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ISUS Commencement Day

The 2019 ISUS Commencement Ceremony was held last August 22, 2019, at the International Conference Hall of Natural Science Building. Graduates received their diploma and recognized for their outstanding overall academic performance on their respective study programs.

ISUS presented the twenty-six (26) graduates, consists of international and Korean students. There were twenty (20) graduates from Urban Administration and Planning Department, one (1) graduate from Global Construction Department, and four (4) graduates from the Sustainable Urban Development Department.

Distinguished guests, family, and friends attended the ceremony to congratulate and celebrate this special day with the graduates. ISUS wish all of the graduates' success in their future careers or further studies, and proudly congratulate them on their academic achievements and successful graduation as they end their journey in enriching their knowledge and experiences gained here in Korea.

The rites were concluded by a photo session to reminisce the meaningful events.

2019 ISUS Seoul Policy Sharing Conference



The 2019 ISUS Seoul Policy Sharing Conference was held at the International Conference Hall of Natural Science Building last August 20.

This year's conference consisted of three sessions of presentations and discussions. Each session was held under different themes: Challenges in Urban Development and International Cooperation, Case studies in Urban Policy Sharing, and Global Urban Planning Practice. Each session has three presenters and followed by a panel discussion.



The event invited the following nine international graduates from nine different countries to share their case studies related to urban issues:

	Presenters
1	Malik Olalekan Lawal (MUAP 7, Nigeria)
2	Bella Hayman Tun (MUAP6, Myanmar)
3	No Jun Park (Global Construction 3, Republic of Korea)
4	Barbara Carvajal Pinto (MUAP 7, Colombia)
5	Omer Dogan (MUAP 6, Turkey)
6	Mona Talaat Abdelaziz (MUAP 10, Egypt)
7	Jouce Victor (MUAP9, Indonesia)
8	Meriem Amal Bouali (MGLEP2, Algeria)
9	Misheel Chimbat (MURD3, Mongolia)

The ISUS Seoul Policy Sharing Conference aims to enhance relationships with partner organizations and discuss global urban issues and development challenges. Alumni of ISUS are invited to share cases of how they used the knowledge and experiences accumulated in Korea back in their home countries.

2019 Global Friends Night



ISUS successfully hosted the 2019 ISUS Global Friends Night (GFN) last August 21, 2019. The annual networking event aims to build a global network, which helps promote the relationship between Korea and major partners, and to build a network between Korean experts and alumni and university students.

On its fifth year, the event was attended by more than 250 people, composed of students, alumni, relevant partner organizations, and embassies from around the world. Led by the President of University of Seoul(UOS), representatives and ambassadors of twenty (20)



embassies, as well as associates from the Korea Land and Housing Corporation and Seoul Metropolitan Government graced the occasion.

The second part of the event consisted of thanksgiving, alumni's greetings, special performances, raffle draws, and closing ceremony. Appreciation plaques were given to Korea Land & Housing Corporation, and the Seoul Metropolitan Government TOPIS for their continuous support for the programs of the school. Also, certificates were awarded to the IUDP student representatives and the Korean Student Association.

The event was also packed with exciting content. Students showcased their talents. Batzaya Munkhbold and Erdenemunkh Enkhtur, MUAP students, entertained everyone with their rendition of a Mongolian pop song. Nyoman Aries Setiawati, an MGLEP batch 4 student, showcased a traditional Balinese Dance. The dance is an ancient dance tradition that is part of the religious and artistic expression among the Balinese people of Bali island, Indonesia.

The event was concluded by photo sessions and a lot of celebrations.

MUAP Batch 12 Preliminary Session



The 12th batch of the Masters for Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP) started their preliminary session on August 2019 prior to the start of this year's fall semester.

The major activities for the preliminary session include orientations, lectures, workshops, and field trips. Professor Chunho Yeom, together with the MUAP coordinators, conducted an academic orientation. Also, Seoul Friends, Seoul Global Center, and the Crime Prevention Unit of Police Force gave separate orientation programs. These programs aim to further provide a welcoming atmosphere, and helps the new students get accustomed to living in Korea.

They also had special lectures on MS-Office and Korean culture. During the program on Korean culture with the students of MIPD Batch 2, they experienced to try Hanbok, a Korean traditional clothing. A lecture on the prevention of sexual harassment and discrimination were also provided, not only to the MUAP group but also to MGLEP batch 5 and MIPD batch 2.

Students also enjoyed a four-day cultural field trip around Seoul City. They visited Gwanghwamun, Insa-dong, Cheonggyecheon Stream, National Museum of Korean Contemporary History, War Memorial of Korea, Namsan Seoul Tower, National Museum of Korea, and Seoul Botanic Park.

MUAP Batch 11 Return to Their Country



Students of MUAP batch 11 finished their one-year course in Korea.

Through the master's degree, the twenty public-officials-turned-university-students were trained in city planning and urban administration. After thirteen months of attending classes in UOS, they went back to their home countries to finish their thesis.

MUAP batch 11 will have their graduation ceremony back here in Korea on August 2020.

MGLEP Batch 5 Preliminary Session



The ISUS welcomed another batch of public officials for the Master's Program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP). Thirteen (13) new students from eleven (11) countries had finally arrived safely in Korea and have started their new journey as university students

Prior to the start of the fall semester, a 2-week preliminary session has been conducted. The students attended orientations and special lectures on academic affairs and life in Korea. They also had the opportunity to look around the city and have a thorough introduction to the courses and living in Seoul.

The newest batch of MGLEP also attended the 2019 MGLEP Fellowship Workshop held last August 26 to 28, 2019, in Daejeon City. The group visited the headquarters of K-water and Daecheong Dam. They also had the chance to tour the Cheongnamdae Presidential Villa, former private villa used by Korean presidents built-in 1983.

Also, the group had an opportunity to meet and bond with the Program Director, Professor Shin Lee, and MGLEP batch 4 to strengthen their friendship and studentship.



2019 MGLEP Fellowship Workshop



Last August 26 to 28, 2019, National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development (NIEHRD) hosted the 2019 MGLEP Fellowship Workshop in Daejeon City.

MGLEP batch 4 and 5 students from the University of Seoul (UOS) and Kyung Hee University (KHU) participated in the event. Program coordinators, professors from UOS and KHU, and representatives from the Ministry of Environment (KME) also attended the event.

The fellowship workshop is held every semester to build networking opportunities among participants. This semester, the fellowship also provides basic knowledge of living and studying in Korea for the newcomers.

The first day of the workshop included an NIEHRD orientation, special lecture from KME, and student performance reports from the two

universities. Park Chunkyoo, Deputy Minister of KME, presented the ministry's current initiatives and projects. He emphasizes the three priority strategies of the ministry. The strategies are reduction of fine dust, securing public health through a strong environmental safety net, and developing opportunities for growth and green economy. On the other hand, Pedro Miranda and Sarinthip Kukham, UOS' MGLEP batch 4 cohorts, presented student performance reports on academic and cultural experiences, respectively.

On the second day of the workshop, the whole group visited the K-water Headquarters and Daechong Dam. K-water, or Korea Water Resources Corporation, is a public water management company in Korea. K-water is securing water resources through systematic water management to provide high-quality water circulation services for all and prepare Korea for natural disasters like drought. During the visit, students had the opportunity to learn K-water's organizational structure, Integrated Data Management System, and monitoring system of water qualities and quantity from different dams. Also, they toured the group inside and within Daechong Dam.

The third day of the workshop was dedicated to cultural experience. They visited the Cheongnamdae Presidential Villa. The presidents of Korea once used the villa as a vacation home. Built-in 1983, it is located near Daechong Dam in Cheongwon-gu, Chungcheongbuk-do. The total area spans 182 hectares, and consists of the main building, golf range, heliport, and fishing area. The natural environment surrounding the area has been well preserved, serving as a home to wildlife, including over 143 species of wildflowers and 124 species of trees as well as several endangered species. It was opened to the public on April 18, 2003.

During the three-day workshop, MGLEP students bonded and formed friendships while gaining knowledge in water management and Korean culture.

Welcoming Ceremony of MIPD Batch 2



The ISUS, together with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MOLIT), and International Construction Information Service (ICAK) welcomed Master of Infrastructure Planning & Development (MIPD) Batch 2.

The welcome ceremony was held on August 13, 2019, at the Liberal Arts building in UOS. Certification of Acceptance and welcome gifts were given to the new students. The event was an excellent opportunity to build camaraderie among the students, faculty, and partners.

The MIPD Batch 2 has twenty (20) successful candidates from eighteen (18) countries. Their journey has begun last August 2019 following a 16-month curriculum.

Welcome to UOS!

Korean Culture Experience for New Students



On 12th of August, new students of MIPD Batch 2 and MUAP Batch 12 students are learning Korean culture and spirit. They watched video clips of Korea history and at last they tried Korean Traditional clothes(HANBOK). They enjoyed a lot and excited to know more about Korea.

New Semester Starts!



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