. Sang-Sik Jeon (GC 3rd cohort)

Mr. Jeon has been transferred to Dowha Engineering from Han-A Urban Research Institute

Ms. Ha-Jeong Lee (GC 3rd cohort)

Ms. Lee tied the knot on June 20th (Saturday) with much celebration of the faculty and alumni of ISUS.

Mr. Yeon-Gil Jeong (SUD 2nd cohort)

Mr. Jeong has been promoted to GR 7 from GR 6 at Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Mr. Jeong earned participating prize at the Knowledge Management Part of Seoul Creativity Award.

Mr. InChun Hwang (GC 3rd cohort)



· On August 23rd, Mr. Hwang and Professor Youngchul Kang met with students of the GC and MUAP 7th and 8th cohorts to enjoy outdoor leisure activities in Ichon-dong area.

· On his business trip to Laos, Mr. InChun Hwang visited the house of Mr. Thinnakone Phimmavong (MUAP, 7th cohort) where four generations live together. Mr. Hwang felt blessed to have a warm welcome by the friendly big family.

ISUS STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ISUS Students appeared in Urban Seoul at TBS e-FM



On July 23th, Associate Professor Shin Lee and two ISUS students, Malik Olalekan LAWAL I (MUAP 7th cohort) and Ahmed Mohammed MAHMOUD (MURD 1st cohort), attended a new slot titled 'Urban Seoul' of the Main Street at the TBS e-FM Radio to discuss environment policies including low-carbon emission transportation and carrot-type policies.

Professor Shin Lee and ISUS students attended the 'Urban Seoul' on Thursdays for the 8 weeks to share their thoughts and experiences on environment policy, transport, food, culture, gender equality, new town policies and policies of Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Liny HENG and Dana PHAL assisted CM training in Cambodia

Liny HENG (MUAP, 7th cohort) and Dana PHAL (MURD, 1st cohort) accompanied the Associate Professor YoungChul Kang to assist the Advanced Training Program to Foster Cambodian CM Experts. The lectures were offered from July 20th to July 23rd at the Memphis Belle Hall of Dara Airport Hotel, Phnom Penh where 31 Cambodian construction experts participated.

Good bye MUAP 7th cohort

The twenty students of MUAP 7th cohort returned to their home country on August 24th 2015 after finishing one year-long study in Korea. For another one year, the MUAP 7th cohort will have to submit the thesis.



Welcome New MUAP and MURD Students

Twenty new students of the MUAP 8th cohort arrived in Korea on August 3rd. These students had taken a month-long preliminary course which ranges from Korean language class, English writing class and Korean culture experience to orientation on their life in University of Seoul and in Korea. Another twenty new students of the MURD 2nd cohort came to Korea on August 17th. They started their life at the University of Seoul with the participation of the Global Friends Night on August 20th and took a ten-day long preliminary course.

2015 Graduation of MUAP 6th cohort

Graduation ceremony of the MUAP 6th cohort was held on August 21st 2015. The MUAP 6th cohort returned to their home country in August 2014 after one-year study and visited Korea for their graduation. At the graduation ceremony, Helal Sally Mohammad ALSHA-WADFY (Egypt), as a representative, was conferred of the certificate of Master's degree.



Abdelwahab Ibrahim ABDELWAHAB IBRAHIM (MURD 1st cohort) says "Kul 'am wa enta bi-khair! (May every year find you in good health!)" to all to commemorate Eid al-Fitr and the end of Ramadan.

I would like to share the joy with all Muslim students in the University of Seoul for the successful observation and the end of Ramadan. It was not very easy to observe the Ramadan in Korea, a far cry from Muslim culture. Yet, it was all the more meaningful that I, like many other Muslim students, took this as an opportunity to think about the true meaning of Ramadan which are self-discipline and generosity in this different environment in terms of culture and religion, enjoying a special flavor of RAMADAN. Also, all those extra congregational prayers were a real spiritual boost.

Also, I am happy to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, a joyful feast, which falls on



one month after the 'Holy Ramadan.' For me and my friends, on the first day of Eid al-Fitr, we went to Itaewon to pray in the central mosque of Seoul and shared this great joy and delicious food. Lastly, I want to say "Kul 'am wa enta bi-khair!" to all.

ISUS STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Laura LOZADA ACOSTA (MURD 1st cohort) Featured on Her University (University of Pacific) Website For Her Experiences in South Korea

Laura LOZADA ACOSTA (Economics, 2013-2) is pursuing a Master's degree (Master of Urban and Regional Development) at International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) in the University of Seoul (UOS) on a KOICA scholarship. In addition to the study, Laura has done her internship at Korea Research Institute of Human Settlements (KRIHS) and Korea Land and Housing Corporation (LH).



"To develop my practical experience in public housing corporation (LH) is a very interesting and has definitely helped me better understand how they manage public policies on urban development," says Laura, who believes that Peru has much to learn from South Korea. "In particular, it seems that we should take note of how to plan and manage the cities," emphasizes our Lima graduate who worked in the municipality of Lima on issues related to urban development in poor areas.

As for the language, Laura admits that was a barrier at first, but she ensures that Koreans in general are very warm and willing to lend a hand to those who need it.

MURD 1st cohort Graduation Ceremony

Graduation ceremony of MURD 1st cohort on 8th December put a period to their journey to enrich their knowledge and experience. After starting their course in August 2014, they successfully finish their study and finally headed back to their home country.



ISUS Field Day: ISUS as One Mind

A balmy Autumn day on 24th Oct, ISUS held fall field day at the basketball court of the UOS. Various sports activities including mass jumping rope, a tripod race, tug-of-war and 'jegi' had heat up the mood. After the field day, participants had beer bust and had good time.



Nguyen Hong Giang (MUAP, 7th Cohort) attended GICC in Seoul

Nguyen Hong Giang (MUAP, 7th Cohort) presented "Global Infrastructure Cooperation: How to make Hue-Vietnam more appealing to investors?" at a Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference held between Nov.3 and Nov 5 at Coex InterContinental Hotel, Seoul. During his tight schedule, Mr. Nguyen made time to visit UOS campus and chew the fat with ISUS family.



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