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01 ISUS STUDENTS SUMMER RETREAT

A Trip to Jeju Island

ISUS and IUDP sponsors organized a three-day trip for the MGLEP, MUAP, and MURD students to the most sought-after 'Jeju Island'. It was a well-deserved excursion following the end of the semester and served as a respite for the students and faculty from the rigorous academic routine. During their stay, the visitors had the opportunity to explore a variety of prominent companies and tourist sites on Jeju Island.

Notable organizations such as Jeju Energy Cooperation, UNITAR-Centre International de Formation des Autorités et Leaders (CIFAL), Samdasoo Factory, and the Jeju Environmental Resources Recycling Center warmly welcomed the students, enabling them to expand their knowledge and acquaint themselves with the latest innovations.



In addition to these enlightening visits, the students made the most of Jeju's natural beauty by visiting popular tourist destinations. Echo Land, a unique theme park, offered interactive attractions, while the awe-inspiring natural panoramas of Hallasan National Park left the visitors amazed. Museums, parks, and historical sites like Alddreu Airfield provided further opportunities for exploration. Finally, the island's relaxing beaches gave everyone a chance to unwind, take a dip and enjoy the pristine waters of Jeju island



This special trip to Jeju provided students with the chance to witness the island's achievements in sustainable development, connect with nature, and strengthen their friendships. ISUS takes immense pride in providing such a memorable experience to its students and hopes that this journey will inspire their future academic and professional endeavours.



My Inspiring Visit to Jeju

"The visit to Jeju Energy Cooperation was the most inspiring experience for me. The current and proposed electricity generation plans for Jeju island from renewable wind and solar energy were commendable. This environmental-friendly approach aims to cover 100% of the island's energy needs by the end of this decade, thus contributing to the local government's goal of becoming a carbon-free island by 2030. We also visited Jeju's state-of-the-art waste recycling centre equipped with a separator for organic and non-organic waste.

Besides these educational visits, I also had the opportunity to enjoy Jeju's natural wonders, such as the Manjanggul cave (a lava tube), learn about the history of the women divers and their bravery by visiting the Haenyeo museum, and taste the local specialities. Jeju provided me with the opportunity to swim in the crystal-clear sea and explore the nearby forest. It was a very welcome and relaxing moment after the end of the semester.

I was further amazed by the management and development of natural and tourist sites, which clearly reflected the importance attached to sustainable tourism in the region.

Finally, the trip to Jeju was an incredibly enriching experience, both academically and personally. I am grateful to ISUS and all those who helped organize this memorable getaway."

E.M. | MGLEP-8





A Lasting Memory of Korea

“The trip to Jeju not only allowed me to enhance my academic learning by exploring the region’s natural ecosystem and the preservation efforts undertaken by the local government, but also to recharge my batteries and take a break after a year-long rigorous study.

During our stay in Jeju, we were fortunate to have a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, as well as our coordinators, who introduced us to many attractive places.

There were several tours to historical and cultural sites that stood out for me, such as the Eco Land, where we took an ecological train and walked through tree-covered lands and lavender fields, the museum inside UNITAR, a visit to the famous Samdasoo water factory, where we saw the impressive 18-meter pure underground water and an organized hike to the famous Hallasan National Park, which offered a breathtaking view. The time spent on the beach and tasting fresh seafood dishes – one of Jeju’s local specialties was the icing on the cake.

The trip was truly exhilarating, and I felt a constant sense of joy throughout. It is undoubtedly one of the highlights of my stay in Korea, which I will cherish for years to come.”

M.B. | MUAP-15



Memorable Journey to Jeju Island

"I was captivated by its allure and historical significance. Apart from the beautiful beaches, it was the island's past and the exhilarating hike up Hallasan Mountain that left a lasting impression on me.

Our first destination was Alddreu Airfield; an airstrip constructed and used during the Japanese invasion. Here I learned about the forced labor endured by Jeju's inhabitants during the construction and expansion of this airfield and its hangars. Thereafter we visited a site where the famous April 3 incident occurred (1948-1949). During those times, several individuals were executed on suspicion of supporting communism. Many victims were academicians, as it was believed that education correlated with a preference for socialism. Acknowledging the historic mistake committed years ago, the South Korean government officially apologized in 2003; which speaks volumes of the magnanimity and empathy of South Korean nation.

Yet another highlight was hiking Hallasan Mountain, S. Korea's highest peak at 1947 meters. Reaching the summit in under four hours filled me with pride. I even obtained a certificate as proof of my achievement.

In summary, the historical significance of Alddreu Airfield and the awe-inspiring experience of hiking Hallasan Mountain defined my Jeju Island trip. I would gladly revisit these remarkable sites during my future visits to Korea."

K.A. | MURD-6





02 MURD-6 VISIT TO GANGNEUNG: Exploring History, Culture & Smart Transportation

A field trip to Gangneung was organized for MURD-6 students under the guidance of Professor Young Jun MOON on Wednesday, July 5th. The participants visited Gangneung City Hall to learn about the city's past, growth, and its advanced Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). A series of presentations and interactive discussions helped them understand how Gangneung transformed from a traditional town to a modern city. The students had the unique opportunity to ride / test drive autonomous cars, experiencing first-hand the future of transportation and witnessing Gangneung's progress in this specialized field.

The students also explored Gangneung Olympic Park and Stadium, where they were amazed to see how these venues were repurposed after the Olympics. These spaces have become lively community centers that benefit local residents. Gangneung's careful planning and use of resources to sustain the Olympic legacy left a lasting impression on the students.

Overall, the field trip left the MURD6 students with a deep appreciation for Gangneung's unique combination of history, culture, and technological advancements. They left with a renewed understanding of the city's vision and its role as a leader in smart transportation systems.





03 ISUS STUDENTS Explore LITT 2023 Fair

ISUS Students had the privilege of attending the 2023 Land, Infrastructure, and Transportation Technology Fair (LITT), held at COEX under the theme of "Taking a New Leap Together". Organized by the Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement, and hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the event proved to be an inspirational experience for all attendees.

The fair showcased a wide array of companies at the forefront of pioneering technologies, allowing participants, through a guided tour, to explore stands dedicated to self-driving vehicles technology, advanced air mobility, the hydrogen economy, Korea's outstanding logistics innovations, and the map of integrated underground spaces. The exhibition hall not only provided informative displays of successful research and development endeavors in land use and transportation but also offered hands-on experiences that truly immersed visitors in the transformative world of technology.





04 ISUS 81st Urban Infra Forum (UIF) Inter Korean Economic Cooperation

The ISUS 81st Urban Infra Forum(UIF), was held on Wednesday, June 14th from 07:00 to 8:30 PM as an offline forum as well as a webinar via Zoom. Prof. Dongho Jo, Prof. of North Korean Studies at Ewha Womans University delivered a talk on the topic of “Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation”. It was a very interesting topic for the audience and helped explain the economic dynamics and challenges between North and South Korea. The participants listened with keen interest and learned about “The history and current status of inter-Korean economic cooperation”. The topic being one of its kind, invited a lot of questions / suggestions from the audience which were elaborately addressed by the worthy speaker.

UIF is a discussion forum on Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Development, Constructio, Environment, and other related issues with invited speakers. Participants are mainly ISUS members consisted of overseas public officials and demostic practitioners. With a combination of their expertise, the forum has served as a platform for international network king and mutual learning.

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

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ISUS homepage > community > Urban Infra Forum





05 ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

Hanna Jo | Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) 7

Q1. Please introduce yourself and your organization or department of your job?

Hello, ISUS members! I am Hanna Jo (SUD 7), currently a doctoral student in the Department of Environmental Planning, Graduate School of Environmental Studies at Seoul National University. My major is transport studies, specifically focusing on research in the field of transportation logistics. I have a special interest in the area of environmentally friendly practices. Previously, I worked at Samwoo CM Architects & Engineers, where I was responsible for ODA projects in the infrastructure team.

Q2. Please provide a brief introduction of the recent international cooperation project you have participated in?

Last year, I participated in the Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) projects in Vietnam and Mongolia. The KSP is a knowledge-based development cooperation program that provides tailored policy recommendations to partner countries based on South Korea's economic development experience and knowledge. In Vietnam, my team conducted policy consulting for logistics development in the Mekong Delta region. In Mongolia, we conducted a preliminary feasibility study for establishing a transportation logistics center in the border area between Russia and Mongolia. We also carried out a consulting project on the sustainable operation and efficiency improvement of a free economic zone. Throughout these projects, I received a lot of assistance from my international friends who graduated from ISUS. With their help, including on-site surveys, literature research, and translation, we were able to successfully carry out the projects.

Q3. How did you come to be admitted to the International School of Urban Sciences (ISUS)?

Having lived in various countries such as Germany, Switzerland, and the United States, I naturally developed an interest in international urban issues, despite my undergraduate background which is unrelated to urban studies. Amongst different graduate programs, I chose ISUS, which offered an opportunity to learn methods for addressing urban problems in a highly international setting. After enrolling, I appreciated not only the theoretical content but also the collaborative nature of the classes, where I had the chance to learn problem-solving approaches with public officials representing different nations. It allowed me to tackle real-world challenges from practical and diverse perspectives, which I found to be highly valuable.

Q4. In what ways do you believe your career has benefited from your experiences at ISUS?

ISUS's global network has provided me with the opportunity to meet and share experience with public officials from various cities around the world. This has laid the groundwork for me to conduct research in which our country can collaborate with other nations as a logistics-advanced country, promoting the growth of the international logistics industry while addressing climate change. Additionally, I regularly keep in touch with close friends overseas who are ISUS alumni, sharing information on which forums they attend and projects they participate in. We also exchange English materials of interest to each other. It's great because it allows me to easily grasp overseas trends in relevant fields.

Q5. Are you currently engaged in any ongoing interactions or collaborations with ISUS alumni?

Currently, I don't have any ongoing ODA projects, but if the opportunity arises, I would be interested in collaborating with ISUS alumni on joint research in the field of environmentally friendly transportation logistics. If any students are interested in collaboration, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.



ISUS students participate in the Global Boryeong Marathon

On June 10, seventeen students from MGLEP, MUAP, MURD, and MIPD participated in the 20th edition of the Global Boryeong Marathon in Daecheon, which was attended by 4,300 people. The ISUS's students took the challenge of running 5 and 10 kilometers. After the feat, they enjoyed the beach and carried out various cultural activities.



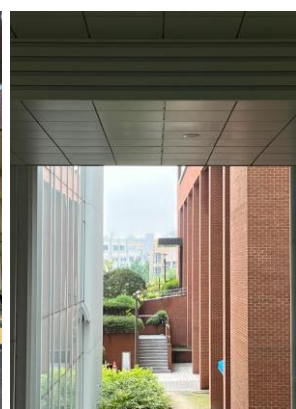
ISUS students participate in the 2023 Seoul 7 Peak Hiking Challenge



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