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2018 Seoul Policy Sharing Conference

To enhance relationships with partner organizations and discuss global urban issues and development challenges, as well as to share outcomes of International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) international training programs through presentations by alumni of ISUS master programs, the ISUS steered the 2018 Seoul Policy Sharing Conference last August 21, 2018 at the International Conference Hall (2F), Natural Science Building, University of Seoul (UOS). The event was participated by the ISUS alumni and students, Senior-level managers from partner countries and cities and their agencies, and officials from Seoul and Korean government.

A congratulatory remarks was delivered by the UOS President, Yun Hi Won together with the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) Director General of International Cooperation Bureau, Pil Young Kang, initiated the conference. An acceptance thru its opening remark was also conveyed by the ISUS Dean, Man-Hee Han. The conference was also held as part of the centennial celebration of UOS.

The invited 12 experts, decision makers and officials from 10 countries (Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Poland, Colombia and Egypt) gave presentations on their field of expertise.

The conference was divided into three sessions. The first session had presentation and discussion by high level officials from partner cities on the theme “Challenges in Urban Development and International Cooperation”, and Session 2 and 3 talked about the policy sharing cases that was presented by the ISUS, UOS Alumni.

2018 ISUS Commencement



During the graduation ceremonies, diplomas were awarded to 79 students from 40 countries, it was held on two commencement dates February 22, 2018 (41 graduates) and August 22, 2018 (38 graduates). Graduates received their diplomas in Global Construction Management, Global Construction Engineering, Global Infrastructure Development, Sustainable Urban Development, Master of Urban Administration and Planning- 9th cohort, Master of Urban and Regional Development- 3rd cohort and Master of Sustainability and Environmental Policy-2nd cohort.

The graduates' commencement was delivered by Dr. Man-Hee Han (Dean, ISUS). During the ceremony, individual students were also recognized for their outstanding overall academic performance on their individual study programs. The ceremony was concluded by a group pictures to reminisce the meaningful events.

Distinguished guests, family and friends attended the ceremony to share in the success of our graduates. The faculty, management and staff of ISUS wish all of the graduates a success in their future careers and further studies, and proudly congratulate them on their academic achievements and successful graduation as they end their journey to enrich their knowledge and experience in ISUS.

A New Beginning: The launching of the 1st Global Infrastructure Development Scholarship Program



In cooperation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) assisted by the International Construction Association of Korea (ICAK), the International Urban Development Program (IUDP), International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS), University of Seoul hosted the launching of the 1st Global Infrastructure Development Scholarship Program (GIDSP) with the course title of Master of Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD). The program having a course duration of 16 months (August 2018-December 2019) a total of three semesters, will enhance the cooperation of infrastructure development capabilities of government employees in developing countries as well as supporting the Korean construction companies overseas.

There are more than 90 students from 20 developing countries applied for the program during the admission, but only 19 applicants from fifteen 15 countries of 3 different continents who successfully selected as the 1st batch of the said program.

These new students had taken the first step towards becoming experts in infrastructure by taking theoretical and practical knowledge in the extensive field and will be conferred of the MIPD. By hosting the MIPD, ISUS has taken a step further to promote Korea's capacity of nurturing urban experts to the World and to extend its realm of education in urban, construction and infrastructure field. The students will also share their experience in Korean-style infrastructure development with ISUS, the nation's hub for infrastructure development in a professional institution.

The 4th Global Friends Night



ISUS held the 4th Global Friends Night, at the International Conference Hall, 21st Century Building, University of Seoul (UOS) last 21st of August with 181 attendees including ambassadors and chancellor, and the ISUS family. The ISUS family comprises of 115 international students and alumni from 9th, 10th and 11th cohorts of the MUAP, 3rd and 4th cohorts of the MGLEP and 1st cohort of MIPD, 21 Korean students and the ISUS faculty and staff.

The event started with the opening remarks by ISUS Dean, Man-Hee Han and a plaque and certificate were presented to the selected students. Afterwards, the subsequent dinner banquet and some gifts and surprises were prepared that enlivened the event created a space for communication and networking among the alumni.

Global Friends Night is an occasion for fellowship between the students. It is a meaningful gathering that establishes close human resource networks with foreign students and regenerates international exchange.

Global Network Seminar: An in-depth international collaboration experience



The Global Network Seminar(GNS) outside room activities were formulated to create an in-depth collaboration among diverse international and Korean students as a team on their selected project presentation. Last September 12, 2018, the 6th GNS team went to Dong-daemun market to experience actual Korean daily activities with their host (Korean students) and afterwards visited a cafe for a closed-group discussion on their prospect project presentation.

This great venue sets opportunities that will be built through global networks and developed insights for global construction industry most especially for the Korean students and simultaneously experience best practice of the construction industry and cities in Korea for the international students.

In addition to building human networks with each other, it is also possible to create memorable memories while understanding and experiencing Korea.

As such, the teams formulated for the GNS will not only end in their final presentation but will also mark an in-depth relationship during and after the study in Korea.

SCSP 2018: A Seoul's Experience



The Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS) co-hosted the Seoul Case Study Program (SCSP) on 3 events, from 24th to 31st of March, 12th to 19th of May and 20th to 27th of October 2018, at the International Conference Room, Natural Science Building, University of Seoul. During these events, more than 100 graduate students and professors from 13 universities in USA visited Seoul for a week to learn SMG related policies. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how Seoul manages its complex yet diverse city from distinguished lecturers on urban planning, housing, energy policy, water and waste management, public transportation and e-government. Moreover, aside from lectures and seminars, related field visits were arranged to augment the participants experience on the system and its actual practice on the field.

In addition, joint seminars with the International Urban Development Program (IUDP) students were organized. This is a great opportunity for SCSP and IUDP students to share and exchange their knowledge, ideas and expertise on the specified field for its governmental implementation.

After each event a very active discussions among all the participants and students took place, and although it is a very brief introduction with a limited time it is a great panorama for the topic.

As the importance of this program accelerates, the London School of Economics and Political Science will join SCSP next year, an event to look forward to. With this, ISUS and SMG will add more effort to invite more universities around the world to share and expand the knowledge of urban management of SMG.

A Year of Reflection



By Glieza Eroy-Caceres, MGLEP 3rd

For the last 15 months, the experience of the third batch of Masters of Global Leaders for Environmental Policy (MGLEP) students on living and studying abroad has turned out to be one of the most enjoyable, but also most challenging, years of their lives.

As if leaving a familiar way of life was not enough, accepting the challenge that lies ahead of us is of great excitement, this is the essence of being an international student.

Adjustment to the unique academic, social and cultural challenges of living and studying in the University of Seoul, International School of Urban Science (ISUS) taking up MGLEP is more than gratifying. Meeting these new family and new challenges, have been my motivations (aside from my kids and family) that eventually will be a mark of career advancement through these prestigious professional institution, the ISUS.

During my stay it has proven to be an overwhelmingly positive experience. The outlook of being out of your normal life for 2 years is a bit exciting: with all its ups and downs, trials and errors, good and bad, happiness and sadness, but in totality, for the last 15 months, the experience is worth it.

Here, I go to class, hang out and do fun stuff and I have learned more not just about Seoul but about myself. For almost 2 years, you get to see how your life could have been different and I think I now have a greater faith in myself, and I have discovered better what it is I can do as an individual. The experience has proven to be very important, more so personally than academically.

Adding to this, the rediscovery of an almost childlike behavior, an uninhibited will to make the best of new opportunities and adventures may occur, as what have Arief (Indonesia) said "I've been skiing, hiking and even tried the horrifying T-Express in Everland while I've been here". As such, for Napatcha (Thailand) the last 15 months in Seoul was an incredibly positive experience. "I have gained a lot of self-confidence," Napatcha noted.

One of the main challenges that students are facing has been the adjustment to a new academic system, with all the differing expectations and priorities that goes with it. For me, the adjustment has been both challenging and rewarding. Adding up the material I'm studying is more interesting and specific to what I'm interested in, with much better facilities and resources that are available, although there have been ups and downs academically but the professors are really here for the students. In whatever way you put it, it's a tough thing to do, more especially to go away from your family and all your friends, and still do reasonably well and still have a good time as well.

Many international students spent time studying abroad to gain a better perspective and understanding of their country of choice. For UOS, Korea, this seems especially true; I have gained a positive stereotype of the country as really genuine and the realization of the value of experiencing the reality first-hand. "Being here has given me a more nuanced or balanced view, because, what do you really know about countries until you go?" Adawiya (Malaysia) wondered. "You hear a lot of the good and bad stuff, but after immersion here, I think I now have a more positive view and a better understanding of Seoul and South Korea in general."

It's an opportunity to be who you are without all the constraints of everyday life; it's also a fresh slate where you can really be who you want to be in life. But I wouldn't say it's for everyone. You have to be sure that it's what you want. It shouldn't be because you want to get away, but because you want to get something out of the place you're going to.

Few international students would underestimate the greatness of the challenge of leaving every familiar facet of life behind for something as unknown and inconceivable as two years in a foreign country. To top it all the new found family that is formed will conquer all the challenges that lie ahead of them. Nevertheless, it is the togetherness in facing the challenge that determines the size of the reward in meeting it.

Korea indeed changed all of us in more ways than one, in that, we definitely are different people from whom we were more than 15 months back. Every single experience is an added element to each of the representative's from all 11 countries. And this experience will still continue.

Urban Infra Forum (2018 1st~7th)

A discussion forum on a development, environment, construction or related issues with an invited speaker. Participants are mainly International School of Urban Studies members who consist of Foreign Public Officials and Domestic Practitioners from the field of Construction, Environmental Management, Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Planning & Development, etc.

With a combination of their expertise, the forum acts as a platform for international networking and mutual learning. Regardless of background, anyone who has interest in the topic can join our forum on the basis of survey participation.



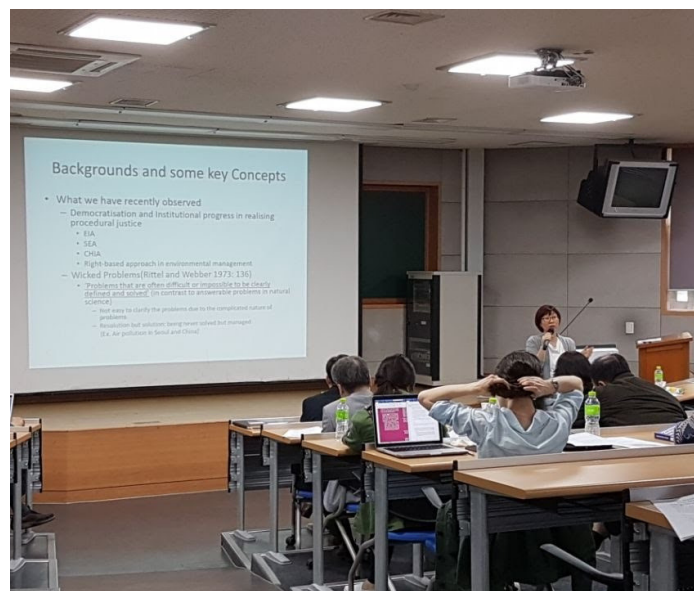
2018 1st Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Why the Saemaul Movement is so important to understanding Korea's social and economic transformation
- SPEAKER: Dr. Kim, Joon-Kyung (Former President of Korea Development Institute)
- DATE & TIME: March 8 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: International Conference Room(2F), Natural Science Building



2018 2nd Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Smart City and Smart Community: Korea's Experiences and Lessons
- SPEAKER: Dr. Hwang, Jong-Sung (Lead Researcher, National Information Society Agency)
- DATE & TIME: April 12 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: International Conference Room(2F), Natural Science Building



2018 3rd Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Citizen research and participatory planning for sustainable society: the cases of the Mekong region and Seoul
- SPEAKER: Dr. Kim, Ko-Un (Associate Research Fellow, the Seoul Institute)
- DATE & TIME: May 10 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: Classroom 5-202 (1F), Liberal Arts Building(Humanities Building)



2018 4th Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Climate Change, Sustainability Development and Emerging Technologies: Opportunity or Threat?
- SPEAKER: Dr. Park, JiYoung (Associate Professor, The State University of New York at Buffalo)
- DATE & TIME: June 14 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: International Conference Room(2F), Natural Science Building



2018 5th Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Paradigm shift of Korean Environmental Policies
- SPEAKER: Dr. Ju, Dae-Young(President, National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development(NIEHRD))
- DATE & TIME: September 13 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: International Conference Room(2F), Natural Science Building



2018 6th Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: 1989/90: The process of German Unification
- SPEAKER: Dr. Christian Taaks (Head of Korea Office, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom)
- DATE & TIME: October 11 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: #120-1(2F), Changgong Hall



2018 7th Urban Infra Forum

- TOPIC: Korea : Your Strategic Partner
- SPEAKER: Dr. Song, Young Wan (Vice Chairman, International Contractors Association of Korea)
- DATE & TIME: November 08 (Thu.) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- VENUE: International Conference Hall, 2F Natural Science Building

ISUS: An Outside Classroom Teaching Experience

As a student, in order to gain in-depth richness knowledge of a certain topic, field trips are an opportunity to enhance the theoretical knowledge achieve in classroom. International School of Urban Sciences(ISUS) recognized the important moments of learning through field trips, moreover, it is also a shared social experience that provides the opportunity for students to encounter and explore novel things in an authentic setting. The ISUS also showcase the opportunity to the international students to deepen and enhance classroom studies that will assert the quality in the curriculum of every program offered and to top it all in every successful quality field trips, staffs preparation and Professors interaction are fully equipped with great support that extends the learning of the students beyond the walls of a classroom.

Field Trip: Wonju, Pyeongchang, Gangneung



On May 11th to 12th, 2018, ISUS conducted 2 days 1 night field trip near Gangwon province, with a total of 100 participants encompasses of faculties, staffs, MUAP 10th, MGLEP 2nd & 3rd, and Korean students.

Smart city interests most of the international students, and living in Korea which is one of the leading countries who initiated its concept would be a great opportunity for an actual visit, therefore the ISUS exposed the students to a new experience that can increase interest and engagement in innovation cities regardless of prior knowledge in the topic. The city planners among the participants showcase Wonju Innovation City as an example concept that they may apply in their governmental implementation.

At the height of the events of the winter Olympics 2018 the ISUS family also visited Pyeongchang Olympic facilities, wherein the conductor of the group illustrates the Olympians journey on the prestigious occasion. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

Cultural tourism in Gangneung also platforms the beauty of Korea, the great scenery lightens the academic weight of the students as well. Aside from being the site of some famous Korean drama through its lighthouses, the location also caters among the best coffee in Korea, such a great relaxation while enjoying the breathtaking ocean view.

Field Trip: Incheon



The ISUS conducted a semester start field trip cum meeting, with a great management of the ISUS Korean Students Association last September 14th to 15th, 2018, it is a 2 days 1 night event that comprises of 117 participants which include faculties, staff, MUAP 11th, MGLEP 3rd & 4th, MIPD 1st and Korean students.

Having visited to one of the world's longest bridge in terms of length and to the world's longest cable-stayed bridge between main towers is of great privilege. The Incheon Bridge which connects Yeongjongdo island develops an international distribution complex, airport and the Songdo island as well. The bridge was historically built by a vision of the ancestors of the developers and was realized through international cooperation that also leads to one of the pioneered Public-Private Partnership(PPP) context in Korea as well.

In conjunction to the Incheon Bridge, the Incheon International Airport which is categorize as the one of the world's busiest airports that served not only South Korea but also as a hub for international transit. It is awarded as the best airport worldwide by airports

council international for 11 consecutive years, and aside from the high-technologies it possess, the management also top in ranked in terms of services offered.

To enhance the eagerness of smart city concept and apart from learning the background and history of Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) G-Tower, this new sustainable smart city with high technologies also practices an eco-friendly building design that creates the ultimate lifestyle and work experience in Korea.

The Incheon Metropolitan City Museum provides exhibitions, musical performance and other cultural and social events that also showcase Korea's history, which marks an experience that can be recalled and useful even after a long visit.

To conclude the event, a long night gathering with exciting programs prepared that marks the 2018 semester starts meeting leaves a spot that can never be erase in our lifetime, it was a remarkable and enjoyable experience.

Field Trip: Jogyesa temple



In line with the midterm exam and requirements, the ISUS arrange a field trip that boosts the spiritual experience of some students. Last November 3rd, 2018, ISUS steered a Korean Culture experience in Jogyesa Temple at the heart of Seoul city. Participated by about 50 ISUS members, faculties and students.

The Jogyesa Temple is the center of Korean Buddhism, the event was programmed with a tea time with Buddhist monk and paper-flower making activity. These results an effective gain such as more positive feelings towards inner-self.

The day was concluded with a mingled-party in Insadong that tightens the closeness among members.

An AUTUMNrific experience in NAM-I



By Glieza Eroy-Caceres, MGLEP 3rd

As a reward for the great accomplishment in our academic chapter and before the leaves will all be fallen, we took time to take a glance on the beauty of Naminara Republic in Chuncheon-si or the so-called Nam-i Island. We've visited the island on 7th of November and were amazed by the beautiful autumn views with vibrant colours of green, yellow, brown and red leaves. Although the place is quite far from the city central and the ferry was extremely crowded (locals and tourist), the nice autumn foliage made the trip worthwhile. To add up, the lake is perfectly beautiful that enhances the attractive scenery, what a great day spent with precious FUNtastics friends, such a terrific experience. Can't wait for the winter sonata feelings as the famous Korean drama situated! Till next time NAM-I!

News for ISUS Staff

Dr. Hyeon Park Inaugurated as ISUS Second Dean



Dr. Hyeon Park, the former International School of Urban Science (ISUS) Vice Dean at the University of Seoul was formally inaugurated as the second Dean of the ISUS on Monday 3rd of September 2018. The dean succeeds Dr. Man-hee Han who serves as Dean since 2013.

ISUS operates four Master's program for international government officials; MUAP, MURD, MGLEP and MIPD in cooperation with Seoul Metropolitan Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Environment and recently the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. The Seoul Case Study Program (SCSP) for graduates' students from prestigious universities in US and UK to share Seoul's urban policies has also been a core program of the ISUS under IUDP.

As such, ISUS offers two Master's programs for Korean professionals in the field of global construction and sustainable urban development.

With an increasing number of ISUS alumni from more than 60 countries, Dr. Shin Lee, as the new vice-dean who is going to help the new dean in the ISUS programs in contributing network building amongst able professional who will be leading future urban development across the globe. As the vice-dean, Dr. Shin Lee also acts as the Director of the International Urban Development Program (IUDP), MGLEP and Sustainable Urban Development.

News for ISUS Staff

Dr. Chunho Yeom New Professor Joined for ISUS



Dr. Chunho Yeom has joined as a new professor of the ISUS from March 1st, 2018 and has taught Construction Risk Management, Global Infrastructure Development Case Study, Construction Management, and Global Network Seminar. Dr. Yeom is also in charge of the Global Construction Department. Prior to joining the ISUS, he had worked in the Korea Expressway Corporation(KEC) for almost 20 years. While he worked for the KEC, he participated several new and widening expressway project in Korea and experienced to work with the American Association of State highway and Transportation Officials(AASHTO) in the US. Dr. Yeom hopes to share his expertise in the area of construction management, road and transportation engineering, traffic safety and analysis, and so on.



**Special thanks to Glieza and all other
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