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2019 MGLEP Batch 3 Completion Ceremony

“It is the right time to begin the lifetime learning...”

This was the message of ISUS Dean, Dr. Park Hyeon to the graduates of MGLEP Batch 3 at the 2019 MGLEP Completion Ceremony on July 12, 2019. The Dean also encouraged the fifteen (15) graduates to always do their best in formulating and implementing environmental policies. He also emphasizes that the University of Seoul (UOS), especially ISUS, will always be there to support them.

The graduation ceremony was held at the International Conference Hall, Natural Science Building. It was attended by the faculty members and staff of ISUS. Mr. Lee Byeong Hwa, President of National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development (NIEHRD), and Mr. Jeong Myeong Hwan, Deputy Director of Climate Change Policy Bureau, Ministry of Environment, also graced the occasion.

Mr. Lee Byeong Hwa delivered a congratulatory speech while Mr. Sylvester Chisika Ngome, the class valedictorian, gave a farewell speech. On his speech, Mr. Ngome encouraged everyone to celebrate and be thankful for what they have accomplished for the last two years.

Over fifty (50) family members of MGLEP batch 3 flew over to Korea to congratulate and celebrate this special day.

The special awards given during the ceremony are as follows:

Certificate of distinction awarded by the minister of environment:

Ms. Glieza Eroy Caceres (Philippines)

Mr. Sylvester Chisika Ngome (Kenya)

Academic Excellence Award:

Mr. Sylvester Chisika Ngome (Kenya)

Master's Thesis of Exceptional Quality:

Ms. Glieza Eroy Caceres (Philippines)

Dean's Award:

Mr. Fajar Tri Yunianto (Indonesia)

Vietnam Internship Program



Last July 22 to July 26, 2019, six (6) ISUS students from Global Construction (5) and Sustainable Urban Development (1) visited Korean branches of construction and engineering companies located in Viet Nam, and the Viet Nam Institute for Urban and Rural Planning (VIUP) as part of the Global Internship Program. The VIUP is mainly in charge of developing Viet Nam's Urban Planning System. This institute has chosen Korea's case as one of the most notable examples to compare and find a source for achieving its goal to be an unprecedented success case in the world.

Led by Professor Shin Lee, the group of students visited the National Exhibition Construction Center (NECC), Starlake City (Daewoo E&C), LH

Hanoi Branch, Hanoi KOICA Office, and VKIST (Heerim) Construction Site. Also, the said students, who came from public and private construction sector, prepared a national urban system planning in Korea, and organized visiting the field to broaden their sights and get insights to be prepared for the further relationship between Korea and Viet Nam in the near future.

The internship program mainly aims to enhance understanding about the urban planning policies and construction market in Viet Nam.

Cambodia Internship Program



For many, the summer is a time for vacation and relaxation. However, for the eight ISUS students, the summer was a chance to gain as much as knowledge and experience on urban science, construction, and engineering industries.

Six (6) Global Construction students and two (2) Sustainable Urban Development students were assigned in Cambodia to do their internship from July 15 to July 19, 2019. The internship is part of the Global Internship Program of ISUS to promote the global capacity of urban science, construction, and engineering industries in Korea.

Based on a knowledge-sharing program, and network building, ISUS ultimately want to discover or promote mutual cooperation with the host country in various sectors.

The students, led by Professor Chunho Yeom, held their internship at the Cambodia Ministry of Public Works and Transport, and Cambodia City Hall. Also, they visited Boeng Tra Baek Pumping Station, Phnom Penh KOICA Office, and Boo Young Construction Site as part of the program.

MUAP & MIPD Field Trip to Southern-East Coast



The MUAP 11th batch and MIPD 1st batch visited the Southern-East Coast part of Korea last July 22 to July 24, 2019. The group had an enjoyable and scholarly tour of Gyeongju, Ulsan, and Busan.

First stop: The MUAP and MIPD students visited notable historical sites in Gyeongju. They toured the Seokguram Grotto, Bulguksa Temple, and Cheonmachong Ancient Tomb, which are a heritage from Silla dynasty. Gyeongju was the capital city of the ancient kingdom of Silla.





Second stop: The group also had a trip to the tunnel construction site, which is part of the Ulsan National Highway. Kolon Global Consortium, the contractor of the tunnel site, presented the construction project and toured the students into it.

Third stop: The group took a ship tour at the North Port of Busan, the biggest port in Korea. They also visited the Yeongdo Island notably the Yeongdo Welcome Center & Observatory, and Huinnyeoul Culture Village. Huinnyeoul Culture Village is one of the urban upgrading sites where you can see houses located along the coastal cliffs and decorated with charming murals and famous movie quotes. The invaluable views of the beautiful endless Busan sea spread on the other side is also a must-see.



Making the Most of the Summer Vacation



After studying for exams late at night, working long hours writing papers, and doing more than your share of a group project, every student deserves a summer break! Who doesn't look forward to two months of beautiful weather and time off from classes? Many university students take this opportunity to head back home and reacquaint themselves with friends and family. But for those on a period of international study abroad, this may not be an option due to the distances involved and the expenses required.

ISUS students have different ways to enjoy the hot and rainy summer season. The summer break is the one chance students have during international studies to truly enjoy Korea without the stresses of deadlines and exams. Whether energetic or educational, cultural or crazy, here are some activities that the ISUS students did this summer or might plan to do for the rest of the season:



<Picture no.1> Some MIPD Batch 1 students enjoyed Mongolian dishes in a Mongolian restaurant in Seoul.

-Photo Courtesy of Vibol Chetmay

Chill and take a break!

Many students use the summer months to replenish their energy levels by doing things that are enjoyable and stress-relieving. Obviously sitting around for the whole season is not advisable, but giving yourself some relaxation time after a hectic university schedule is undoubtedly wise. Some students use this opportunity to go to the movie theater, shop, go to the beach, or just stay at their room reading or watching movies. There's nothing wrong with having some lazy summer days, so grab a cold drink and a comfy chair. (See Picture no. 1)



<Picture No.2> From Left to right photos: Catalina Castaneda in Kyoto, Japan (Arashiyama, Kiyomizu Temple, and Kodaiji Temple) and Nara, Japan.
- Photo courtesy of Catalina Castaneda

Hit the road!

Students do not have a lot of free time during their academic semesters, so might as well use the summer months to explore South Korea and other nearby countries. Summer break is the perfect time to do some

traveling. Some ISUS students went to travel around Korea, particularly in Gwangju, Busan, and Gangneung. Also, some of the students went to explore Japan and other Southeast Asian countries. (See picture no. 2)



<Picture No.3>

With the Mayor of Bucheon City. MIPD Batch 1 students' internship at the Bucheon City Hall.
- Photo courtesy of Vibol Chetmay



<Picture No.4>

Harun Or Rashid at the KDI Summer Training
- Photo Courtesy of Harun Rashid

Learn and intern!

Although it is still part of the academic curriculum, an internship program is an excellent opportunity to develop skills, and gather more knowledge and experiences. Students often use their summers to intern because it gives them more time to focus on their internship and give their best work ethic to the company or organization they are working for. Internships can provide great connections, so make sure you gave your internship your best efforts and keep in touch with them once the internship program is over. (See picture no. 3 and 4)

Study? Yes, Really!

You might also use your free time to do more research about your thesis. The summer offers a fantastic opportunity for you to read around your subject without the pressure of other academic requirements. Just a few hours every week of studying will help keep your mind fresh in time for the start of the fall semester.

Practice your Korean!

A great way to feel connected to our host country is to speak their own language. After two semesters of having Korean Language class, summertime is the best time to practice your new language skills. The best way to practice is never fear to speak 한국어.

To all ISUS students, Congratulations on making it through the spring semester! Whatever you choose to spend your summer as an international student, enjoy yourself, eat healthy, sleep more, get exercise, and spend this time doing something that makes you happy.

After all, the fall semester is right around the corner.

Enjoy your vacation !



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