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ISUS Newsletter

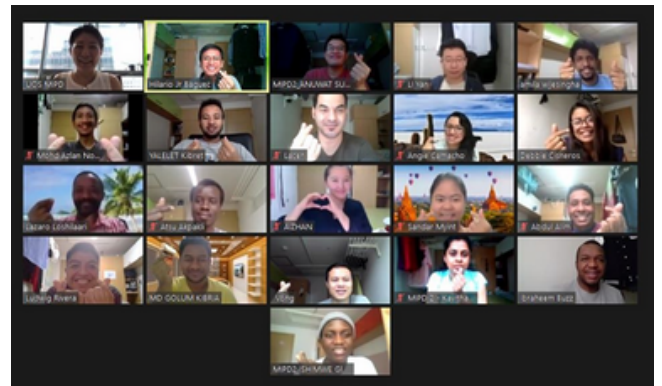
International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

MIPD 2nd Cohort Finished their Second Semester

The MIPD batch 2 students ended their 2020 spring semester with a bang!

The end of June also marks the end of this semester. Despite the consequences brought by the pandemic, students enjoyed their classes online. This semester, most of the courses are online, but the presentation and the final exam were conducted in face-to-face classes. To protect all students, professors, and staff, some protocols and measures were implemented during the face-to-face classes. IUDP coordinators checked the temperature of all participants, and everyone must wear their masks.

Anyways, Congratulations to all IUDP students by finishing the semester.



< Last class of "Regional policy class" >



< Last class of "Smart city" >



< Face-to-face class for presentation and final exam >



IUDP completed Admission Process for MGLEP, MIPD, and MURD

The ISUS International Urban and Development Program (IUDP) is set to welcome a new crop of students from all over the world for the 2020 Fall semester. ISUS will announce the final result of the selection for the MGLEP 6th cohort, MIPD 3rd cohort, and MURD in July 2020.

MGLEP #6 Admission

A total of 24 candidates for the Master's Program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP) undergone extensive screening from June 1 to June 12, 2020. Applicants were thoroughly evaluated through document screening, and a video interview was conducted. Also, an entrance exam carried out as part of the evaluation.

MIPD #3 Admission

Application for the 2020 Master of Infrastructure Planning & Development (MIPD) was extended until May 22, 2020. Evaluation of accepted applicants consisted of document review and interview. Twenty new students were selected for the program.

MURD Program Admission

Master of Urban and Regional Development (MURD) program has finished its admission evaluation, and the final accepted applicants will be announced on July 10, 2020. Same with the MIPD program, a total of 20 students successfully passed the screening process.

Students will be admitted at the start of the 2020 Fall Semester on the following IUDP program course duration:

Program Duration

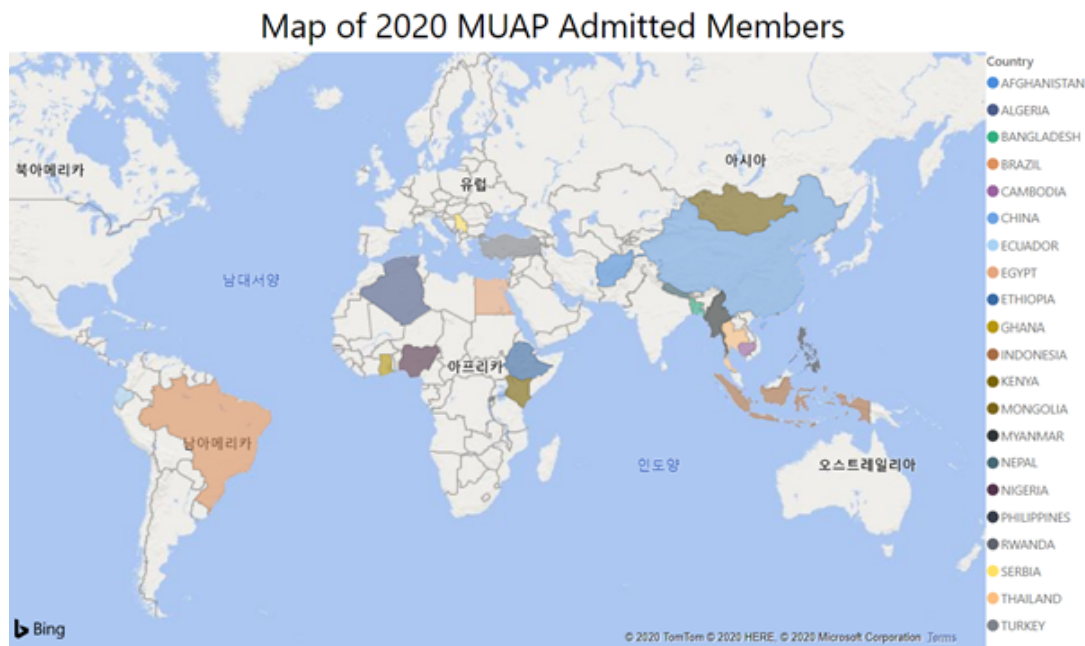
MGLEP 2020 August~2022 August

MIPD 2020 August~2021 December

MURD 2020 August~2022 January

ISUS is looking forward to meeting the new IUDP program participants.

ISUS Welcomes 27 New MUAP Students



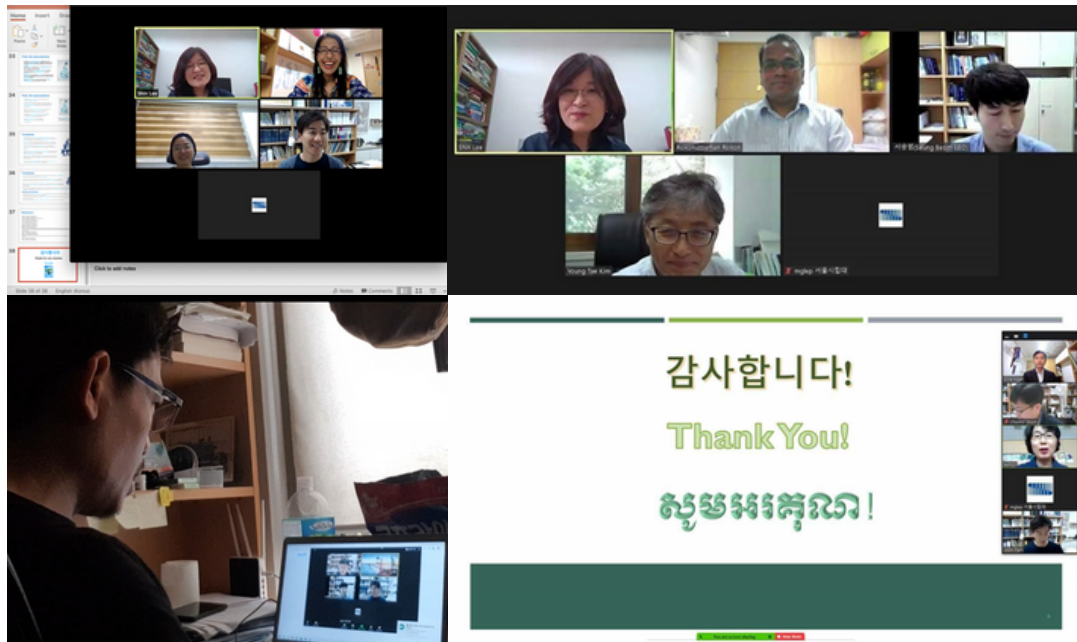
ISUS would like to send congratulations on the acceptance of the newly admitted MUAP students!

In 2020, MUAP accepts 27 students from 21 countries amid struggles with COVID-19. They are scheduled to arrive in Seoul on August 3, 2020, and will undergo preliminary courses offered by ISUS after 2 weeks of self-quarantine.

The preliminary courses are provided for a smooth start of learning and life in Seoul. The courses consist of Korean culture, fundamental knowledge in the field of urban planning, and life orientation in UOS. The contents of courses are subject to change according to UOS instructions and measures against COVID-19.

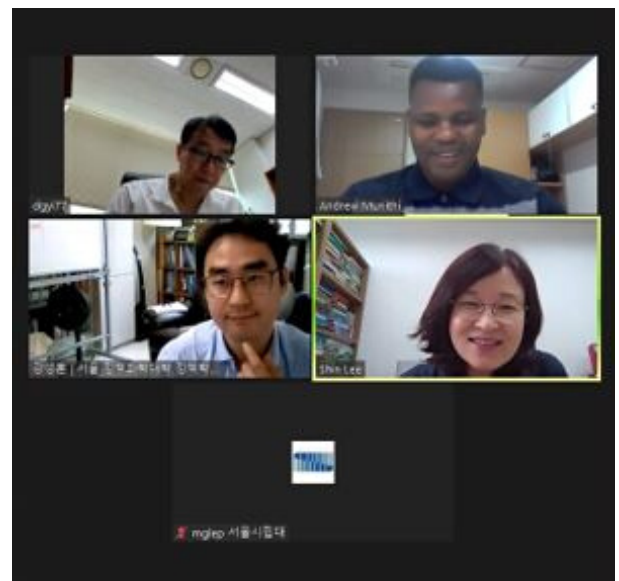
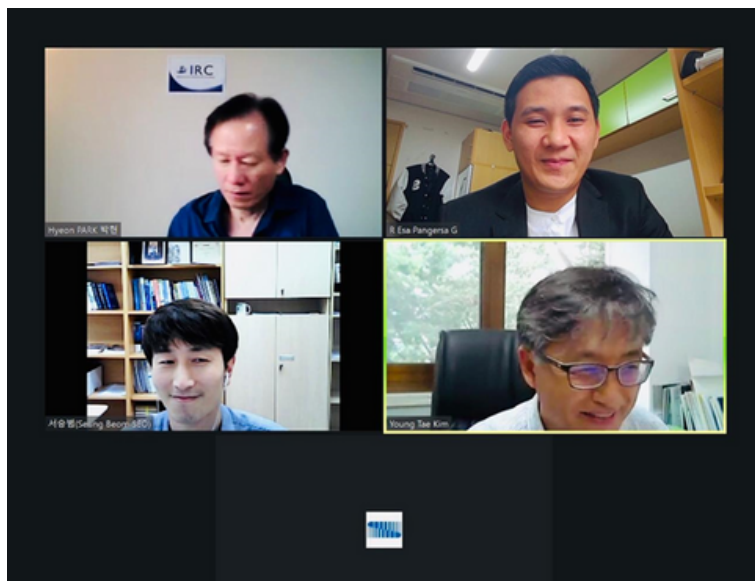
ISUS asks ISUS Family to welcome and help the new members to get used to everything they have to take care of.

MGLEP 4 Final Thesis Exam



The MGLEP 4th cohort took the final thesis evaluation last June 11 and 12, 2020. The final evaluation was conducted online, as part of the University's precautionary measures against COVID-19.

ISUS is grateful for all the efforts and extensive work that the students done to finish their program. Congratulations!



MUAP 11th Cohort Thesis Exams for 2020 Spring Graduation

MUAP 11th Cohort participated in the thesis exam for the 2020 Spring Graduation. ISUS requires IUDP students to submit a Master's thesis for graduation. All Master's degree candidates must acquire approvals from the thesis committee at exams twice, consisting of a candidate's presentation, Q&A, and the committee's review.

MUAP 11th Cohort also went through exams held respectively in early April and early June. Candidates who gained a passing grade are about to submit their thesis to the UOS library.

ISUS sends congratulation to all participants who expert enormous effort to finish one of the grandest projects.

Journey to Home Country During Pandemic Season



Wilben Palacios, a student of the 12th cohort of MUAP, recently went back to his home in Colombia due to family emergency reasons. He was interviewed by Caracol News, a Colombian broadcasting news station.

Here's the summary of his journey:

A few months ago, I received a notice that my wife, Adriana Diaz had an accident in Bogotá, the capital city of Colombia. I went back to my country despite the COVID-19 situation to take care of my wife. Going back home, it was interesting to note that only the Incheon International Airport had deliberate protocols against COVID-19. I arrived in Colombia on March 9, and my wife had a successful surgery a week later. I initially plan to return to South Korea on March 28; however, a mandatory quarantine was implemented in Colombia from March 24 until July 15, 2020. Also, borders and airports have been closed until September 1, 2020.

Being at home with my wife was a rewarding experience. She recovered from the surgery, enjoyed family time and played with our dog. Also, during the quarantine, I had an operation on my bicep and still recovering. My wish to return to Korea was present all the time, having online classes in a different time zone countries with 14 hours is not easy. I used to sleep 4 to 5 hours a day trying to continue with a normal life and being a student from 7 pm until 9 am of the next day. Returning to South Korea demanded a particular effort. I booked and lost 2 flight tickets, asked permission from the Colombian government to return to South Korea, and asked the US Embassy for a humanitarian flight. I also spent my birthday on an airport in-between flights. Finally, after 3 months in Colombia, I returned to South Korea and did another 14 days quarantine.

The UOS members, professors, classmates, friends, and life here in Korea are a few of the reasons that make me back. Being here is a unique experience, and the only way to enjoy it is to be here. I'm thankful for all the support, prayers, and good wishes on my way back. I'm grateful to be here and be a UOS-ISUS-MUAP member.

The Malaysian Embassy Visited the School



The Malaysian Embassy visited the University of Seoul on 29th of June. They met with our Malaysian ISUS students. Also, they handed out masks to Malaysian students and interviewed them about their overall life in Korea.

The Second half of 2020 starts!



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