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ISUS Newsletter

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Cover Story

<End of Fall Semester & Winter Vacation>

ISUS students completed their **Fall Semester** through **online classes**. Despite the COVID-19, Students enjoyed their online classes. This Semester, most of the courses were online classes & presentation. The **Winter Vacation** period is until February 28th.

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Season's Greetings from the ISUS Dean for 2021

The ISUS/IUDP dean, Prof. Hyeon Park, has briefly expressed his Season's Greetings with regarding to the new year, 2021 for the communities of the ISUS/IUDP. The greetings is as below:

Dear Alumni, Associates, and Friends of ISUS,

On behalf of faculty and staff of International School of Urban Sciences, I would like to extend Seasons Greetings to you and best wishes for a successful, healthy, and happy 2021.

The Pandemic in 2020 has been challenging for all of us wherever we are. Even though the Korea was a model student of the Covid-19, we still observe third wave of the Pandemic going on. To prepare for the serious situation, the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) designated the University of Seoul (UoS) dormitory as Covid-19 treatment center and all the residents including eighty ISUS students were relocated to alternative accommodation in the town. I am sorry for the inconvenience to them and appreciate their cooperation to be part of organized efforts to fight against the Pandemic.

Amidst of the 2020 Pandemic, ISUS resumed KOICA sponsored MURD (Master of Urban and Regional Development) program in three-year absence. In addition, Ministry of Environment confirmed their continued sponsorship of the MGLEP program for the MGLEP 7 group beginning in 2021 spring. With the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education , ISUS launches a new project to create Department of Urban Planning and Sustainable Development at the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. These show that there is high expectation towards ISUS inside and outside of the country.

Fortunately, the vaccines were found and approved for treatment. This points to a brighter future for the coming years even if we are required to spend holiday season in a careful way.

As T.S. Eliot stated “For last year’s words belong to last year’s language, and next year’s words await another voice. To make an end is to make a beginning,” we shall cherish what we had in the year 2020 and step forward to next year with greater hope and opportunities.

May your holidays and New Year be healthy and joyous, and the year ahead full of hope and happiness.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hyeon PARK". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hyeon" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "PARK".

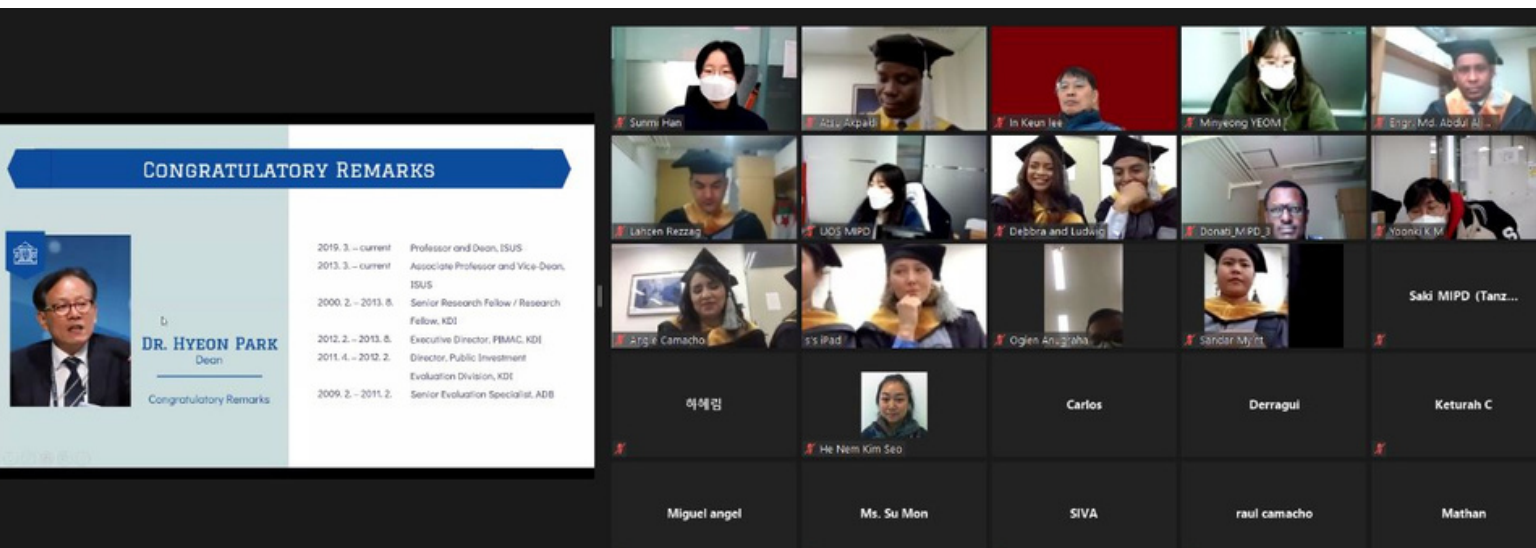
Hyeon PARK

Dean & Professor of International School of Urban Sciences

2020 MIPD Batch 2 Completion Ceremony



The Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD) batch-2 students graduated on December 11, 2020 at International Hall, Natural Science Building. They had spent the long one and half year journey of their courses, and finally ended with a blast. Although it was uncertain to hold a completion ceremony under COVID-19 pandemic situation, ISUS managed to happen both online and offline. It was pity that we could not invite our friends and families to the scene and sit with us to enjoy and celebrate inside the auditorium, but through zoom link it is more than blessed to hold such a great completion ceremony.



CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FROM MOLIT

**DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS
CONSTRUCTION POLICY DIVISION(해외건설정책과장)
-PARK JAE SOON(박재순)**



4. Always be healthy, and I wish that the COVID-19 situation will stabilize as soon as possible and meet you in person. Lastly I do hope you overcome the COVID-19 pandemic situation wisely.

Thank you, and again congratulations to all of you.



CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FROM ICAK

**DIRECTOR OF ICAK(해외건설협회본부장)
-PARK HYUNG WON(박형원)**



Good day everyone, I'm Park Hyung-Won
Director of International Contractors Association of Korea(ICAK).

Congratulations to all MIPD 2 graduates.

Also many thanks and appreciation to Park Jae-soon, director of the Overseas Construction Policy Division at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, professors and staffs for making this program complete successfully.
Especially, graduates who completed all the training courses safely despite difficult math conditions due to Covid19, thank you for your hard work.

A meaningful graduation ceremony with Covid 19. I feel very sorry about it but I'm here to congratulate you. Enrolled in last August and till this year's December, for 17 months the graduates had an opportunity to learn and experience the economy development and infrastructure development policy of Korea.



Total 20 MIPD-2 students had completed their studies here, and with outstanding experiences they will without a doubt be our future Infrastructure Planning and Development global leaders.

The individual awards given during the ceremony are as follows:

International Contractors Association of Korea

- Li YAN, China

Academic Excellence, President's Award

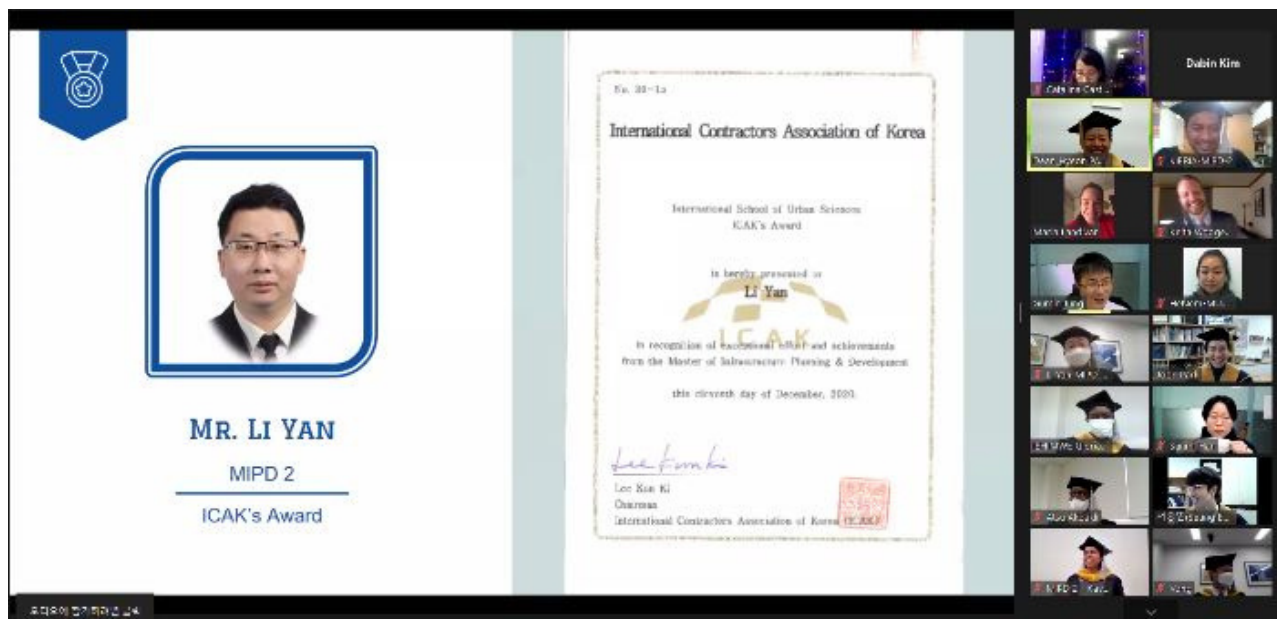
- Kavitha GANESHAMANI, Sri Lanka

Distinguished Thesis

- Chanthavong BOUNSOMBATH, Laos

Dean's Award

- Anuwat SURINTHIP, Thailand



ISUS 61st Urban Infra Forum



The ISUS 61st Urban Infra Forum (UIF), which marks the fourth and last UIF for 2020 Fall Semester, was held Thursday, December 10th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom, with the topic, “Meeting Asia's Infrastructure Needs”, delivered by Dr. Donghyun Park, currently a Principal Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The participants were granted a valuable opportunity to listen to his analysis on how Covid-19 pandemic hit affected economy globally, especially in developing Asia as well as what developing Asia’s growth forecast looks like in 2021 with his insight about investment needs on infrastructure of ADB developing members.



The urban infra forum(UIF) is discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers. Participants are mainly ISUS members who consist of Foreign Public Officials and Domestic Practitioners With a combination of their expertise, the forum has served as a platform for international networking and mutual learning.

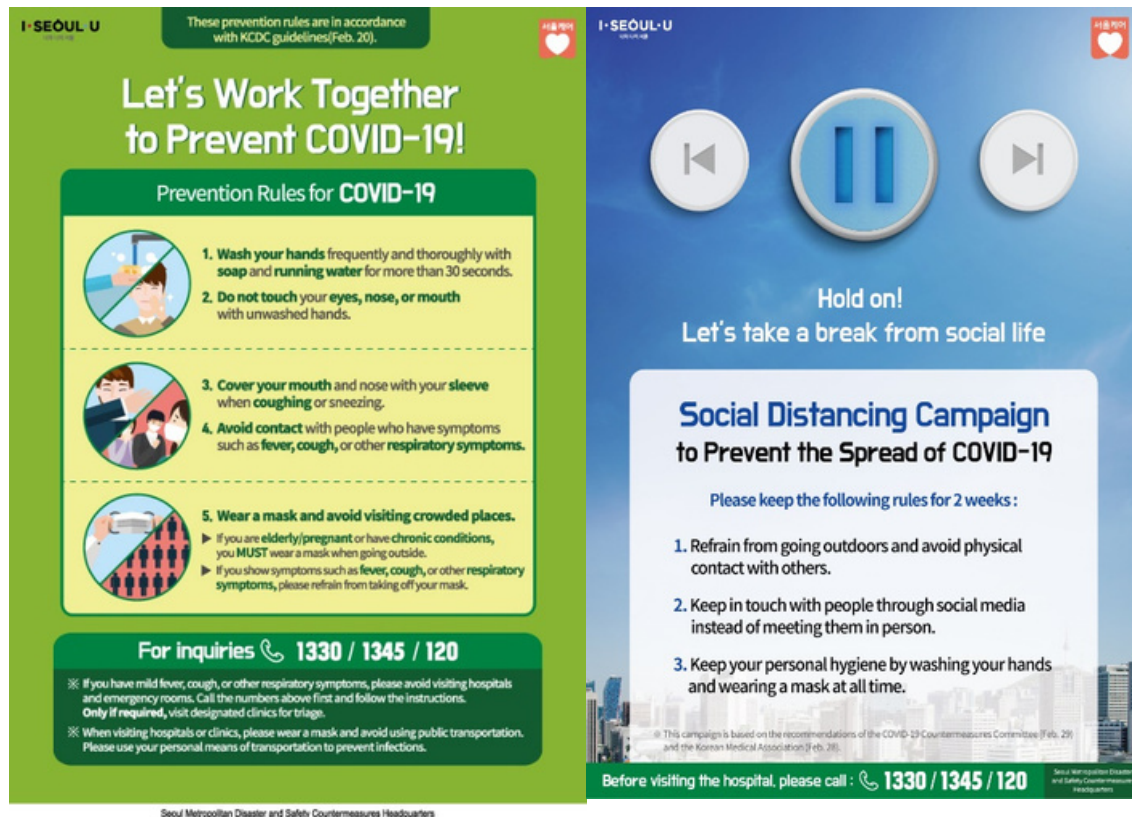
<Dr. Donghyun Park>

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

COVID-19 Status in Korea



Seoul Metropolitan Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters

In the early stage of the COVID-19 pandemic, the government tightened restrictions to prevent the spread of the virus. The number of cases declined, and the country was applauded by the international community as a rare success story in grappling with the pandemic. However, the government is now preparing to take its toughest and strongest measures yet to curb a resurgence of the virus.

South Korea has been recorded from 100 to 200 daily cases of COVID-19 in early November, but now the number hovers around 800 to 1,000 despite the government's tightening restrictions over two months.

Under its own guidelines, the government could raise its social distancing level from 2 or 2.5 to 3, the highest of the five-tier system. From 23th of December, gathering of 5 or more people is banned in metropolitan area(Seoul, Gyeonggi, Incheon) (~Jan.17.)

To follow the regulations, Clubs, Karaoke, Indoor health facilities, Indoor standing stages will be on suspension of business.

The MGLEP student, Sountala Keoxayyalath sharing his thoughts about water supply



K water has hosted a workshop on Water Supply Management from Oct26 ~30th 2020 at K-water & UNESCO i-WSSM.

Sountala Keoxayylath from MGLEP-5 was one of the participants, as he also had his internship there for over 3 weeks. During this workshop Sountala had an opportunity to share his thoughts with Korea Broadcasting team SBS, at a program called “Water is Life.”

It was a big opportunity for Sountala and he quoted “This workshop is directly related to my thesis, especially for developing countries this issue is very significant with sustainable development goals.”

Details of K water workshop schedule is as below:

Date	Program
25 Oct (Sun)	Guest Hotel Check-in & Registration (5PM-7PM)
26 Oct (Mon)	Orientation/ Opening Ceremony / Lecture
	Orientation Opening Ceremony

Date	Program
26 Oct (Mon)	(Lec) Overview and Implications of Waterworks Development of Korea (Lec) Design, Construction and Diagnosis of Waterworks Facility
27 Oct (Tue)	Lecture/ Study Visit (Lec) Operation and Management of Water Treatment Process (SV) Water Treatment Pilot Plant (SV) Cheonahn WTP
28 Oct (Wed)	Study Visit (SV) Han-River Integrated Operation Center (SV) Asan Wastewater Reuse Center Official Banquet and Networking
29 Oct (Thu)	Lecture/Study Visit/ Practice (Lec) Overview of Water Loss Reduction (Lec) Certification Program for Drinking Water of K-water & UNESCO (SV/Prac) Water Distribution Network Education Center: Leakage Detection Practice (SV/Prac) Fluid System Test Center: Water Meter Calibration Practice
30 Oct (Fri)	Lecture/ Closing Ceremony (Lec) Drinking Water Quality Criteria and Testing Scheme (Lec) Feasibility Study of Water Supply Investment & Cost-Benefit Analysis Tool (Lec) Green New Deal in Waterworks Program Survey & Feedback / Closing Ceremony

Workshop for Smart City Development



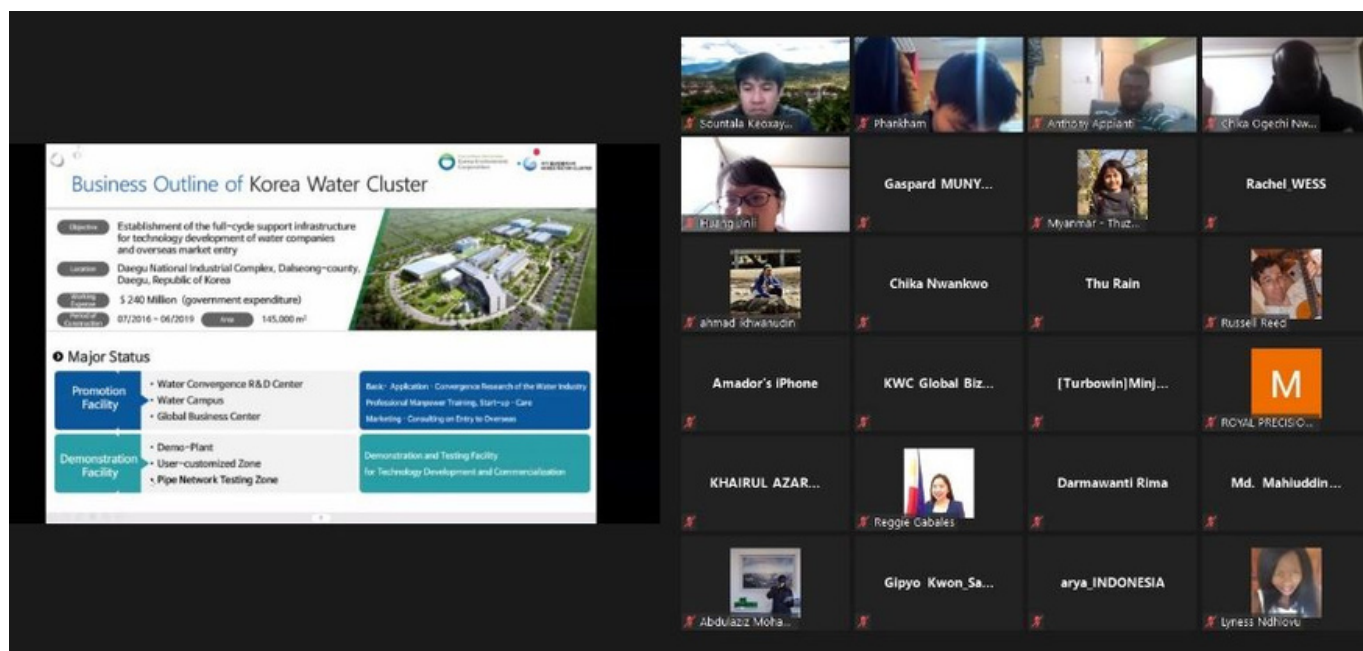
The Master of Global Leadership in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) batch 5 & 6 Indonesian students attended the workshop titled as “Capacity building program on smart city development for Indonesia” from December 7th -11th 2020, which was hosted by the K-water Academy, at Daejeon. The participants were Sugeng Prihatin Sihabudin, Ahamad Ikhwanudin, Ogin Anugraha, and Rizky Rahmayanti.

Details of schedule is attached as below:

Date	Program
6 Dec (Sun)	Guest Hotel Check-in & Registration (5PM-6PM)
7 Dec (Mon)	Orientation/ Opening Ceremony / Lecture
	Orientation Opening Ceremony (Lec) Introduction of K-water (Lec) Law & Policy for Smart City (Lec) Establishment of Master Plan for Smart City Official Banquet and Networking

Date	Program
8 Dec (Tue)	Lecture/ Study Visit (Lec) Smart Transportation System (SV) Water Hazard Platform Center (Lec) Smart Water Management (SV) IWRM Center
9 Dec (Wed)	Lecture/ Study Visit (Lec) Smart Energy System (Lec) Case Study on Busan Eco Delta City (SV) Sejong City Integrated Information Center
10 Dec (Thu)	Study Visit (SV) Busan EDC Delta-Lu (SV) Green Infrastructure LID Center
11 Dec (Fri)	Lecture / Workshop/ Closing Ceremony (Lec) Smart Health Car (Lec) Smart City Operation Platform (Workshop) Capital Relocation of Indonesia Program Survey & Feedback / Closing Ceremony

Korea Water Cluster Online Network Webinar



The MGLEP batch 5 & 6 students attended the webinar which was titled as “International event for establishment of public sector network with water industry” on December 18, 2020 via zoom meeting. The webinar was hosted by the Korea Water Cluster Global Business Team and sponsored by National Institute of Environmental and Human Resource Development (NIEHRD). The purpose of the webinar was to connect overseas public officials with Korean water companies

Time	Subject	Presenter
14:00~14:10 ("10)	Intro. of Korea Water Cluster	Korea Water Cluster
14:10~15:50 ("100)	Intro. of Water Companies	10 Water Companies
15:50~16:00 ("10)	Intro. of Contact Exchange	Korea Water Cluster

ISUS Attends KDI School Workshop



The ISUS students from MGLEP 5 & 6, MIPD-2, MAUP-13 attended the workshop titled as “the 2020 Capacity Building Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation” from December 8th-9th 2020 hosted by the Korea development institute (KDI)school via zoom meeting.

<Background>

Adapting to the impacts of climate change is the growing urgency. The Republic of Korea has been recognizing the importance of international cooperation for promoting and facilitating adaptation action around the world. In this regard, the Korea Adaptation Center for Climate Change (KACCC) of the Korea Environment Institute (KEI) has been organizing annual capacity building programs on climate change adaptation in partnership with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) of South Korea since 2010, intended for government officials from developing countries. More than 200 government officials have participated in the programs to enhance knowledge on climate change adaptation, strengthen capacity for the establishment of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and share the experiences in planning and implementing adaptation policies.

I. Overview of the Training Program

- ❑ **(Objectives)** Improve understanding of climate change adaptation, build capacity for adaptation planning, share experience in risk assessments and adaptation planning, and provide information on means of implementation for adaptation
- ❑ **(Trainees)** Graduate students from developing countries who go to school in South Korea and have professional backgrounds in public and private sector and others.

Date	Place	Topic	Participants	Organizations
August 25-27, 2010	Thailand	Awareness increase of actions for climate change	28 trainees from 10 Asian countries	Organizers: UNEP, KEI KACC
October 25-26, 2011	Thailand	Climate change adaptation planning	28 trainees from 11 Asian and Pacific countries	Hosts: UNEP Asia and Pacific Office, Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea (ROMOE), KEI KACC, APAN
August 22-24, 2012	Vietnam	Mainstreaming climate change	30 trainees from Vietnam	Organizers: UN-Habitat Vietnam, KEI KACC, GGGI
August 29-31, 2013	Thailand	Climate change adaptation considering loss and damages issues	25 trainees from Asian and Pacific countries	Hosts: ROMOE, KEI KACC, APAN, UNEP Asia and Pacific Office
September 30 - November 3, 2014	Malaysia	Climate change adaptation and assessments	20 trainees from Asian and Pacific countries	Hosts: ROMOE, UNEP Asia and Pacific Office
July 13-16, 2015	Thailand	Best practices in adaptation planning	8 trainees from 3 least developing countries	Organizers: KEI KACC, UNEP PROMA
October 17-21, 2016	Sri Lanka	National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)	47 trainees from 19 Asian and Pacific countries	Organizers: KEI, UNEP Asia and Pacific Office, UNDP
September 13-16, 2017	South Korea	Mainstreaming climate change adaptation into water resource	57 trainees from 15 Asian and Pacific countries	Hosts: ROMOE Organizers: UNEP Asia and Pacific Office, UNDP, UNOD, KEI KACC, UNITAR, WHO, WMO, UN-Habitat, FAO, GIZ, UNFCCC, UNFCCC LEG
May 20-31, 2018	TB	Adaptation options and prioritization	42 trainees from 16 Pacific countries	Organizers and Partners: UNEP Asia and Pacific Office, UNDP, SPREP, KEI KACC, FAO, UNITAR, GIZ, UNFCCC, GCF, OMA, SPC
September 24-27, 2015	South Korea	Transboundary climate risk and NAPs	27 trainees from 8 Asian countries	Hosts: ROMOE, UNEP Asia and Pacific Office, UNDP Organizers: KEI KACC



<Objective>

The 2020 Capacity Building Workshop, hosted by the KACC and the MOE and sponsored by the Korea Development Institute (KDI) School, aims to improve understanding of climate change adaptation and capacity for adaptation planning, share experiences on risk assessments and adaptation planning and provide information on means of implementation such as financial assistance and technological cooperation channels for adaptation activities.

Peter GITAU Appointed as Manager in Charge of Municipality Development



Peter GITAU (2017 MUAP, Kenya) has been appointed Nakuru Municipal Board Manager on 20 December.

He succeeds the Chief of Staff, Njoroge Gichuhi who was serving as acting manager. He graduated from ISUS as MUAP degree holder on 2019 Spring and was awarded as Summa Cum Laude in recognition of his academic excellence. He previously served as a CECM in charge of Land, Housing and physical planning in Nyandarua County. He reportedly got a promotion in recognition of his new skills and experience in urban administration and planning based on his learning at ISUS.

As a Municipal Board Manager, he will be tasked to oversee the development affairs of the municipality and adopt policies, plans, strategies and programs.

First Heavy Snow in Seoul

Seoul had the first measurable snowfall of the season on Sunday December 13, 2020 as the state weather agency issued a heavy snow advisory for the metropolitan area and other parts of the country.

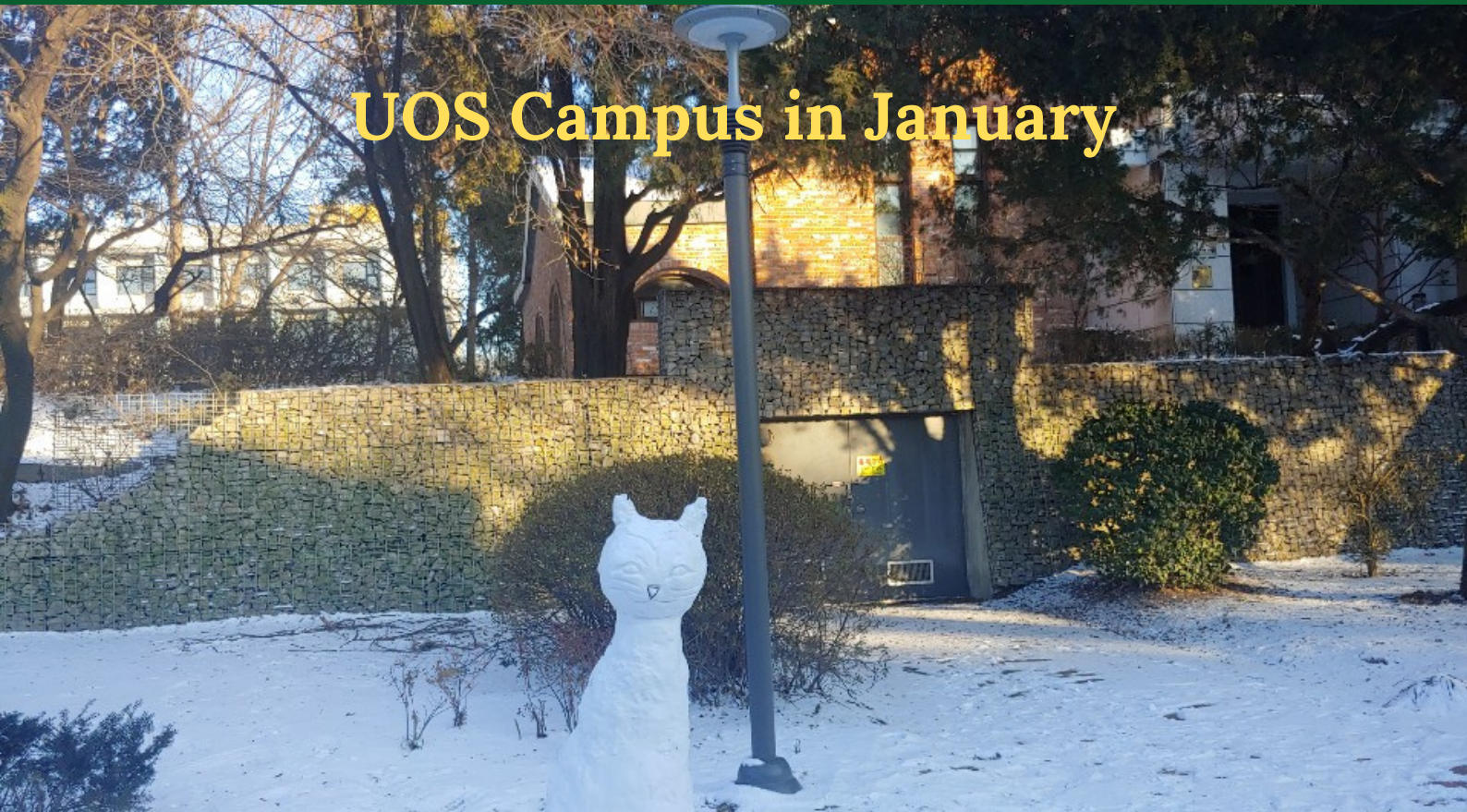
According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), Seoul had about 0.8 centimeters of snow as of 6 a.m. and is expected to receive up to 7 centimeters later in the day.

The University of Seoul students had been enjoyed with the snow in group and individually. The students were very amazed about the snow. For some students it was their first time to see this kind of nature and they like the events.

The ISUS students tremendously enjoyed the snowing Sunday as you can see from the pictures below.



UOS Campus in January



Happy New year!



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