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2024 ISUS Global Project Development Fair

Unveiling Tomorrow's Urban Solution

Step aside, Oscars! On February 21, 2024, the red carpet was rolled out for a distinctively star-studded occasion: the International School of Urban Science (ISUS) Global Project Development (GPD) Fair. This event wasn't about superficial glamour; rather, it celebrated intellect and innovative ideas as students from around the world convened to present their urban projects.

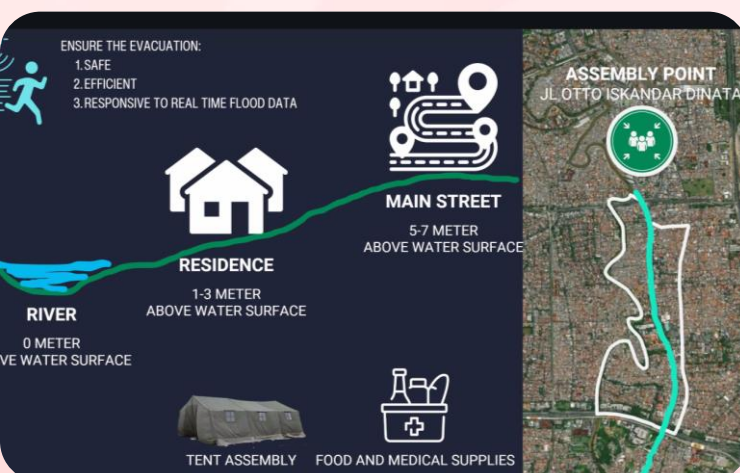
Now, you might be wondering: what exactly is GPD? It serves as the cornerstone of ISUS students' education - a mandatory course where minds converge and brilliance flourishes. Picture this: teams of 4-5 students, armed with nothing but their intellect and a common vision, confronting real-world urban challenges head-on.

Moving forward, let's shift our focus to the highlight of the event: the project presentations. Five selected teams, each with a project as diverse as the cities they aim to impact, took center stage. E-MASK proposed Protected Bicycle Lanes in Addis Ababa, Smart City Innovator presented a Smart Traffic System for the Panama Metropolitan Area, Team Great Flood showcased Jakarta's flood resilience systems, SINABRO outlined plans for a Pet Recycling Plant in the Accra Metropolitan Area, and The Waste Wizard impressed the audience with their plastic-to-fuel business and technology in an industrialized city of Colombia.

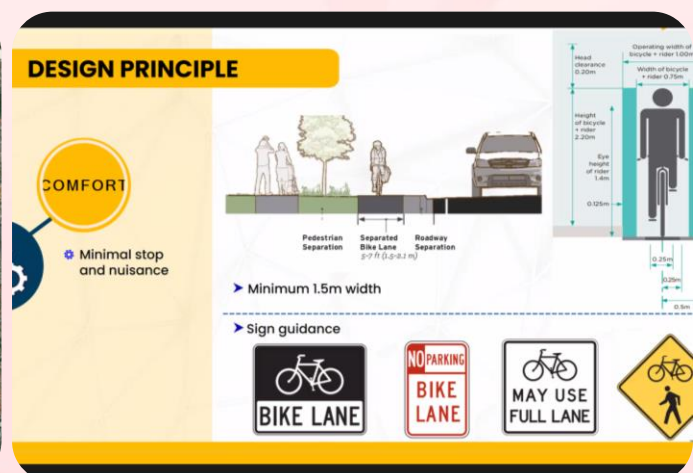
Every team showcased remarkable dedication and innovation. Among them, Team Great Flood and Team Waste Wizard stood out with their projects focusing on Jakarta's flood resilience systems and Colombia's plastic-to-fuel technology, respectively. These projects resonated strongly with the jury, which included industry experts from KOICA, KEITI, ICAK, and other esteemed professionals.

In a twist reminiscent of a Hollywood plotline, both teams emerged victorious, sharing the crown as winners of the GPD Fair. This outcome underscores the power of collaboration, creativity, and a shared passion for shaping a better urban future.

As the curtains draw to a close on another successful GPD Fair, one thing becomes abundantly clear: the future of urban innovation is in capable hands, thanks to the bright minds and bold ideas of ISUS students worldwide.



Showcased Jakarta's flood resilience systems



Protected Bicycle Lanes in Addis Ababa



The internship program of the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS), University of Seoul, is designed to provide aspiring professionals with valuable hands-on experience and mentorship opportunities. This program reflects the commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders and fostering a culture of learning and growth within our organization.

On February 18th, 2024, a group of five students from the Master of Urban Development Program (MUD 7) wrapped up a fulfilling two-week internship at the Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS) in Sejong City.

This internship went beyond task completion; it served as a transformative journey focused on personal growth and bridging the gap between academic knowledge and real-world application. The students of MUD 7 showcased their leadership potential, positioning themselves not only as future leaders but as current trailblazers, laying the groundwork for a more promising urban future.

The program showcased the vital role of mentorship and practical experience in fostering the next wave of urban development professionals. It not only celebrated the students' achievements but also paved the path for ongoing growth and new opportunities. As the students, alongside their mentors, move forward, they carry with them invaluable experiences, primed to make substantial contributions to the urban development field.

Upon wrapping up the internship training, each student shared insights into their achievements and the challenges they faced. In recognition of their efforts, participants were honored with certificates of completion.



MIPD 6 Internship Program

Intern-taining Expedition: MIPD 6 Dives into the Industry Insight

Farewell to those winter break blues because, for the students participating in the Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD) 6 Internship Program, February promises to be as vibrant as a freshly laid asphalt road! Picture this: an energetic group of aspiring architects and engineering enthusiasts, sporting hard hats and fueled by a strong dose of caffeine-induced excitement, all prepared to tackle the challenges of the infrastructure sector.

With a lineup resembling the guest list of the year's most anticipated industry event, these interns are gearing up for an unforgettable experience. From the architectural finesse of Hanlim Architectural Group to the 'We Engineer Everything to Perfection' ethos of TOPEC Engineering, there's an abundance of talent and innovative ideas waiting to be discovered.

Let's not overlook the entries, including Korea National Railway, offering interns the chance to explore new opportunities, and Aum and Lee architecture consulting company, where engineering dreams come to life quicker than you might expect.

Yet, it's not all about serious business. These interns are in for a delightful experience! Imagine captivating class lectures, educational project site visits perfect for Instagram, and student presentations that promise to be as engaging as your favorite TED Talk.

With internship durations ranging from a quick two-day stint to a more leisurely two-week exploration of the industry, these interns are eager to soak up knowledge at every turn.





On February 20th, 2024, the MUD 7 class embarked on a visit to the Global Knowledge Exchange and Development (GKED) center. The purpose of this visit was to provide students with a deeper understanding of Korea's economic development.

GKED stands as a hub of knowledge, promoting innovation and collaboration among various stakeholders. Through its dedication to knowledge exchange and skills enhancement, the center empowers individuals to realize their full potential and contribute to sustainable development. For the MUD 7 students, the visit offered a valuable opportunity to interact with GKED experts and gain insights into effective strategies for driving social impact.

Professor Kim Kyung-hwan from Sogang University, renowned for his expertise, delivered presentations on the Historical and Economic Development of Korea. Professor Kim illuminated innovative approaches to tackling societal challenges and fostering inclusive growth.



Q1. Can you please introduce yourselves, tell us about your organization, and positions, and briefly explain your roles in your current job?

We are Patrycja Janekankit, Math and STEAM teacher, Fundraising Manager of Teach for Poland, Global STEAM Community Leader of Teach for All, and Janekan Janekankit, Software Engineering student at 42Warsaw (A premier coding academy), Director Assistant at the Thai Trade Center Warsaw.

Q2. Can you tell us about some of the highlights of the event and the activities that were included?

On the 9th of February, in collaboration with the Parents' Council of our son's school, we organized an Asian Festival to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Several technology companies, language schools, and sports clubs were invited to participate in our event. The festival featured a variety of activities, encompassing different disciplines.

Students and their parents had the opportunity to experience Asia through new technologies such as VR goggles, 3D pens, and robots. They also sampled Asian cuisine and enjoyed Thai and Korean dishes. Additionally, attendees had the chance to learn Korean, Japanese, and Chinese languages, and watched karate, judo, and kung-fu shows. Moreover, lectures and panel discussions were held throughout the event.

The Korean Cultural Centre in Warsaw was represented as the Honoured Guest at the festival.

Q3. How did your experience as an ISUS graduate contribute to your ability to organize and host such a successful cultural event?

As ISUS graduates, we received a comprehensive education that emphasized interdisciplinary learning. This diverse knowledge base proves advantageous when organizing cultural events, as it enables us to incorporate various subjects such as history, language, art, and social studies into creating engaging and informative activities.

Our education provided us with a global perspective, exposing us to diverse cultures, languages, and viewpoints. This broad understanding of the world is invaluable when planning cultural events, as it fosters an appreciation for and respect of the nuances of different cultures and traditions.

Throughout the program, we honed our leadership and collaboration skills through group projects. These skills are essential when organizing cultural events, as they involve coordinating with various stakeholders and leading a team to achieve common goals.

In our opinion, MUAP studies have been prepared in such a way that the knowledge and skills acquired will be useful for a very long time and in various professional and private situations.



Q4. What motivated you to organize an event celebrating the lunar year at your son's school?

(Patrycja and Janekan are both ISUS alums and married to each other) My husband and I were inspired to organize an event celebrating the Lunar New Year at our son's school because we missed Korea and wanted to share our love for Asian culture with the local community. Having lived in Korea for a year, we had the opportunity to experience the celebration of various holidays, including the Lunar New Year. We saw the event as a chance to bring a piece of our cherished experience to our local community, introducing them to the richness and beauty of Asian customs and traditions.

Additionally, a significant motivation for us was the growing interest among Polish students in Korean culture. We observed a trend where more and more students were immersing themselves in Korean culture, from listening to K-pop and learning the Korean language to emulating their favorite Korean idols. Moreover, we believed that exposing our son's school community to different cultures would promote a greater sense of understanding, appreciation, and inclusivity among students, teachers, and parents.

Q5. What impact do you hope events like the Korean Culture Night will have on promoting cultural exchange and understanding within your community?

Events like Korean Culture Night play a crucial role in promoting cultural exchange, understanding, and appreciation within a community. By celebrating diversity and encouraging dialogue, these events contribute to fostering a more harmonious and inclusive society. Cultural events provide opportunities for building connections and forming friendships across cultural boundaries.

Attendees from diverse backgrounds unite to celebrate a shared interest, cultivating a sense of unity and solidarity within the community. Such experiences also help to establish relationships among participants, which are instrumental in local government and business relations.

Q6. As students in Korea, what were your fondest memories, what did you miss the most about that time, and what words would you like to share with the student community?

Even though it's been nearly 12 years since we began studying in Seoul, our memories of that time remain beautiful, and we love sharing them with our children. Thanks to Janekan's artistic talent, we have wonderful albums documenting our life in Korea, complete with printed photos and his drawings.

We cherish both our professional memories, such as internships at Seoul City Hall, participation in conferences, and field trips, as well as our personal memories, like visiting Nami Island and Lotte World. We're both huge fans of Korean cuisine, especially Korean barbecue, so we greatly miss it.



ISUS African Students Dinner

The ISUS African Students' community recently came together for an unforgettable dinner and games night just before the spring semester commenced. It was an evening filled with joy, laughter, and countless memorable moments.

Our diverse group of ISUS students from across Africa united to celebrate our rich cultures, friendships, and shared experiences. From the enticing aroma of various African cuisines to the vibrant energy of all attendees, the atmosphere was truly electric.

The ISUS African Students' Dinner and Games Night was more than just an event; it was a testament to the vibrant and inclusive community we've cultivated together.



MGLEP 9 and 10 Field Trip to Korean Folk Village



"The kicks were powerful enough to split bamboo, the hands moved with lightning speed, and the knee strikes packed a punch."

On February 29th, 2024, an exciting blend of culture and martial arts took center stage as the international students of the Master Program of Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) 9 embarked on a visit to the Korean Folk Village. However, this wasn't your typical sightseeing excursion; it was an exhilarating crash course in Taekkyon, South Korea's renowned martial art.

A lively group of future leaders, adorned in Taekkyon attire, eagerly prepared to unleash their inner warriors. Guided by experienced instructors, they enthusiastically immersed themselves in the world of kicks, strikes, and throws, sharing laughter throughout the experience. Though there were inevitable stumbling blocks along the way, amidst the excitement, strong bonds were formed, and valuable lessons were learned.

Taekkyon proved to be more than just a physical exercise; it served as a profound introduction to Korean culture and unity.



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