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International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

Cover Story

<2021 Fall Semester UOS Academic Schedule>

The fall semester will start on Wednesday, 1st September. In advance to the class, please check for the updates regarding schedule and announcement. Class registration date will be from 16th to 23th of August, so please be prepared for enrolling classes.

<2021 ISUS Global Project Development Fair >

ISUS held the “2021 ISUS Global Project Development Fair” to share with organizations a selection of projects produced from GPD in cooperation with ISUS. The objective is to increase each project’s applicability to its target country or city based on the experts’ feedback. The event was held exclusively online on August 10.

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<Farewell messages from ISUS graduates>

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The congratulatory speech from Professor Hyeon Park, Dean of ISUS, shared with MGLEP 5 students his hopes for them to remain always members of the ISUS family. Professor also insisted the graduates to work hard using their experience and knowledge for the benefit of their countries and institutions. Once the ceremony was concluded, students and professors shared their goodbyes.

The ISUS Family congratulates MGLEP 5 students on their achievement and wishes them great luck in their future.

Cambodian MIPD students publish journal in K-Build Magazine



Thong Chandaravuth



Sokkim Dim

In July 2021, Sokkim Dim and Thong Chandaravuth, both from Cambodia and students of the Master's Program for Infrastructure Planning & Development (MIPD) in ISUS, published in K-Build magazine the journal "A journey to Seoul Worth a Thousand Miles," in which they shared their experiences as students of the ISUS program.

A Journey to Seoul Worth a Thousand Miles

At the commencement of the Master for Infrastructure Planning & Development (MIPD) program in the academic year 2020–2021, we arrived in Seoul, South Korea with a very curious mind over the development of Korea's social and economic infrastructure including smart technology, automated transportation system, public welfare and clean environment. Now, standing at the end of the program, we still look back at how overwhelming and inspiring it was to see the successful development history of Korea and could in no doubt say, "this journey worth a thousand miles."

My name is Sokkhim Dim. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in English language and attained a master's degree in Philosophy in 2011. I began my career in the field of business administration at a private company. I also worked for Build Bright University as chief of the academic office where I had a chance to look into the educational development challenges in Cambodia. Since late 2013, I have worked at New Era Cambodia organization as a project manager and a facilitator for education and hygiene programs and infrastructure development projects. Managing such projects gave me great insight into how significant the infrastructure can transform lives and society.

I am Thorng Chandaravuth, after attaining a bachelor's degree in Engineering in 2013, I became a civil servant at the Ministry of Public Work and Transport. Then I moved to the Department of Public Work and Transport of Takeo province as a duty staff and became a sub-head technical officer at the laboratory work for infrastructure material and a provincial transportation safety team member, and was responsible for provincial infrastructure planning, urban development planning, provincial spatial planning, and provincial road construction.

Nonetheless of previous experiences, coming from Cambodia, one of the least developing countries in Southeast Asia, we believed the knowledge and experiences from the scholarship program will enable us to enhance our works and responsibilities at our current institutions through improved capacity and contribute towards sustainable infrastructure developments and growth in the future.

At first, our motivation for the MIPD scholarship program at the International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul was to learn from the tremendous history, determination, and success that South Korea has achieved over the last 50 years. Lessons learned from Korea's competitive economy, advanced high technology, and world-class education system which drive its strategic development plans, working cultures, etc. will provide useful insights for our country to achieve further economic development.

Secondly, in the context of human resource development, considering that Cambodia is expanding its national infrastructure provision and its importance increases, there is a shortage of relevant experts and gaining expertise in infrastructure planning and development is essential in the country context at the moment. Therefore, we were so honored to be admitted into the MIPD scholarship program for the academic year 2020.

Upon receiving program admission, we were fully supported by a fantastic coordinating team with their amazing works of constant guidelines from visa application processes to smooth travel arrangements from our home country. Although the world was facing the unprecedented health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt safe and motivated by the considerate facilitation of the scholarship program and the public health measures and guidelines of the government of Korea.

The study curriculum of the MIPD program offered an opportunity for students to practically learn and reflect the best examples of intelligent transport systems, smart city and infrastructure developments, construction project management, etc. The special lectures on Urban Infrastructure Forums were organized monthly on a different topic, which for instance include the following: Korea-ASEAN Partnership and Smart City Cooperation, Carbon-Free Jeju: Pioneering Strategies for Carbon Neutral Green-Smart City, to meet with expert professionals, prominent researchers and scholars, diplomats, and respected professors.

Moreover, this scholarship program is a great opportunity for us to not only embrace and immerse ourselves into Korean culture and the successful story of its economic development, but also as an important platform to cultivate mutual respect as well as to dialogue and enhance global citizenship with fellow classmates from many different countries by sharing diverse cultural background and beliefs.



During the winter holiday, we participated in a one-week internship program at a company called Hanlim Architecture Group in central Seoul as part of the Master Program to expand knowledge and understanding of practical applications of infrastructure development in the private sector. We were assigned to the Project Design Department and our key tasks were to participate in the process of architectural design work, project reviews, overseas business video conferences, and visiting construction sites. The AI-based architectural design and diverse urban planning concepts were successfully realized in the project.



Through this internship program, we were able to get a glimpse into the working culture of a Korean company and were very pleased with the company's personnel who were so helpful and supported us on a regular basis. More importantly, we also gained insightful know-how from the cooperation between public and private sectors, which left us with a sense of hope to benchmark in Cambodia, for instance, encouraging private sector participation in infrastructure projects through PPP methods, adopting smart public transport policy and system, and planning strategically before implementing.

Studying in Korea, we had the best opportunity to explore the country's culture, historical sites, delicious cuisine, and people's way of life through first-hand experiences. For instance, experiencing winter snow and spring for the first time was wonderful and utmost memorial; although, due to Covid-19, many cultural and traditional platforms were not available.

With great privilege and honor, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), the International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK), and the International School of Urban Sciences of the University of Seoul for offering this valuable scholarship program with provision of full financial support for international professionals and government officials. Upon our return, we are confident and determined to utilize the knowledge and inputs into our career and share them with colleagues, friends, and fellow generations of Cambodia and beyond.

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KOICA Webzine Interview with Nachinja Gmachin

Nachinja Gmachin from Ghana is a student of the Master of Urban and Regional Development (MURD) in ISUS. On June 22 of this year, he was interviewed by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The interview was published on KOICA's Webzine, you can read the English version below or check the Korean version on KOICA's website.



Q. Could you please introduce yourself (name, nationality, university, years of study, etc.)?

I am a planning officer at the Ministry of Roads and Highways in Ghana. I am a public officer who formulates, plans and enforces government policies.

Furthermore, I coordinate investment plans in respect of the road sector in Ghana and foster partnerships with development partners such as KOICA and other international organizations that are willing to invest in Ghana.

Q. Could you please tell us why you joined this program or how could be selected?

Before I took the decision of studying in Korea, there were some other opportunities for me to get scholarships from England, the USA, or Sweden. However, I found that the UOS's MURD program sponsored by KOICA was much more appropriate for my field of interest, concerning the contents and curriculum of the UOS.

Furthermore, KOICA is pursuing global value based on transparency and fairness, which was quite fascinating for me. In the end, I decided to apply for the KOICA Master's program. I believe the reason why I was selected was that I pursued the core values of KOICA and UOS.

Q. What are you currently studying, and what is the biggest achievement or takeaway you gained while studying at University of Seoul through this program?

The biggest achievement since my entry to Korea is the application of work experience. Also, the joy of finally been able to learn practical knowledge which was impossible in online classes last semester. I am sure that in the future, all that I have learned here will have a significant impact on my country, Ghana, and a corresponding benefit to Korea.

In many countries including Ghana, Public Investment Management (PIM) is crucially important. That is why I am much digging into PIM, among the many subjects in the urban development field and I am researching how governments can implement appropriate policies to coordinate and manage the fund and investment especially in infrastructure provision. My goal is that many people get a fair advantage from the government's investments in infrastructure so that the result of the efficient use of resources can be reflected in the welfare of the citizens.

Q. How do you think this program will help you, and furthermore, to Korea as well as Ghana?

In 2015, I participated in a program coordinated by a Korean consultant. During which I learned that attitude or a mindset is one of the most important factors for the development of certain countries. This implies that the development of a country largely depends on the attitude and the mindset of its citizenry and not entirely on external support from the developed world.

Before my application, the relationship between Ghana and Korea had already started. I will try to strengthen this relationship wherever necessary. My experience in Korea would help the bond for sure, since we are the next generation of leaders of Ministries and government business. I will constantly seek for the cooperation with Korean government so that both countries could gain mutual benefits in the medium to long term. Especially through KOICA, young Ghanaians with potential could be trained so that they could raise their competence to the maximum level. With the cooperation with Korea, I am sure that Ghana which has a lot of natural resources could develop by benchmarking the Korean development experience of South Korea.





Q. What is one of the most memorable moments that you experienced while living in Korea?

I was deeply impressed by the rapid development of Korea. Korea and Ghana declared independence in the similar period, so I thought the development level would be similar too. Furthermore, Ghana has a lot of natural resources while Korea does not. However, Korea is even more dramatic and dynamic than I have imagined, and what I learned from books. I was really shocked when I walked through some cities in Korea because I could realize how Korea achieved a rapid and successful development.

Q. You are going to return to your country this coming December. What are you planning to do and what is your aspiration for an upcoming future?

I would apply the enormous knowledge and experience gained in Korea to my country with the collective effort of the government and other relevant institutions. I think the professionals' role is to change knowledge into an applicable asset that translates into real opportunities for all citizens. To achieve that, I will study very hard here in Korea and beyond to realize this goal.

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BIM 도입정책 우선순위에 관한 연구

- 해외 사례와 AHP분석을 중심으로 -

A Study on Priority of BIM Introduction Policy

- Focusing on Overseas Cases and Analytic Hierarchy Process Analysis -

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Mr. Jin Park (Global Construction 6) and Professor Chunho Yeom published an article entitled "A Study on Priority of BIM Introduction Policy – Focusing on Overseas Cases and Analytic Hierarchy Process Analysis –" through Journal of Korean Institute of Building Information Modeling on Jun 30, 2021.

Find the paper in the website below:

<https://url.kr/qwf7y8>

[Abstract]

BIM (Building Information Model/Modeling) is attracting attention not only as a unit technology, but also as a factor that can promote the transformation of the entire construction industry process. This study aims to investigate the status and cases of policy introduction and legalization of BIM in foreign countries for the advancement of their own construction industry, and to discover policy implications that can be applied to Korea. The first survey uncovered policy elements, and based on this, the second survey conducted an in-depth survey of experts in actual BIM service and research activities. Looking at each priority, BIM standardization, mandating BIM in projects, payment standard establishment, and PQ additional points were given the highest level of importance.

Farewell messages

From 2021 ISUS Graduates

After finishing the 2021 spring semester, the MGELP 5 and MUAP 12 students graduated from ISUS. For the Newsletter Interview Article of August, we gathered farewell messages from our graduates. The ISUS Family congratulates all of them on their graduation and wish them a safe trip back home.

"'Welcome aboard' were the first words I heard when I came to the University of Seoul. Now I have stepped down from a boat.

No more professor as a captain who sails us to online classes. No more class mates as crews that sing row, row, row your boat. It's not goodbye, but it's a time to swim."

- MUAP Andry Apriano

"I would like to express my gratitude to the faculty, colleagues and coordinators for the past two years. The experiences acquired both academically and socially from the ISUS will ever be cherished.

Let's continue to shine in our various countries. Long live ISUS! Long live UOS!"

- MGLEP Anthony Appianti

"Good colleagues are folks you can trust, get along with, enjoy a laugh with, and seek assistance from. You're all of these things, without a doubt. Please accept my deepest gratitude for your many acts of kindness and unwavering support throughout the year. Congratulations, and best of luck!"

- MUAP Bereket Melaku Hailu

"또 만나요"

- MGLEP Can Xiao



"Greetings from Mongolia.

Our sincere appreciation for professors and Gumin Jung, Dabin Kim, Hyemi Kim, also so many staff people in ISUS office.

Thank you to the family of MUAP 12 around the world. Hazirah, Norbert, Hnin, Lewi, Liseth, Maria, Martin, Mustapha, Muhamet Unlu, Vedaste, Bereket, Xiaoji Liu, Shella, Sovannry, Sothun, Andry Apriano, Alain, Yordanos, Wilben, Justyna, Yuan Hu, Geoffrey, Temitope, Julio and Long.

Thank you again and again. Erdenemunkh, Enkhchuluun, Galbayar"

- MUAP Galbayar Ganzorigt



"Congratulations all of my friends. I will miss my colleagues and ISUS but the sweet memories we shared together will stay in my heart forever. I sincerely wish you continued success in all your future endeavors. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey."

- MUAP Hnin Wyut Yi



"Dear friends, I am so grateful to God and the University of Seoul that gave us the opportunity to be part of the ISUS family and meet so many amazing people. All of you have a small place in my heart, I miss you all and I will always remember the good times with all of you, and of course I hope we can meet one day again <3. In addition, I would like to say thank you Bad Bunny for your songs you make us dance with them."

- MUAP Julio Cardenas



"My stay in the University of Seoul was the most memorable one of my life time. I have learnt a lot from all my professors and fellow classmates. I believe my completion of ISUS MUAP master's degree program will bring a turning point in my life and springboard me into greater opportunities. I would like to thank all my professors and colleagues in the ISUS. I would also like to thank SMG for sponsoring this prestigious scholarship. "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36 "

- MUAP Lewi Tsegaye Lisanework



"To the ISUS excellent Professors, I would like to express my gratitude for sharing their knowledge and planting new curiosities in our minds. Thanks to you the experience at the University of Seoul was enriching and challenging itself but also a lot satisfying. To all the ISUS Colleagues for the time we spent together."

- MUAP Lisseth Guadalupe Pacheco



"I am feeling so sad to say goodbye, but the reality is that I have to go. However, I will cherish the time and memories of studying at ISUS for my lifetime. At this farewell moment, I would like to express my deepest sense of gratitude to all IUDP professors, who have enriched my knowledge; to all my classmates, friends, and well-wishers for their regular company and co-operation; and to all IUDP officials and staff for their amiable behavior and support to ease our life here in Korea throughout the whole master's program.

Goodbye and best wishes to ISUS and all of you."

- MGLEP Md. Mahiuddin Manik



"Studying at ISUS was for me a life changing experience, besides all the knowledge acquired from our brilliant professors, I got to know the world through my classmates that became family. My heart will always be grateful for the opportunity and the chance to learn more about urban planning and applying it in my country."

- MUAP Maria Landivar



"One year passed by so quickly, and another year passed by in a blink. My deepest appreciation and gratitude to ISUS Professors and fellow ISUS family for the memorable years as an MUAP student. Wishing everyone in good health and praying for more opportunities to gather with everyone in the near future."

- MUAP Nor Hazirah Binti Mohd Ghazali



"Farewell to ISUS and to the amazing MUAP 12 class. Thank you all for the incredible moments and memories that we now will share for a lifetime. May you all have a shining future ahead. Congratulations on this amazing achievement! Looking forward to gathering again soon!"

- MUAP Martin Boldes Alvado



"Thank you, ISUS, my new family, for tolerating me all this beautiful time that we spent together in University of Seoul, sometimes I feel like we will never leave one another. But now we have come to end of our study in this school, it was a journey full of adventure, I believe all of us have learned a lot and we can face the next phase of our life. I will ever remain indebted to many of you. Especially MUAP12, you are wonderful classmates, I'm going to miss you greatly. Every moment I spent here was a great moment; I can never forget all of you. I never felt the way I feel today ever since I came to University of Seoul, the knowledge that I have acquired here are great. My sincere appreciation to all of you my wonderful classmates and our beloved professors, you are all great. I wish I can spend the whole of my life with you people. I still believe that our departure now is not the end of our relationship; we will see ourselves some other times in the future. I will miss you all, goodbye and farewell."

- MUAP Muhamet Unlu



"After two years of sacrifice and hard studying at the University of Seoul South Korea, it was an honor for me that I could achieve the successful completion of Master's Program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy fully sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development (NIEHRD), under the Korean Ministry of Environment. In this special event, I would like to thank first, my Ministry of Environment for giving me this opportunity to become one of the Algerian Environmental Ambassadors in South Korea. Secondly, I express my sincere appreciation for our sponsor (NIEHRD) for taking care of us during the last two years, University of Seoul, professors, staff and my supervisor Hyemin Park. Finally, I dedicate this success to my family, relatives, friends."

-MGLEP Nassima Adouani



"It has been a great pleasure to study in the ISUS of University of Seoul. The good memories experienced there shall be always grafted in my heart. I wish all the best to all the ISUS members as well as its alumni in their future endeavors. Goodbye!"

- MUAP Norbert Kwisanga



"First of all, I would like to express my most profound gratefulness to my advisor, professors, University of Seoul for all the encouragement, kindness, support and valuable advice throughout my two years Master course with the fascinating research in the University of Seoul. Moreover, my two years of study would not be joyful without my dearest friends and classmates. I would like to thank them for their moral support which made my stay and study in South Korea more joyful."

- MGLEP Phavika Kimanivong



"Bidding farewell is the most difficult thing to say to the most amazing teacher on earth. We will surely miss you, but your teachings will forever reside in our hearts. Also, never forget to thank to the ISUS's members who try their best for us to achieve our goal, not only studying urban planning but also understanding the Korean social context and culture. Thank you!"

- MUAP Sothun Mam



"Dear ISUS and colleagues,

I would like to acknowledge the ISUS professors, who patiently thought us from the first day at the University of Seoul until graduation. I spent two years of academic research for environmental policy sponsored by the Ministry of Environment of Korea.

My perspective was explored globally with international friends.

We did various things together: attending workshops, sports, hanging out, and sharing our traditional food, particularly, Korean food is very delicious.

One factor that I gained from South Korea for the success of developing countries is the strong role of transparent policies.

Furthermore, the development of infrastructure for public use is very successful.

Especially, the multiple transportation modes such as train, bus and even taxi that are very convenient and cheap.

After I return to my county, I wish to transfer my experience to create policies that are suitable for my country's situation."

- MGLEP Sountala Eoxayyalatha



"With this wonderful graduation, I would like to express my deep gratitude to UOS, ISUS such as my professors, coordinators, colleagues, and especially thank SMG for this excellent scholarship opportunity. I really enjoyed learning with you all, and I will always remember this Covid learning style. Congratulations and Cheer together!!!"

- MUAP Sovannry Ou



"Dear ISUS and Colleagues, I've learned so much during my time here, and you've been a big part of that. I want to thank you for your mentorship and guidance from coordinator as well as Professor in ISUS.

Thanks and best regards."

- MGLEP Tran Thanh Hung



"I can't find the words to express my deep gratitude during my journey of pursuing master's study in Urban Administration and Planning at University of Seoul.

I have learned a lot more than expected, Seoul City is wonderful, I will keep encouraging my colleagues to visit the city of Seoul for culture and technological inspiration.

I will miss my beloved classmates, coordinators, Korean friends; and my wonderful UOS Professors who feed us with genuine knowledge that will continually shape my pathway.

We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again, some sunny day. Globe becomes a unique place."

- MUAP Vedaste Mazimpaka



"My life changed in a significant way since I got the acceptance letter from UOS ISUS. The best academic and personal experience in Korea. I would like to express my gratitude to ISUS, SMG, UOS, Korea, my professors, coordinators, and classmates. I wish you all the best; thank you for this opportunity and your hospitality. All the knowledge will be implemented for the benefit of my dear Colombia."

- MUAP Wilben Palacios Barrera



"A place full of memories in Korea, a place I call home. ISUS"

-MGLEP Sugeng Prihatin Sihabudin



"I appreciate & I love everything happened here - UOS, ISUS, my dorm, every professor, every classmate, everyone, every day of life here. The time at ISUS has become a part of my life, and the memory of it has become a part of my mind. Therefore, there is no farewell, for we were, are, and will always be one."

- MUAP Xiaoji Liu



"Although time in University of Seoul was so short, it has become the most unforgettable memory in my life. Although I have little communication with my classmates and professors, they have become the most precious mentors and helpful friends in my life.

Although COVID-19 has hindered our face-to-face verbal communication, it has brought us closer to our hearts.

Too much to give up, too much to thank, too much to love."

- MUAP Yuan Hu



"Dear ISUS family,

This is KOICA YP(Young Professional), Yeeun Kang and I have written this newsletter interview article since February,2021 . And this is the last interview article that I wrote. It was a great honor to listen your precious stories and write them down in the articles.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for sharing your stories.

I hope the interview articles captured your shining moments and became a channel for communication among ISUS family members.

Thank you. "

- KOICA YP Yeeun Kang



The end



UOS Campus in August



Fall Semester comes soon!



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