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What's inside?

<Final Class Evaluation Period>

The final class evaluation period will be in December 2022. All students must conduct the final class evaluation online through the Wise system. After final class evaluation, students will be able to check their grades in January 2023.

<Interview>

For November's interview, let us read about Aliyu Ibrahim Saidu (MIPD 1), who is a Chief Resident Architect and Team Leader of the National Housing Program under the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in a North Central state of Nigeria.

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<Field Trips>

IUDP students visited various places this month. MGLEP 7 students went for refreshment field trip and MGLEP 8 students visited Seoul Energy Dream Center, while MURD 5 and 6 students attended Imsil Cheese Festival, and MIPD 5 students visited TOPIS.

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The program aims to discuss a variety of policy issues with Seoul's public officials, who are in charge of operating various policies, providing urban and traditional culture of Seoul via numerous field visits, encouraging participants to specialize in the field of comparative public administration with their meaningful feedback and establishing a network of analysts interested in the city of Seoul to expose city policies to the international community.



This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from distinguished lecturers about the management of a complex and diverse city such as Seoul, topics of study included urban planning, public transportation, North Korean issue, Han River Renaissance, water management, smart city and, lastly, Seoul welfare system and housing policy.

Moreover, aside from lectures and seminars, related field visits were arranged to augment the participants' experience and understanding of the policy practice of SMG's system at the following institutions: Emergency Operation Center (EOC), Dduk-do Water Works Museum, Cheonggyecheon Museum, Transport Operation & Information Service (TOPIS) and at the Digital Media City (DMC).

In addition, joint seminars with the International Urban Development Program (IUDP) students shared and exchange their knowledge, ideas, and expertise on the specified field for governmental implementation. At the joint seminar ISUS students, Annielyn Costiniano (MURD 5) and Jonathan Megan (MGLEP 7) shared the results of their research.

KHRIS Sejong Field Trip

On October 14th, IUDP students participated Sejong Field trip prepared by KHRIS Global Development Partnership Center.



First, students visited the ‘Urban Integrated Information Center’ in Sejong, where they listened to a presentation prepared by the center. The Center’s officers explained how they operate the Smart city service for related organizations.



After having lunch, students moved to KHRIS, where Dr. Sangkeon Lee, Director of GDPC welcomed them all. He introduced KHRIS and gave them a special lecture regarding the Smart city, Sejong.

Next, the group visited the industry-academic cluster, where they not only took a ride in an autonomous car and hydrogen-fueled car but also got information about the autonomous system.

Before coming back to Seoul, students visited LH Sejong promotion center and finished their field trip by enjoying the view of Sejong city.



It was a good opportunity to learn more about how Sejong smart city has been organized.

MGLEP 7 Refreshment Field Trip



MGLEP 7 had a day off to take a break from the hard work of thesis. It was time to breathe in some fresh air and comfort their stressful mind with greenery views.



On October 12 they visited the Byukchoji Garden. This garden is special for K-pop and K-drama lovers, as it has appeared in several shows.



Also, MGLEP 7 had a chance to make their own and unique glass terrarium.



Hope this trip gave them the opportunity to refresh and recharge, as they had a long way ahead for thesis.
Good luck to them all!

MGLEP 8 Seoul Energy Dream Center Field Trip



On October 14, MGLEP 8 had a chance to visit the Seoul Energy Dream Center for Environment Policy class field trip.

This center is the first public zero-energy building in Korea which opened in 2012. It is built to send out the positive message of eco-friendly energy policies to not only related workers but citizens also. It is open to the public to raise awareness of the importance of eco-friendly services.

MIPD TOPIS Field Trip



On October 13, 2022, MIPD 5 students taking the “Introduction to Infrastructure Systems” class, went on a field trip to City Hall, during which they were able to visit Seoul Transport Operation & Information Service–TOPIS.

TOPIS is the brand name of Seoul’s Intelligent Transport Operation and Information System. TOPIS is a service and a system that enhances citizens’ transport convenience and supports policy-related decisions by managing traffic situations as well as integrated information and by providing and analyzing a variety of information.

At TOPIS, MIPD 5 students were able to learn about the current state of Seoul’s intelligent transport operation and information system and how to deal with it. They could learn about managing traffic situations and how to provide traffic information services by collecting and integrating information obtained from different traffic management systems.



We hope that the experiences of TOPIS will become useful for their future projects and policies for MIPD students.

MURD Enjoyed Imsil Cheese Festival



Twenty-three students from both MURD 5 and 6 enjoyed the Imsil Cheese Festival on October 7. The trip was organized by Imsil Cheese Theme Park, which provided transportation from Seoul to Imsil. They also offered a tour guide who gave students an introduction to the regional development case in Imsil, which used to be one of the poorest regions in Korea.



In the 1960s, a Belgium priest Didier t'Serstevens, also known as Father Ji, conceived a strategy to develop this countryside. Cheese production came to his mind. Since then, Imsil functions as the proper noun for cheese in Korea. Imsil Cheese Festival is one of the largest festivals in the southern part of Korea, it clearly shows how Father Ji's endeavor contributed to the regional development of Imsil.

Students looked around the regional market of Imsil, and the church where Father Ji started making cheese. They had banquet noodles, and pizza made of Imsil Cheese. They enjoyed making pizza, parades, and performances.



<Do you want to know more about Father Ji?>

He became interested in Korea due to the news about the Korean War. After coming to Korea, he got the Korean name 'Ji-Jeong-hwan' to get closer to Koreans. Mr. Ji dreamt about being a friend, not a leader. With that kind of heart, he did accomplish a lot in Korea.

His first work was a reclamation project for farmers. For 3 years, he did the carried on with the project to finally share the rice paddy of 990,000 square meters with 100 households. The second work was the establishment and operation of the Cheese Cooperative in Imsil. Mr. Ji 'taught them how to catch fish rather than give them fish.' The last of his accomplishments was the establishment and operation of a Rehabilitation shelter for severely handicapped. Sadly, he passed away after his continuous volunteering there.

<Do you want to know more about Imsil Cheese Village?>

Imsil Cheese Village is the main village of Imsil Cheese. There are 3 success factors of this village, being People, Sustainable development system, and Reasonable allocation and utilization of profits.

1. People

- Self-innovation of leaders and Continuous capacity building for residents
- Reasonable decision-making and operating organization with serving

2. Sustainable development system

- Business operation is divided into direct management and individual management
- Continuing the development of a differentiated tourism program: Production + Manufacturing + Experience

3. Reasonable allocation and utilization of profits

- Operation of the Village Development Fund
- Job creation and distribution of income

Newsletter Interview Article: MIPD Alumnus, Aliyu Ibrahim Saidu

ISUS presents a special series of interviews to share stories of ISUS members. In this interview of November, let us read about Aliyu Ibrahim SAIDU (MIPD 1), who is a Chief Resident Architect and Team Leader of the National Housing Program under the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in a North Central state of Nigeria. Also, He supervises a Special Building Project under the Sustainable Development Goals initiative to improve the livelihood of the poor in rural areas. He will share his experiences, and how the ISUS program has affected his career.



Q1.Please introduce your current project and its main point.

Aliyu Saidu: The National Housing Program (since 2016) is currently the biggest Housing program since 1991, which I feel proud to be a part of. The rationale behind the initiative was to bridge the huge gap in housing deficit and disrupt the housing market which was monopolized by private developers. There was a need to design a housing model that would best suit the cultural diversities of the country and particularly encourage local manufacturers, professionals, and artisans to create wealth and jobs. In 2016, Contracts were awarded to 542 contractors for the construction of 2,736 housing units.

Currently, my main responsibilities in the project are to coordinate the team of supervisors, Inspect and Supervise contractors' work, organize technical site meetings, sample approval, Project management, Contract administration, and Certification. Thus, we have successfully executed three phases in three different locations each having about 50 housing units and construction is still ongoing.

Q2. What do you think are the most important things in your field, 'Public building and Housing'?

Aliyu Saidu: The UN in Nigeria has given technical support to the Presidency and line Ministries, to ensure that planning and budgeting for development activities in the country are within the framework of the SDGs. The ministry of works and housing is ensuring SDGs are efficiently and effectively implemented and that resources allocated yield positive results to the poor and the vulnerable. The list of SDG building Projects executed by the ministry across the country are Skill Acquisition centers, Blocks of Classrooms, Maternity Clinics, Motorized boreholes, Solar mini-grids, Solar streetlights, and roads with drainages.

However, over the years, some of the buildings are not sustainable. For the building to be acceptable and functional, I will recommend locals and other stakeholders should be involved ability in the planning and design of the buildings. Furthermore, eco-friendly recyclable, reusable, and replaceable building materials should be encouraged to protect the flora and fauna.

Q3. How the experience in ISUS helps you when you're working?

Aliyu Saidu: As a public officer, graduating from have been very rewarding. My experience with Global Network Seminars and numerous course presentations have been helpful in terms of managing my time between projects and meetings. I have improved excellently in writing and presenting technical reports. Additionally, there have been improvements in communicating

effectively through memos, emails, reports, and documents. Lastly, the use of excel analytical tools and other data mining tools like WEKA and ANN from research methodology classes have made me valuable in my organization. The construction industry is rife with disputes between building contractors, subcontractors, workers, and clients. Thus, this is where I apply the management skills, I acquired during my study of Construction project management classes as a Chief and Team Leader. I prioritize and manage multiple projects and accomplish them within stipulated time and budget without compromising quality as well as having value for money. And I can set an example and give direction to my subordinates and team members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my thesis supervisor, mentor, and tutor professor Chunho Yeom who was instrumental in gearing me in the right direction in completing my thesis and co-authoring my publication 2 months after our graduation in 2020. I would also like to give credit to our amiable professors for positively impacting me in some of our taught courses. Not also forget our gregarious Dean, Prof. Hyeon Park in his engaging and impactful classes.

Q4. Do you have any other words to share with ISUS students?

Aliyu Saidu: Some words of advice to ISUS students are to take a keen interest and learn from Korean Developmental Experiences and history in the area of its urban transformations and rapid Infrastructural developments. Take advantage of gaining from the wealth of experiences and pearls of wisdom from the amazing professors of ISUS. And lastly, as you study hard, find time to have fun, mingle, and enjoy the beautiful sceneries of Seoul.

ISUS 75th Urban Infra Forum



The ISUS 75th Urban Infra Forum (UIF), marked the second UIF of the 2022 Fall Semester, it was held on Thursday, October 6th, from 06:00 to 7:00 PM as a type of webinar via Zoom. This edition's topic was "Scaling Green Climate Financing for Climate Action and Green Growth: GGGI Initiatives and Experience", delivered by Seung-Yeon LEE, Senior Green Investment Specialist, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

Through the 75th UIF, participants were granted the valuable opportunity to learn about the "Green climate finance overview and trend that is a critical element for achieving Paris Agreement goal and net zero."



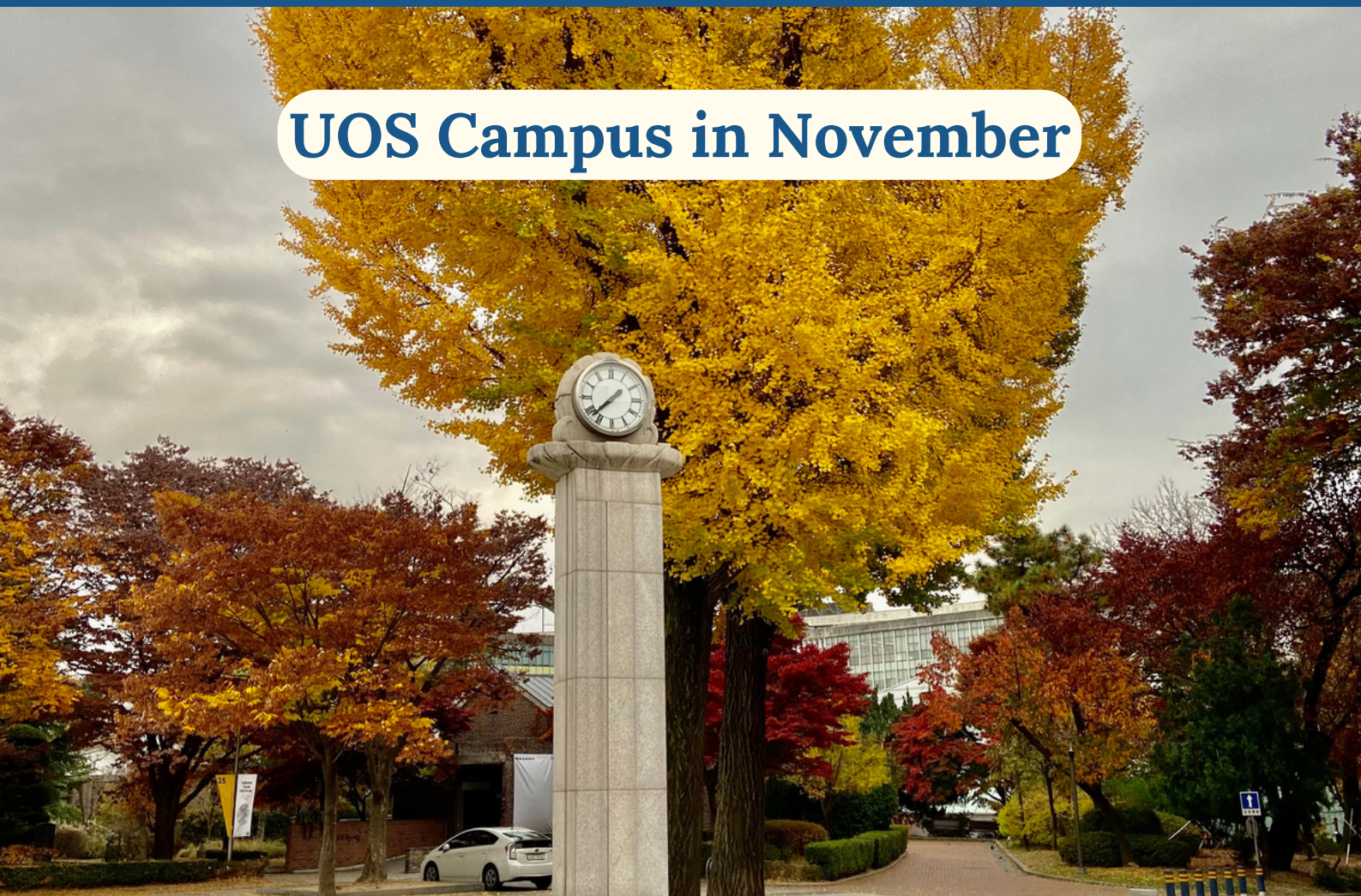
UIF is a discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Construction, Environment, or related issues with invited speakers. Participants are mainly ISUS members who consist of Foreign Public Officials and Domestic Practitioners with a combination of their expertise, the forum has 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

UOS Campus in November



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