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ISUS Newsletter

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Cover Story

<Mid-term Exam & Graduation and Qualification Exam>

Students will take a mid-term exam on April, GC and SUD students will participate in the Graduation and Qualification exam on April 15th in the Law Building. ISUS essentially requires students to pass the Graduation and Qualification Exam for graduation. All Master's degree candidates must pass the 2 or 3 subjects until graduation.

<Interview>

For April's interview, let us read about Janekan Janekankit (MUAP 5), who is a local official at the Thai Trade Center in Poland. He will share his experiences and the ISUS program's effects on his career.

<71st Urban Infra Forum>

The ISUS 71st Urban Infra Forum (UIF) was held on April 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom. The topic was "Introduction to Korean Forest Policy – From Greening to Sustainable Forest Management in the Republic of Korea", and it was delivered by Hyun PARK, who is currently the President of the National Institute of Forest Science.

<COVID-19 become serious>

Daily confirmed cases have been growing rapidly since March and now it is still serious as it is almost 100,000 every day. So, we have prepared an article on how to prevent COVID-19 in this month's issue.

Newsletter Interview Article: MUAP Alumni Janekan Janekankit

ISUS presents a special series of interviews to share stories of ISUS members.

For April's interview, let us read about Janekan Janekankit (MUAP 5), who is a local official at the Thai Trade Center in Poland. He will share his experiences and the ISUS program's effects on his career.



Q1. Please, introduce yourself.

Janekan Janekankit : My name is Janekan Janekankit. I am one of 15 students of the 5th generation of the program 'MUAP', Master of Urban Administration and Planning. Moreover, we were the first group that moved to UOS in 2012 from Korean University. Back then, I was a city planner and an architect from the Department of City Planning at Bangkok Metropolitan Administration in Thailand. Currently, I live in Poland with my wife and two kids, and my wife Patrycja (who is also MUAP 5 alumnus).

Q2. Could you describe your job and the organization you belong to?

Janekan Janekankit : I work for the Thai Trade Centre Warsaw. My position is Assistant Director as local staff. Our office takes care of the Thai firms that are looking to invest and expand their businesses in Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. I am in charge of collecting and analyzing the data of the trading market and also cooperating with Thai companies and providing them with useful information.

Q3. What was your career path like after the ISUS program? How did the ISUS programs help you with building your career?

Janekan Janekankit : While studying at ISUS, I started to enjoy learning and sharing my knowledge with others. So, after finishing my studies, I went back to Thailand and changed my career to be a lecturer in the university at the Faculty of Architecture, Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi. So, I could share with more people the knowledge I acquired in Korea.

Later, I changed my living place from Asia to Europe, and I started a career in Poland as an educator. Thanks to the ISUS program, I could easily start my career in the education field. I had the chance to give lectures at some universities and colleges. Then with my wife, we created the after-school activity program called “Little Architect and Planner” or “Mały architekt i urbanista” in the Polish language where we teach kids about city planning and architectural design.

In 2019, after 3 years of living in Poland, the Thai Trade Centre office in Warsaw needed more staff because there was more workload and the office had to take care of more countries. Therefore, I joined this office. However, I still use the knowledge from ISUS in my current job mostly to find reliable data sources and analyze the data and prepare the report and information for people who are interested in specific issues.

Q4. Could you share with us the most memorable experience from ISUS?

Janekan Janekankit : I would say “people” is the most memorable experience from ISUS. Honestly, without ISUS, UOS, SMG, and the MUAP program, I could not have made my life here in Poland. I do not want to make it dramatic, but the truth needs to be told. Firstly, I met my wife, Patrycja Baginska during my studies in Korea, because we were classmates. That was the biggest help I received from the ISUS programs.



But not only my wife also the other friends I met in Korea. I do remember how I met my friends in the late summer in Korea and the time we spent together after class. It's like it just happened yesterday, even though it will be soon 10 years. I do remember how kind many professors and staff were because we come from different countries and different cultures, I am sure that they need to be patient a lot with us who are very demanding (haha!).

Other precious experiences for me were the field trips. We had field trips in every class, for example, in the Urban Transportation Planning class, we had a chance to visit subway construction sites, and the TOPIS in SMG. In Urban Administration class, we visited the district office. In Sustainable Development class, the Global Green Growth Summit 2013 in Incheon. Moreover, during the semesters break, we had trips to visit many cities in Korea like Busan, Songdo, Pohang, and many more. Those are my invaluable memories.

Q5. Do you have any other words to share with ISUS students?

Janekan Janekankit : Congratulations to all of the ISUS students. You have already stepped into your future that may change your life forever.

Finally, you may know about the situation in Ukraine, and I live in Poland. We never know what will happen. Then, ISUS students, please enjoy every moment there in Korea, a place that is full of knowledge, kind people, and beautiful sceneries. A place that you will never forget even if 10 years have passed, like me.

ISUS 70th Urban Infra Forum



The ISUS 70th Urban Infra Forum (UIF), marked the first UIF for the 2022 Spring Semester, it was held on Wednesday, March 16th, from 07:00 to 8:30 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom. This edition's topic was “ESG and Smart City Development,” delivered by Gwangbok LEE, who is currently the Head of Policy Advisory & Consulting Department from the Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND).

Through the 70th UIF, participants were granted a valuable opportunity to learn “what ESG is, why it emerged as the main issue, how it created a bubble, why ‘smart city’ is relevant to ESG, and how to develop a smart city in practice.”

3. Smart city development in principle

To realize the smart city projects, there are works to do for each stakeholder.



ESG(, ESG Bubble.) and Smart city development

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UIF is a discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers.

Participants of this forum are mainly ISUS members, who are Foreign Public Officials as well as Domestic Practitioners. Thanks to the combination of participants' experiences, the forum has served as a platform for international networking and mutual learning.

You can find the lecture materials of UIF on the website below.

http://isus.uos.ac.kr/freeTC/list.do?list_id=50018C7

ISUS homepage > Community > Urban Infra Forum

COVID-19 Guidelines

The number of confirmed cases is increasing day by day. Therefore, we would like to inform you of how to prevent COVID-19:

1. Be sure to wear a mask in indoor facilities or crowded outdoors.
 2. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently for at least 30 seconds with soap.
 3. Refrain from visiting places where there is no ventilation and where many people gather.
 4. Keep a distance of 2m (minimum 1m) between people.
 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 6. Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or with tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 7. Avoid contact with people with fever or respiratory symptoms (such as coughing or shortness of breath).
 8. Check your daily symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever and respiratory symptoms
- * Main symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, fatigue, loss of appetite, phlegm, digestive symptoms (nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, etc.), dizziness, runny nose.
9. Avoid unnecessary travel.

UOS Campus in April



Flowers blossom!



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