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I. News and Notice

1. News and Issues

1.1 Student Recruitment for 2015

- Recruitment Dates :
Oct. 27, 2014 - Nov. 14, 2014
- Oral Examination : Nov. 29, 2014
- Final Admission Decision : Dec. 5, 2014

2. Notice

2.1 Name Change

Category	Name of Department	Majors
Formerly	Department of Global Construction Management	Global Construction Management
Currently	Department of Global Construction	Global Construction Management, Global Construction Engineering, Global Infrastructure Development

2.2 International School of Urban Sciences In The News

- Fostering professionals who will lead construction markets in developing countries (Seoul Economy, Sep. 1, 2014)
- International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul, leaping into the mecca producing on-site customized professional manpower (Korea Land Daily, Oct. 5, 2014)
- Dedication to the export of urban & construction packages and the fosterage of construction professionals tailored for the international markets (Korea Land Daily, Oct. 20, 2014)



II. Main Events

1. Urban Infra Forum and Field Trip

1.1 Urban Infra Forum

No.	Date	Theme	Lecturer
1st	Aug. 14, 2014	International Traffic Plan & Property Development	Sang-Hoon Jung
2nd	Sep. 11, 2014	Housing Policy Review: France and US	Young-Tae Kim
3rd	Oct. 23, 2014	Kaesong Industrial Complex & Inter-Korean Relations	Chang-Seok Yang
4th	Nov. 20, 2014	SMG's Best Policy Practices, Reverberating around the globe	Soo-Yeon Lee
5th	Dec. 11, 2014	How to Understand Korea's Rapid Growth	Jung-Ho Yoo



1.2 Field Trip

- Date : Nov. 14, 2014 - Nov. 15, 2014
- Location : Korea Appraisal Board (Headquarters in Daegu)
- Details: A tour around the facility of the Korea Appraisal Board and attendance of meetings for active discussions between local and international students

2. Special Lecture and Main Events

2.1 Special Lecture

- Date : Nov. 13, 2014
- Special Lecturer : Bon-gang Hwang (Professor, University of Singapore)
- Details: Green Building Projects and Strategies



2.2 Conclusion of MOUs

■ Date : Oct. 17, 2014

■ Details :

- Conclusion of MOU on Industry-Academic cooperation between the **University of Seoul and the Korea Rail Network Authority** for the promotion of overseas railroad projects and the fosterage of international professionals.
- Conclusion of MOU on Industry-Academic cooperation between the **University of Seoul and the Korea Appraisal Board** for the promotion of international exchanges, overseas market penetration and the revitalization of the property, territory and urban area development.

III. Korean Education Program

1. Department of Global Construction(GC)

- New student Orientation (Aug. 19, 2014)
- Special lectures (Oct. 2, 2014 - Dec. 1, 2014)
- Thesis interim presentation (Nov. 3, 2014 - Nov. 7, 2014)
- Thesis defense/examination (Dec. 6, 2014 - Dec. 12, 2014)



2. Department of Sustainable Urban Development(SUD)

- Special lectures (Oct. 2, 2014 - Dec. 1, 2014)
- Thesis interim presentation (Nov. 3, 2014 - Nov. 7, 2014)
- Thesis defense/examination (Dec. 6, 2014 - Dec. 12, 2014)



IV. International Education Program

1. Master of Urban Administration and Planning(MUAP)

- MUAP 7th cohort Entrance Ceremony (Aug. 14, 2014)
- MUAP 6th cohort Completion Ceremony (Aug. 16, 2014)
- MUAP 5th cohort Graduation (Aug. 22, 2014)
- MUAP 7th cohort Orientation (Aug. 25, 2014-Aug. 26, 2014)





2. Master of Urban and Regional Development(MURD)

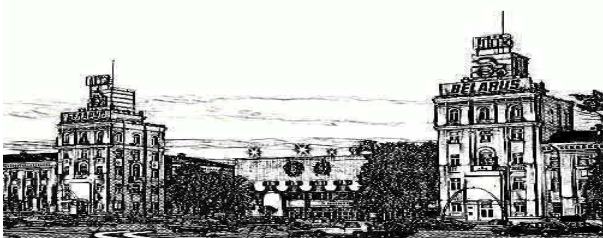
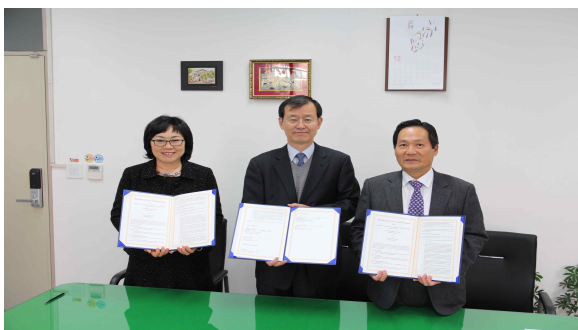
- MURD 1st cohort Entrance Ceremony (Aug 14,2014)
 - Field trip (Eunpyung New Town, Ilsan New City, TOPIS and etc.)
 - Attending SIBAC general assembly



3. Seoul Case Study Program(SCSP)

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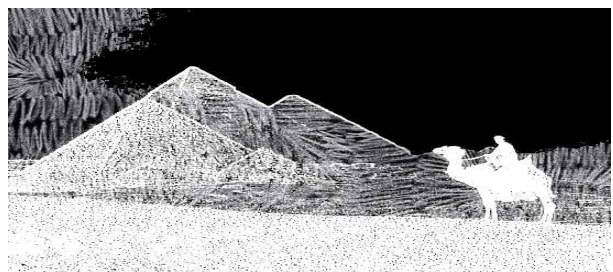
- Signing MOU on SCSP with the University of Washington, USA
 - Date : December 19, 2014
 - Details of MOU: Establishment of SCSP, each organization's role, scope of budgetary support for the professors and students, etc.
 - Objective : Promotion of Seoul policies and academic exchanges



V. ISUS Family - Local

1. Alumni Association

- Staff Meeting of Alumni Association
 - Date : Aug. 2, Aug. 9 and Aug. 19 of 2014
 - Location : #5226, Liberal Arts Building
 - Details : Preparatory meeting for the foundation of ISUS Alumni Association (Articles of Alumni Association was established)
- Alumni Staff Meeting
 - Date : Sep. 23, 2014
 - Location : #5204, Liberal Arts Building
 - Content : Alumni Meeting for the 2nd semester
- ISUS Fall Athlete Festival themed "ISUS as One Mind"
 - Objective : Building friendship and global networking while enjoying basketball and volleyball, joined by the faculty members and the local and international students of the ISUS.
 - Details: ISUS fall athletic festival was held on Nov. 1, 2014 at the basketball court of the UOS.





- General Assembly of Alumni Association
- Date : Dec. 18, 2014
- Location : Main Lecture Room, Liberal Arts Building
- Details : 2nd Alumni President Election (So-Kyum Kim) and closing ceremony of the 2nd semester



2. Family Events

- **Woong-Jang Oh (GC, 1st cohort)** : Appointed as advisor to the Korea Airports Corporation for Construction Technology on Business Management Field) (Oct. 8, 2014-Oct. 7, 2016)
 - **Gyu-Hwan Nam (GC, 1st cohort)** : Promoted from director to executive director. (director of on-site support) at Halla Co., Ltd. (Aug. 27, 2014)
 - **Ji-Hwan Kim (GC, 1st cohort)** : Elected as a member of the 9th Gyeonggi Provincial Assembly. (Member of Construction & Transportation Committee, New Political Alliance for Democracy)
 - **Vanessa Alexandra VELASCO BERNAL (Bogota, Colombia, MUAP, 6th cohort)**: Joined the World Bank at Bogota Office as a senior Urban Specialist.
 - **Janekankit JANEKAN (Bangkok, Thailand, MUAP, 5th cohort)** : Appointed as a professor at the Department of Architecture and Engineering in Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi.
- ※ Supports and participations of ISUS alumni would be greatly appreciated

VI. ISUS Family - International

1. Master of Urban Administration and Planning(MUAP)

■ **Malik Olalekan LAWAL (7th cohort, 2014)**

Malik(Nigeria) is the rising star of the UOS's Football team where he used to play with them just for fun. Now, as an official member of the team, Malik, dubbed as "the Black Magician", is reputed as the best player and the pride of the team.



■ **Barbara CARVAJAL PINTO (7th cohort, 2014)**

On November 9 2014 Barbara (Colombia) successfully ran the full course of the JoongAng Seoul International Marathon. The 42.195 kilometer route started and finished on Jamsil Main Stadium and passed around Olympic Park, Suseo and Dunchon-dong. More than 14,800 people participated in the race unhindered by weather, blisters, cramps or the long distance. What an IRON WOMAN!

■ **Thinnakone Koung PHIMMAVONG (7th cohort, 2014)**

Thinnakone (Laos) has made a promise to his wife that he would lose weight (as his family and colleagues were so concerned he might go overweight). After he came to Korea, he has followed a harsh routine of working out at the gym everyday (TWICE a day on weekends!)



Now he beams with satisfaction looking at him in the mirror. You know what? Thinnakone has lost as much as 8 kilos! Congratulations! Oh boy, show me your six-pack next time!



■ **Natali Rocio DUARTE BERMUDEZ & Maria Emilia ZIELINSKA (7th cohort, 2014)**

Maria(Poland) and Natali(Colombia) are helping each other to sharpen their language skills. This language exchange is their daily routine: Natali teaches Spanish to Maria while Maria teaches English to Natli. Maria says, due to her improved Spanish skills, her family may think she studies in South America, not in Korea. At the moment, they are learning basic-level Korean language as well. You go girl!



■ **MUAP 7th cohort**

MUAP 7th students have thrown small birthday parties for classmates. So far they have sung the “Happy Birthday” songs in 15 different languages. At such special events, Jinky and Wang Chong celebrate classmate’s birthdays in their angelic voice while Malik, Hauwa and Natali captivate all with their dazzling dancing skills.



On September 10, the MUAP 7th cohort went on a picnic where they broke the ice and hung out, enjoying traditional foods from 14 different countries. It was a great day full of big fun and yummy foods.

2. **Master of Urban and Regional Development(MURD)**

■ **Hussein Hammadi & Abdelwahab Ibrahim (1st cohort, 2014)**

Hussein (Iraq) and Abdelwahab (Egypt) are learning Korean language in the UOS. Interestingly, many Koreans smile at them and talk in Korean language, they feel like they are so welcomed and feel so close to Koreans. That motivated to study Korean harder to understand what those Koreans are speaking to them. Also, they like their Korean language teacher Mr. Park, Yong-nam who works very hard to enhance their Korean skills. Thank you, Mr. Park!



■ **Zhanna Makazhanova, Laura Lozada & Jacqueline Rivera (1st cohort, 2014)**

Zhanna (Kazakhstan), Laura (Peru) and Jacqueline (El Savador) electrified the audience with their stunning salsa dance performance at the Latino club in UOS during Inhyangje, the UOS campus festival. Babies do that one more time ~♪



■ **Dana Phal (1st cohort, 2014)**

Dana (Cambodia) is UOS’s representative of Cambodian Association in Korea. She joined the General Meeting and Festival at the National Assembly for the 2014 Asian Students Council in Korea.



She found it a great opportunity for international students in Korea to exchange their cultures and experiences.



■ **Mirlan Alymbaev (1st cohort, 2014)**

Mirlan(Kyrgyzstan) says learning Korean language at the UOS has been rewarding experience to him. He used to think studying foreign language abroad would be very effective but it has been much better than his expectation. People at the UOS including mentors and teachers make his learning experience in Korea more complete, joyful and meaningful.

■ **Silverio de Rosa Freitas, Hamidu Mataka, Jonathan Masikah, Tahiriniaina Ranaivoson & Mirlan Alymbaev (1st cohort, 2014)**

Silverio(Timor Leste), Hamidu(Tanzania), Jonathan(Uganda), Aina(Madagascar) and Mirlan(Kyrgyzstan) started settling themselves in a new life here in Korea. They came to have more proactive and open mind after participating in the Uganda Festival held at the KOICA Global Village on the October 20th.



■ **Alejandro CEBALLOS JARABA (1st cohort, 2014)**

Alejandro(Colombia), deeply fascinated with Korean culture and its history, went to Jingwansa Temple, a buddhist temple with a history of 1005 years, to join ‘Temple Stay.’



Alejandro enjoyed following the daily routine of Buddhist monks including chanting service, meditation and monastic meal which improved his understanding of Korean Buddhism.

While following chanting, meditation and other routines of Buddhist monks in the sound of throbbing Dharma drum piercing the crisp early morning air, Alejandro found himself in inner peace and silence.

VII. Overseas Construction-Related Issues

Employment in Overseas Construction Markets, Increased by 5.8 times compared with that in 2004

- The 「Korea Research Center for Overseas Construction」, run by International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK, president Jae-Deok Choi), has published a policy report on the recent rise in overseas orders and resulting rise in payroll.
- According to the report, the number of Koreans in the overseas construction industry in 2014 has increased by 5.8 times, totalling 23,744 workers, compared with 4,104 workers in the year 2004, while the industrywide employment in Korea has risen a mere 1.1 times over the same period.
- Overseas construction industry aside, the employment in the mining and manufacturing industry has been held steady while that of agriculture and forestry has contracted by 76.50 % point with the basis of 2004 figure as 100 point.
- In stark contrast to the recession of construction industry in Korea, major Korean builders operating overseas have recently boosted payroll and such a trend is expected to continue throughout 2014.
- In the meantime, the correlation coefficient between total contract amount and payroll turns out to be significantly high of 0.839. If such a trend continues, the number of Korean construction personnel working overseas will rise by 9%, totaling 25,800 (2,137 of employment gains), by the end of 2014. Also, if the total contract value of Korea meets the 2017 government target of 100 billion dollars, the number of Korean people working overseas will rise to 39,000 (15,787 of employment gains over the year).



- ICAK also forecasts if more contracts of civil engineering or construction engineering are clinched, which generate relatively many more new jobs than other engineering industry, higher than expected payroll gains are likely.
- The estimate of the total employment may differ to a certain degree, as companies have different intervals and ways of counting overseas workers given the features of overseas construction projects that have various construction types and construction periods.
- Lastly, as part of efforts to increase youth employment, the report proposes to extend exemption on compulsory military services, more support for on-the-job training and income tax exemption for overseas construction workers.

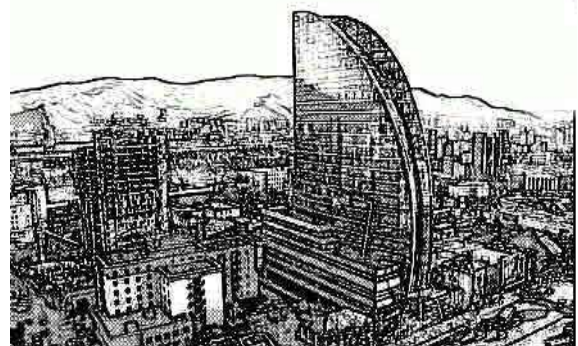
<Refer to the April 2014 Overseas Construction Association Report >

- The global network seminar is mutually beneficial both to international students and Korean ones. While the international students learn Korea's best policy practices in-depth, Korean students are able to broaden their horizon to include the international arena and to build international human networks.
- Other merits expected from taking the global network seminar are that these foreign government officials will be able to set up channels where they can exchange information on Korea that they need for their thesis when they are in Korea and for their career back in their home country. Korean students, in the meantime may establish channels where they can exchange updates on the overseas construction market and on urban area of developing countries, which are beyond the reach in Korea. Moreover, Korean students can sharpen their English skills by practicing their English in such an international setting.

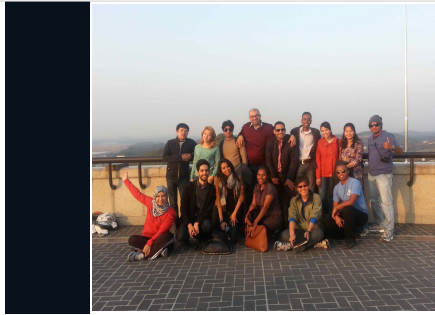
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Global Network Seminar

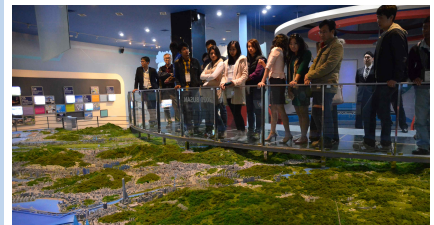
- Since the second semester of 2014, the International School of Urban Sciences at the University of Seoul has held the 'Global Network Seminar' which is designed to build human networks in the urban and construction fields. As of fall semester 2014, the global network seminar is open to a total of 74 graduate students: 40 government officials from developing countries and 34 Korean students. This seminar divides the 74 graduate students into four classes where 4 to 5 classmates with the same area of interest are teamed up to conduct joint project. During the 2-credits course, each team will have presentations on the progress of their project on which the classroom will make active discussions under the guidance of the adviser on Thursdays.



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