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MUAP 16 Internship Program

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At the International School of Urban Science (ISUS), all international students are required to complete an internship as part of their academic curriculum. In the recent MUAP-16 internship cycle, ten students undertook a three-week placement from January 12 to February 02, 2024, at the Seoul Institute. During this period, participants were assigned to different departments within the Seoul Institution based on their interests and areas of expertise. Each department has different research areas including Urban Environment, Urban Society Research, Urban Transportation, Planning and Design Research, and Climate Change Research.

Through this program, participants had the opportunity to work on real projects, collaborate with research fellows and experts, and develop essential skills that will benefit them in their future careers. By participating in the internship program, students gained valuable insights into their chosen field and about the latest industry trends and practices.

This program also allows students to showcase their abilities and make a positive impression on potential employers, increasing their chances of improving their field of expertise after graduation. Furthermore, the internship offers mentorship, where students can receive guidance and advice from experienced professionals.

At the end of the three-week internship program, presentations by participants offer a chance for students to highlight their achievements. During this session, students receive feedback and advice from industry professionals. Additionally, the certificates acknowledge students' hard work, serve as a tangible symbol of their accomplishments. Finally, during the celebratory dinner, participants had the opportunity to connect with peers and mentors in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

MUD 7 Internship Program

An Opportunity offered by MUD Program



As part of the ISUS program, the Master of Urban Development (MUD 7) program offered an Internship opportunity recently. Three students participated in a two-week internship from January 24 to February 07, 2024, at Citynet, Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI), and the Korea District Heating Corporation (KDHC).

This internship offered the students hands-on experience in their field of study, allowing them to apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios. The students could develop practical skills and establish professional connections for their future careers. Moreover, they gained insights into potential career paths and industries.

The program concluded with students' presentations centered around their specific areas of interest. These presentations showcased the knowledge and skills acquired during their internships, solidifying their grasp of the subject matter. Through internships, students were able to improve their competitiveness in their chosen fields of expertise.



Between February 22nd and February 26th, 2024, nineteen Korean ISUS students traveled to Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam – countries with the highest number of international students at ISUS. Jung Jiwoon (SUD 11) now shares her experiences and insights gained from her internship with four other Korean students and Professor CHIN, Jae Teuk, in Indonesia..

Main Activities During the Global Internship: Visit to the Jakarta River and Water Resources Department

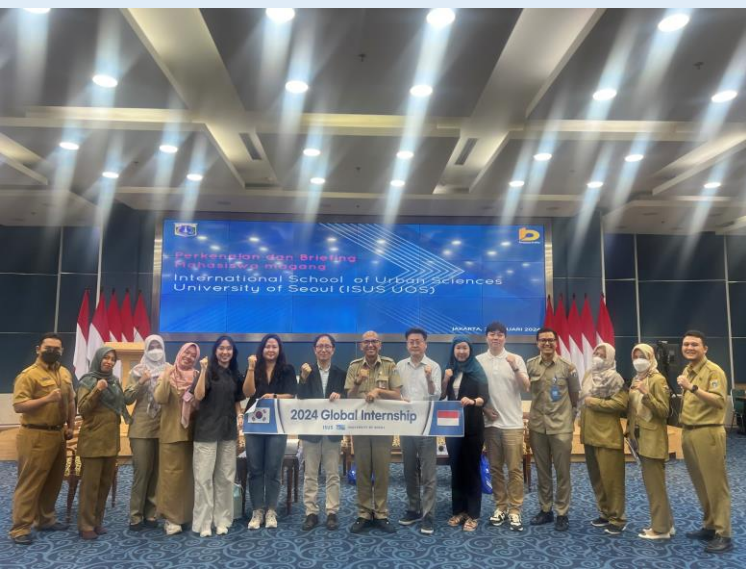
Throughout the internship, we had the opportunity to explore several institutions, such as Jakarta City Hall, the Smart City Department, the Jakarta River and Water Resources Department, the Urban Planning and Land Management Department, and Nusantara Capital City.

A highlight was our visit to the Jakarta River and Water Resources Department, where we delved into the current situation, legal regulations, flood management strategies, and the national capital's integrated coastal development, all in response to Indonesia's significant challenge: floods. This experience provided valuable insights into the management and mitigation of such complex issues.

The Insights gained from the Global Internship: Importance of experience and networking

The most memorable part of the global internship was getting a firsthand look at the results of ISUS' decade-long commitment to nurturing global talents and networks to produce international urban experts.

During my visits to public institutions in Indonesia, I noticed that many of the students and graduates there were affiliated with ISUS. Seeing how they worked together seamlessly, drawing on the benefits they gained from ISUS, reaffirmed for me the vital importance of personal networks.





Also, I had the opportunity to broaden my current work by discovering new partner countries and initiating fresh projects. During the internship, I presented my topics to relevant departments and gained insights into Indonesia's current situation, response systems, and plans for each field.

Lastly, the internship program, accompanied by local ISUS students and an expert professor in urban development, provided me with a rich experience. It allowed me to explore diverse aspects and gain insights into urban development in Indonesia that I wouldn't have gained otherwise. I'm grateful for the chance to view cities from academic and professional perspectives, which has strengthened my determination in academic pursuits.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to ISUS for organizing the global internship program. I am committed to faithfully realizing our vision with the valuable experience I have gained through this program.





Five ISUS alumni (Kang Jihoon, GCM 10/Song Minho, SUD 9.5/Lee Dongjun, GCM 10/Lee Junsub, SUD 9.5/Im Dongjae, GCM 10) visited Mongolia for a self-organized global internship from January 18th to 21st 2024. While there, they engaged in discussions with ISUS Mongolian alumni about urban and environmental issues in cities in Mongolia, experienced Mongolian culture, and shared their experiences. They delved deeply into pressing issues like air quality and transportation issues in Mongolia and had meaningful experiences in the local culture alongside Mongolian alumni.

Meeting with ISUS Mongolian alumni at Ulaanbaatar (19th Jan)

The meeting was led by ISUS graduate Jaagii (MURD 5). Including UOS alumni such as Galbbayar GANZORIGT (MUAP 12), four other alumni, professors who had studied in Korea, and city officials, seven Mongolian counterparts gathered to discuss urban issues in Ulaanbaatar such as air quality and transportation.



Ulaanbaatar is considering the construction of a subway system as a solution to urban traffic congestion. Consequently, questions regarding the Korean subway system were also raised. Fortunately, Im Dongjae (GCM 10), currently working at Seoul Metro, was able to provide detailed explanations about the Seoul subway system and related plans, which proved to be helpful.

The Mongolian alumni particularly empathized that enhancing subway efficiency requires a well-integrated bus system and smooth transfers. They also agreed that a minimum population density is essential for implementing urban railways. Furthermore, Song Minho's(SUD 9.5) explanation of the new data technology platform for the national land development plan provided the Mongolian alumni with valuable new insights.

After the meeting, they headed to a restaurant in downtown Ulaanbaatar for dinner. They enjoyed delicious traditional Mongolian cuisine, which shares many similarities with Korean food. As all the alumni dined together and continued their conversations on shared topics, Mongolian and Korean alumni found themselves growing closer without even realizing it.

For several years now, Mongolia has been implementing collaborative projects with the South Korean government, major institutions, and academic societies to address urban issues. For example, since last year, key institutions in Korea have been consistently investing in training programs to develop Mongolian urban development professionals.

In the future, it is expected that beyond the Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) between Mongolia and Korea, a more constructive and sustainable cooperative relationship will be formed. ISUS is envisioned to remain a leader and pioneer in shaping such collaborative ties, and we hope that our alumni will demonstrate their capabilities on various urban sectors in the future.



Q1. Could you please provide a brief overview of your professional work? About the primary business activities of your company and the key responsibilities, you hold as a director?

Our company is a limited liability company established by 5 people including lawyers and tax professionals. Our attorneys handle legal decisions and administrative litigation concerning land compensation. We also provide tax advisory services for reporting transfer income tax following compensation receipt, consultations on land provision compensation, and more. My responsibilities include overseeing a wide range of consulting tasks related to land provision compensation and securitization of compensation bonds.

We are also responsible for managing the entire project of developing and generating revenue from land supplied through negotiated agreements with LH (Korea Land & Housing Corporation)

I've mainly worked on non-residential real estate development projects including the officetel (office + hotel: residence-like office space in Korea) development in Magok District and the mixed-use development in the Suseo Station area. Currently, I'm engaged in the development of urban support facilities in the Changneung District of Goyang, which is part of the third phase of new town development.

Q2. We would like to know how the research at ISUS has influenced your practical work?

Personal research was certainly valuable, but for me, the real treasure was hearing the insights from other participants. Observing their fresh perspectives on a variety of projects taught me a tremendous amount.

Especially through the GPD(Global Project Development) class, I gained valuable insights into various cultures, lifestyles, urban situations, and challenges across different countries. This broadened my perspective on international urban development.

As a result, I was able to approach projects in my practical work with a more comprehensive mindset and perspective. For example, the lessons learned from overseas urban development cases discussed during GPD sessions provided significant inspiration for reviewing projects. They served as excellent foundational material for comparative analysis regarding the direction of development projects.

Before, I worked in a completely different industry, but by listening to presentations from other participants about international urban development and architecture, I was able to expand my understanding of this field comfortably and naturally.

Q3. Previously, you worked in a different field. What motivated you to venture into the field of Sustainable Urban Development at ISUS?

As a non-specialist in the past, I initially gained hands-on experience in real estate and construction field, which sparked my passion and realization of the importance of professional knowledge in the field. This motivated me to pursue a master's degree by changing my career path.

Real estate development is commonly described as 'composite art'. To grow as a professional consultant in this field, it was crucial to grasp the bigger picture. With this goal in mind, I was able to overcome the pressures and challenges of transitioning into a new career path.

While studying architecture and urban planning, I had the chance to visit Shanghai as part of an overseas city exploration project. The distinctive buildings and cityscapes I experienced there ignited a strong interest in urban development. Following that, I felt an even stronger need for theoretical knowledge in urban planning and development for my work. This naturally led me to pursue further studies in Sustainable Urban Development.

Q4. Could you please describe any goals you have in mind based on the knowledge and experience you gained through the ISUS program?

My current aim is to keep pushing forward with my learning and research on urban studies, striving for continuous growth. Through experience, I've come to realize that as I delve deeper into learning, my perspective on the world becomes more flexible. Also, this can lead to personal growth along the way.

I aim to use my learning and experiences to help grow consulting firms. I've come to understand that no task can be accomplished alone, and in an age of technological revolution where job stability is uncertain, creating new businesses and job opportunities is crucial for adapting to a knowledge-driven society and making a meaningful contribution to society.

I'm currently teaming up with individuals from diverse backgrounds to brainstorm new ventures. I strongly believe that discovering fresh business opportunities and generating employment is vital for a company's long-term success. Therefore, I'm committed to using the knowledge and experience I gained from ISUS to foster positive changes and continue broadening my horizons.





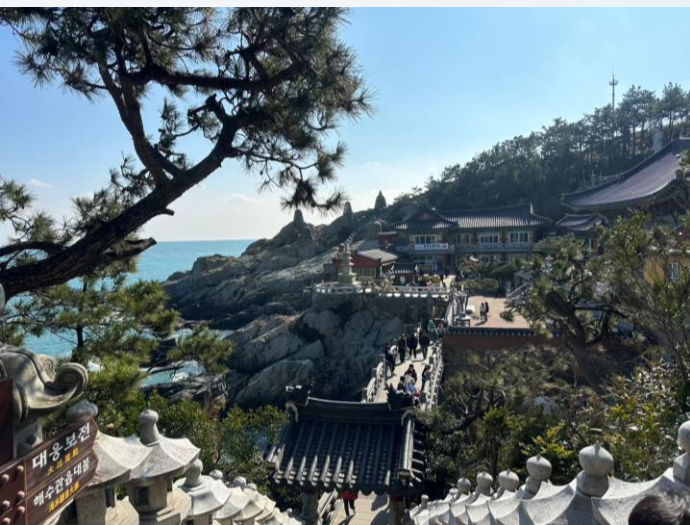
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MIPD 6 Field Trip

To Busan

The Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD 6) class had a trip to Busan during the winter break, for cultural exploration and academic enrichment. From February 6th to 8th, participants explored Korean culture while engaging with significant infrastructure and public organizations in Busan, a renowned port city symbolizing Korea's economic strength and global connectivity.

A diverse range of experiences gave an impression on the participants. Beginning on February 6th, the students headed to Busan Newport International Terminal and had an opportunity to learn about maritime infrastructure. The adventure continued with visits to landmarks such as the Songdo Yonggung Suspension Bridge and the Songdohaesang Cable Car, where they could see the entire landscape of Busan.



On February 7th, the class had the opportunity to explore transportation infrastructure by touring the Busan Transportation Corporation (BTC) at the Anpyeong Depo. And then they enjoyed traditional Korean dishes for lunch. At the end of the tour, they visited the Haedong Yonggungsa Temple, where they could experience the ancient Buddhist traditions of Korea.

The final day, February 8th, they visited Gamcheon Cultural Village, renowned for its artistic vibrancy. The students could see its vibrant houses, winding alleys, and funky murals splashed across every wall. It was the perfect spot to experience Busan's artsy vibe within the local community.

Throughout the trip, the students had an opportunity to explore the city, its infrastructure, and public organizations. Additionally, they gained a deeper understanding of the collaboration between urban development, infrastructure planning, and cultural heritage preservation.

The trip to Busan offered the students an experience that will help develop their future careers as professional infrastructure planners and developers.



The ISUS alumni of Cambodia hosted a welcoming dinner for Professor Hyeon Park and ISUS staff

An exciting evening unfolded as the UOS scholarship program paved the way for new opportunities. During a business trip to Cambodia, Professor Hyeon Park and four ISUS staffs discussed on the Sustainable City Capacity Building Program Plan for the Sustainable Urban Technical Working Group in 2024, funded by KOICA.

The meeting covered various topics, including presenting the training course results for the inaugural year, planning the second training course, and collaborating with KOICA Cambodia on training initiatives.

Additionally, University of Seoul explored avenues for support from the Ministry of Environment regarding teaching opportunities and doctoral placements, fostering a meaningful exchange and mutual dedication to sustainable urban development.



MGLEP 9 Field Trip to the heritage of Gyeongju and Ulsan

After a successful Semester, MGLEP 9 students had a trip for 2 days to improve their understanding of urban regeneration and historical preservation.

The trip's highlight was their visit to the Ulsan Metropolitan Urban Regeneration Center, where students learned about the transformation of a thriving, sustainable

urban environment. Through exploration, they gained insights into the integration of geographical potential and environmental quality in urban planning.

In Gyeongju, students experienced the rich cultural heritage of the region by visiting Bulguksa Temple, the National Museum, and Traditional Villages.

MGLEP 9's visit to the Ulsan Regeneration Center was featured in the February 1st 2024 Edition of a local newspaper, Gyeongsang Daily.



ISUS alumni attended the Gangwon Winter Youth Olympics

Students from ISUS recently took part in the Gangwon Winter Youth Olympics 2024, held from January 19th to February 1st. On February 28th and 29th, they experienced thrilling competitions across various winter sports. Korean representatives won gold medal in the figure skating final, demonstrating their outstanding performance.

The students carried memories of exciting competitions and a deeper appreciation for the global unity fostered by sportsmanship at the Gangwon Winter Youth Olympics.

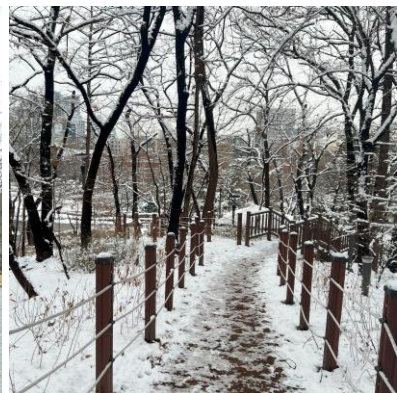


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