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ISUS students completed the final presentations of the GPD course for the Fall Semester 2023 Academic Year. During the presentations, students from MIPD 6, MUD 7, and MUAP 16 programs worked in teams for three consecutive weeks, starting from December 7th, 2023. Each team consisted of a distinct mix of students from various backgrounds and areas of expertise.

In the final presentation of the Global Project Development course, students showcased their hard work and collaboration throughout the semester. They presented innovative and creative solutions to real-world problems, such as sustainable energy, urban development, environmental solutions, and cross-cultural marketing strategies. This highlighted the diverse skill sets and creativity of all participants.

The professors were particularly impressed by the students' impressive delivery skills and ability to effectively engage the audience. This demonstrated high preparation and showcased the students' deep understanding of the subject matter. The students received congratulatory messages for their hard work and dedication shown throughout the presentation. The final day was celebrated with a dinner featuring pizza and drinks, providing a casual and enjoyable atmosphere for students to celebrate their accomplishments together.





MVIP/GPD (MGLEP)

The Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute (KEITI) has forged a collaboration, marking a significant step towards advancing sustainable practices and environmental technologies. Central to this partnership is the GPD class, a pivotal component of the ISUS MGLEP 9 curriculum that provides students with a hands-on approach to environmental projects. Each team spearheads a unique project under the careful supervision of ISUS faculty and KEITI professionals.

One outstanding team that emerged from the GPD class is the "Waste Wizard" team. The team comprises Valentina Rudd from Colombia, Zabit Safarli from Azerbaijan, and Uchral Boldbataar from Mongolia, showcasing the global diversity of talent and perspectives involved in the collaborative initiative. Focused on addressing the plastic waste and petrol management challenges in Barranquilla, Colombia, the Waste Wizard team devised an innovative system. Their project not only tackles the critical issue of plastic waste but also provides a sustainable solution for managing the environmental impact of petrol usage.

This project is a testament to the effectiveness of the GPD class in nurturing students as environmentally conscious leaders equipped to address complex global challenges. The synergy between ISUS and KEITI exemplifies a commitment to fostering the next generation of environmental leaders capable of creating meaningful change through education and industry expertise.





MUD 7 students visited the Museum of Modern Contemporary Art on December 26, 2023. The field trip was headed by Professor Hyeon Park, who made sure the trip was educational and enjoyable for students after the completion of the fall semester. Professor Hyeon Park carefully curated a diverse itinerary that combined academic learning with fun activities. From visiting historical landmarks to engaging in interactive workshops, the field trip provided students with a well-rounded experience that fostered both knowledge and enjoyment.

The students were thrilled to explore the museum's vast collection of contemporary artworks, ranging from paintings and sculptures to multimedia installations. They were guided by knowledgeable museum staff who provided insightful information about the artists and their creative processes. Finally, the trip was topped with lunch from a traditional Korean restaurant with tasty cuisine.



03 MIPD 6 Field Trip: To the potteries

On December 21st, 2023, MIPD 6 students had the opportunity to experience the Korean Culture Potteries at the 황공방 Potteries Studio in Seoul. The event provided an immersive experience in traditional Korean pottery making, allowing students to learn from skilled artisans and gain a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the craft.

In addition to pottery making, students also had the chance to explore Glass Printing Art Making, where they can express their creativity on glass surfaces. This dual activity showcased the diversity of artistic expression and provided a platform for students to infuse their perspectives into their creations. The students expressed their creativity on paper with special painting tools, then printed them on white glass, and this art was taken home as souvenirs.

Through this experience, MIPD 6 students not only create tangible expressions of their creativity but also gain a deeper appreciation for the rich heritage woven into every stroke and curve. The rustic and artisanal ambiance of the 황공방 Potteries Studio will create an environment for cultural exchange, where students can appreciate the rich heritage of Korea's artistic narrative while creating tangible expressions of their creativity. This event is a testament to the University's commitment to holistic education and left an indelible mark on students' academic and cultural journey.





04 Alum of the month: Nazarov Shokhrukhbek, MUAP 14

Q1. Can you please introduce yourself, and tell us about your organization, your position, and activities you undertake in this role?

I am Nazarov Shokhrukhbek from the Republic of Uzbekistan. I work at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Department of International Cooperation. My main activities undertaken in this role are the establishment and development of international cooperation, elaboration, and implementation of joint projects, and technology transfer and exploration of opportunities with international organizations and companies in the field of higher education, science, and innovation, as well as organizing joint events.

Q2. Uzbekistan and Korea are known to have had a strong bilateral relationship in the past years. Can you highlight how this relationship has benefited members of the two sister countries, especially in the educational sector?

We have a good relationship based on common goals of peace and prosperity. Four branches of Korean universities are present here, and seven Uzbek universities have joint programs with Korea. The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) offers scholarships to Uzbek students to study in Korea. They also organize seminars and training courses in various fields such as new technology, computer systems, medical education, etc. The most significant event was the First Forum of Rectors of Higher Educational Institutions of Uzbekistan and Korea which took place last March. Over 100 universities and officials of ministries and departments attended. The two countries established cooperation to promote university innovation and economic growth.

Q3. Could you throw light on the recent event on the educational cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the University of Seoul?

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan visited Korea at the beginning of this year. The visit was productive as they signed and reached agreements with the leadership of government organizations, universities, and companies during several meetings and negotiations. As part of the visit, the Deputy Minister met with the president of the University of Seoul, Yongkul WON.

During the conversation, UOS shared the projects and capabilities of the institution with the ministry, which showed great interest. The Deputy Minister proposed strengthening cooperation between the universities of Uzbekistan and UOS, organizing short-term and long-term internships for teaching staff and students. In response, the university promised to consider the proposal.

Both parties showed interest in the opening of the UOS campus in Uzbekistan, using the example of Cambodia. The project will be implemented in several stages, starting with representatives visiting Uzbekistan this spring and getting acquainted with potential partner universities. Then, after selecting a partner, they will begin work with design and documentation work for submission to the ODA.

UOS also indicated the possibility of involving Uzbekistan students in the University's existing start-up program. They were positive about the idea of establishing cooperation between students and youth of the two countries to create start-up projects.

To implement these ideas and sign the relevant documents, the delegation of the UOS agreed to organize a visit to Uzbekistan in April-May of this year.

Q4. As a student in Korea, what are your fondest memories, what do you miss the most about that time, and what words would you like to share with the student community?

In general, life at the University taught me a lot. I appreciate our always kind professors, helpful coordinators, cheerful classmates, and colleagues. It is true, that student time - is a golden time. Learn, make mistakes, don't be afraid, and don't be embarrassed, enjoy these moments! After all, new successes, horizons, and achievements await you.



UOS Winter Ski Camp



The University of Seoul's Sport Science Department hosted the Winter Ski Camp at Mona Yong-Pyong Resort from December 26th to 27th, 2023. This dynamic event combines skill enhancement with recreational thrills, offering intensive ski practice against the snowy slopes. An indoor water park provides a refreshing break, and a "Squid Game" style activity adds to the competition like the game of "Tug of War". The Winter Ski Camp reflects the university's commitment to holistic development through sportsmanship and thrilling experiences.

ISUS Students New Year's Eve Celebration

As the Year 2023 ended, ISUS students celebrated the end of fall semester in a grand style. Scattered across the city in Seoul, were students who embraced diverse festivities celebrate the New Year's Eve and welcome 2024. Many gathered at Lotte World in Jamsil for a dazzling fireworks display, while others hosted intimate house parties. The vibrant energy of Seoul's celebrations mirrored the city's dynamic spirit, reflecting enthusiasm for the transition of time. The night marked unique memories and forged bonds in the backdrop of the New Year's Eve countdown.



MUAP 16 Winter Break Class

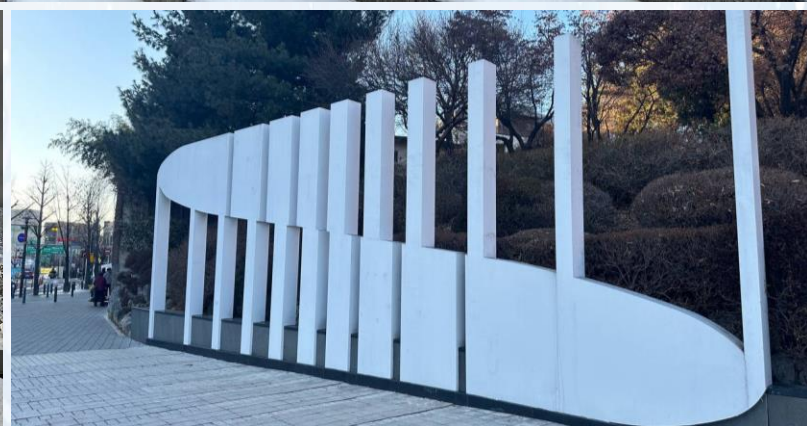
During January 2nd-16th, 2024, MUAP 16 students have the privilege of a condensed Winter Break learning program, choosing from Basic Korean, Microsoft Office, and English courses. This initiative aligns with the university's commitment to holistic education, empowering students to actively shape their academic growth during the break. The diverse options cater to individual preferences, emphasizing a blend of linguistic and technical skills beyond regular semesters.



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