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2019 Seoul Policy Consultant Training

ISUS organized a two-week long training program(Sep 23-27 / Oct 14-18) for twenty-three seasoned experts who can be part of the Seoul Metropolitan Government's consulting group for overseas projects.

Lectures include presentations on Seoul's overseas business, consulting methodology as well as practices on PCP Writing. Participants also visited the Digital Civic Mayor's Office of Seoul City, and the Seoul Transport Operation and Information Service (TOPIS)

As part of the training, ISUS also invited four students to present their country's policy process in transferring in Overseas. The presenters include



Vanida LUANGTHEPXAYAVONG(Laos), Agung Jadi PRAKOSO(Indonesia), Venant Thadey KOMBA(Tanzania), and Mohammed Hussen MOHAMMED (Ethiopia). It was an excellent opportunity for the trainees to know about the cultural context and clients in target countries.

Here is the outlook of the entire training.

- Name of Training: 2019 Seoul Policy Consultant Training
(2019서울시 정책컨설턴트 양성과정)
- Training period: Sep 23 - 27 / Oct 14 - 18 (2 weeks)
- Host: Seoul Metropolitan Government (Training institution: ISUS, UOS)
- Participants: 23 incumbent
or retired civil servants and experts on policy consulting

ISUS 54th Urban Infra Forum



Held last September 20, 2019, the ISUS 54th Urban Infra Forum (UIF) is the first UIF for the 2019 Fall Semester. Dr. Donghyun Park, a Principal Economist at the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of Asian Development Bank (ADB), delivered an interesting presentation with the topic, "Asia's Short-Run Economic Outlook and Impacts of China-US Trade Conflict."

The lecture focused on the trade conflict between the United States and the People's Republic of China, as well as its impact on the development of Asia's economic growth and other global trades. Dr. Park also cited the ADB's latest report on "The Impact of Trade Conflict in Developing Asia," which concludes that the current trade conflict has an uneven impact on different countries and regions, and it has a mildly positive effect in developing Asia.

UIF is a discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers. 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

Thank you all for your active participation in the forum and see you all in September UIF.

MIPD students attended the GICC 2019



On September 3rd, the MIPD students attended the Global Infrastructure Cooperation Conference (GICC) 2019, held in Intercontinental Seoul COEX.

GICC is Korea's largest international event on infrastructure held since its inception in 2013. Providing a platform for developing infrastructure cooperation and partnerships between the host government and the participants, GICC is mainly designed to promote and help Korean companies to advance into overseas markets. Also, project owners are given opportunities to present their projects to potential Korean and foreign partners and conduct individual consultations.

During the event, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, former UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the National Council on Climate and Air Quality of Korea, highlighted the environmental aspects in promoting the development of the infrastructure industry to improve the quality of life. He further emphasized the importance of cooperation among diverse entities and experts on the urgent task of climate change.

This year the conference is supported by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MOLIT), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, organized by the International Association of Contractors of Korea.

ISUS walks along the Seoul City Wall



The ISUS faculty, staff, and students enjoyed a fun-filled day of sightseeing and hiking along the trails of the ancient Seoul City Wall, Namsan, and Changgyeonggung palace last September 28, 2019.

The Seoul City Wall has a total of six different trails along Seoul's fortress wall, ranging from 1.8 km to 4.7 km in length. The wall stretches along many of Seoul's mountains, making a beautiful trail for the more advanced hiker. The hiking activity, organized by the ISUS staff, was based on the Namsan (Mongmyeoksan) Mountain trail and was a little bit customized for the group.

The day culminated at Jangchungdan Park with warm-up exercises. The first part of the trail runs from the Jangchung Gymnasium and ends at the National Theater of Korea. The group gathered again and hiked to the Namsan Trail-North Ringway for almost one hour. Students took delight in the sceneries brought by the natural landscape of Namsan Mountain.

The day ends with a tour inside the Changgyeonggung Palace.

Presentation for 2019 Korean Society of Road Engineers Conference



Mr. Jung Gilsun presented his master's thesis in the 2019 Korean Society of Road Engineers Conference (KSREC) held at BEXCO Convention Center, Busan, last September 20, 2019. Mr. Jung is a Global Construction batch 6 student. His study focused on the drone highway route selection using AHP technique.

KSREC is an annual event hosted by the Korean Society of Road Engineers. The conference provides a platform for knowledge and technology transfer, and showcase researches on issues related to road technology.

Participation for 2019 K-CIPEC



On September 19, MGLEP students, together with Professor Shin Lee, attended the 3rd International Conference/Exhibition on Combustion, Incineration/Pyrolysis, Emission, and Climate Change in Korea (K-CIPEC) at Suwon Convention Center.

The conference aims to promote academic exchanges between East Asia on topics related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Also, it mainly focused on areas of advances in combustion technologies, biomass and waste-to-energy conversion, new and renewable energy, emission control, global warming, greenhouse gas management, and environmental health effect and related economics and policy.

This year's conference highlighted two major presentations: 1) "Uniting for clean air" by Dr. Isabelle Louis, director of UNEP Asia- Pacific Regional office ; and 2) "Summary of sustainable development and application to developing countries" by Dr. Jongsoo Yoon, Director of UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD).



Representatives from the Korea Ministry of Environment (KME), Japan's Center for Air Pollution Research, China's Clean-Air Alliance, Korea Environment Corporation, Seoul Research Institute, Gwangwoon University, Hoseo University, Yonsei University, Ajou University, Zhejiang University, King Mongkut's University of Technology, and the University of

Seoul are among the presenters during the conference.

Md. Harun Or Rashid, an MGLEP batch 4 student, presented his research on "Air Pollution in Developing Countries: The Case of Dhaka City, Bangladesh." On his presentation, Mr. Rashid highlighted that fine particulate matter in Dhaka City is slowly decreasing due to government policy interventions focused on vehicular emission control. He also emphasized that proper enforcement of all acts, policies, and strategies is of utmost necessary in a developing country like Bangladesh.

Also, MGLEP students have the opportunity to visit Suwon Hwaseong Haenggung, a UNESCO site.

Participation for 2019 SIBAC



The MUAP batch 12, MGLEP batch 5, and MIPD batch 2 participated in the 2019 Seoul International Business Advisory Council (SIBAC) Annual Meeting. The Seoul Metropolitan Government hosted the meeting on September 20, 2019 at Four Seasons Hotel Seoul. This year's Annual SIBAC Meeting convened under the theme, "Seoul, A Leading Smart City."

Bringing together top-level international business leaders and experts, the meeting was an excellent opportunity to hear different ideas and opinions on issues critical to the development of Seoul as a smart city.

Created in 2011, SIBAC aims to provide advice to the Mayor of Seoul on transforming Seoul into a world-class city and a major economic hub in northeast Asia.

Celebrating Chuseok Holidays

Chuseok is undoubtedly one of the biggest holidays in Korea. Known as Korean Thanksgiving Day, it occurs during fall to celebrate a good harvest in the country. During these holidays, most of the Korean students go back home. They visit their ancestral hometowns and share a feast of traditional Korean food. Even though some of the international students do not know about Chuseok and its traditions, they still appreciated this long-term holiday as a chance to explore Korea, to rest, or to study.

IUDP students, many of whom are spending their first Chuseok in Korea, were very excited to experience the holidays. Most of the international students traveled and enjoyed the great outdoors that the country has to offer. Here are some of the areas visited by IUDP students:



1. Everland Theme Park: It is a family park with various rides, festivals, and theme areas. It features a variety of attractions suitable for every age, such as the safari area, water park, and lush gardens.



2. Haneul Park: This park is the most popular among the five parks located in World Cup Park, which was built to commemorate the 17th FIFA World Cup in 2002. Once a landfill, Haneul Park is an incredible example of ecological and urban regeneration. Its main attractions are the pink Muhly grass and the silver grass which are famous for photoshoots



3. Gyeongbokgung Palace: It is the most popular tourist destination in Seoul. Alongside the Gwanghwamun Square, it is a perfect place to get into the holiday spirit, as they offer plenty of cultural and traditional activities to indulge. Also, the admission was free during the holidays!

Many of the IUDP students spent their Chuseok in Korea with their plans to experience Korean Chuseok fruitfully. Experiencing a new culture is always exciting and challenging. And spending time with Korean friends and families will make a big difference for them.

Fall comes with cold weather!



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