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I am appointed as the 3rd Dean of the International School of Urban Sciences, effective March 1st this year. As you all know, my predecessors Professor Man-hee Han and Professor Hyeon Park have been par excellence in laying down the foundations of the school and expanding its reach over the past ten years. Yes! We are a decade old now and growing strong with each passing day. Having started with three, we now offer six Master's programs and a Ph.D. as well. Students from 69 different countries have benefited from these programs so far. Our alumni are not only making significant contributions in the field of sustainable development for their respective cities and countries but also remain closely knitted as part of one large ISUS family: an achievement I grade as the actual success of our school.

With my new position comes new responsibilities. As Dean, I would like to focus my energy to strengthen our ties within the ISUS community and to continue with our mission to foster the globe's sustainable development through knowledge exchange and cooperation. The growth and progress we have achieved so far would have not been possible without your support. The next leg of our journey will be as successful as we aspire it to be. I look forward to your continued affection and support for more successful years ahead. Let us all continue to stay in touch!

Professor Shin Lee
Dean, ISUS



02 ISUS COMMENCEMENT DAY

The ISUS Commencement Ceremony was held on February 22, 2023, at the International Conference Hall, Natural Science Building. Fourteen (14) Korean students; eight (8) from the Global Construction Department, and six (6) from the Sustainable Urban Development Department graduated from the ISUS and were conferred with their diplomas. Distinguished guests, family members, and friends attended the ceremony to congratulate the successful graduates and celebrate this special occasion with their loved ones.

ISUS is proud of the academic achievements of its graduates and wishes them continued success in their future pursuits. The ceremony was concluded with a photo session to reminisce the fond memories of this cherished event. On February 22, 2023, it was held the ISUS Commencement Ceremony at the International Conference Hall of Natural Science Building, in which fourteen (16) Korean ISUS students Graduates received their diplomas.

There were eight (8) graduates from the Global Construction Department, and eight (8) graduates from the Sustainable Urban Development Department. Distinguished guests, family, and friends attended the ceremony to congratulate and celebrate this special day with the graduates. ISUS wishes all the graduates success in their future careers or further studies and proudly congratulates them on their academic achievements and successful graduation. The ceremony was concluded by a photo session to reminisce this meaningful event.

"2023 UNIST UEE-University of Seoul MUAP Workshop"



03 MUAP 15 FIELD TRIP TO ULSAN AND BUSAN

A three-day field trip to the South Eastern cities of Ulsan and Busan was organised for MUAP-15 at the end of Winter break. On Day one, the students visited the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST). A campus tour and visit to various experimental facilities were conducted. In addition, a workshop with students of the Urban Environmental Engineering Laboratory in UNIST was organised where students shared their latest research content and discussed MUAP students' domestic urban issues.

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KIOST specializes in conducting research and education regarding ocean sciences. The institute is strengthening its research competitiveness through cooperation with international centres as well as domestic research stations. Thereafter, the group moved to Busan North port. The students enjoyed the opportunity to sail on the guide ship of Busan Port Authority and learn about the history and significance of Busan Port.

On the last day of the trip, students again visited the port to get more specific information about 'North Port Redevelopment Project'. The first of its kind; the project is aimed at re-activating the original city center of Busan. Gamcheon Cultural village was the last destination of the field trip. The village serves as a good example of Urban regeneration. This trip was not only an opportunity to broaden knowledge about the southeast part of Korea but also a chance to cherish good memory with MUAP students.



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INTERVIEW WITH MUAP ALUMNI REGINALD GAMELI KUEBUTORNYE

ISUS presents a special series of interviews to share stories of ISUS members. For the March issue, let us read about Reginald Gameli KUEBUTORNYE (MUAP13)

Q1. Nice to meet you. Please introduce yourself, your organization and your department.

My name is Reginald Gameli Kuebutornye. I am currently working as Planning Officer with the Policy Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Directorate of the Ministry of Transport in Ghana. The Ministry of Transport exercises oversight responsibility over the Aviation, Maritime and Road sub-sectors. I am also a proud Alumnus of ISUS, where I graduated with a Master of Urban Administration and Planning (MUAP 13) and acquired the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute meaningfully to my role as a Planning Officer.

With seven (7) years of experience working with the Ministry, I am proud to have played an integral role in the development and implementation of policies, programs, and projects targeted at providing a modally complementary, seamless, affordable, and accessible transportation system in Ghana. Furthermore, my active participation and contribution to the monitoring and evaluation of policies, programs and projects has led to the successful development of various initiatives.

Q2. Could you explain the implication of the Marine Drive Project, which you joined to organize? And how could you have cooperated with professor Man-hee Han?

The Marine Drive project is a 241-acre beachfront redevelopment scheme. Its goal is to construct an iconic skyline culminating in a coastal scenic overlook across the Gulf of Guinea aimed at transforming the city centre into a world-class tourism enclave, thus positioning Ghana as a tourism destination in the region.

It is a multi-sectoral project initiated by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. The scope of work involves the re-development of the area including facilities such as the National Concert Hall, a cultural hub, public conference rooms, recreational and retail facilities, a beach soccer pitch etc. The Marine Drive Project will leverage the potential of tourism to transform the economy of Ghana. As part of consultancy services for the project, a team of experts and professors from ISUS led by Professor Man-hee Han called on the Ministry of Transport to discuss issues concerning the Marine Drive project, especially in the areas of mobility and accessibility. The Team also discussed how the project could be optimized to achieve its goal. The meeting was very fruitful, as both sides exchanged ideas for the betterment of the project and future collaboration.

After the meeting, Professor Man-hee Han reached out to ISUS alumni in Accra, and we had a delightful dinner together reminiscing about our experiences at ISUS and life in Seoul.

Q3. Ghana is home to Volta Lake and number of other rivers. Is the Ministry of Transport undertaking other projects as well to harness the socio-economic potential of these water bodies?

In recent times, the Ministry of Transport has made significant investments in inland water transport. The Volta Lake, the largest man-made lake in the world, covering about 8,500 km², plays an important role in transporting bulk cargo and people in Ghana. Despite its importance, transportation on Volta Lake is fraught with navigational and infrastructural challenges. These include but are not limited to poor landing stages, old and inefficient ferries, as well as unchartered routes. To address these challenges, the Ministry is implementing the Volta Lake Improvement Project for which a feasibility study has been completed.

The project will develop the landing stages, and provide new ferries, and other infrastructure. The project when completed is expected to significantly enhance the quality of life within the numerous beneficiary communities. Additionally, it also aims to ensure the safe launching and landing of artisanal fishing canoes and create / maintain a hygienic environment, the Ministry of Transport is developing some Coastal Fish Landing sites and Fishing Ports along Ghana's coastline in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development. Some outputs of the project include both onshore and offshore facilities such as breakwaters, quay walls, ice-making plants, administrative buildings, workshops, fish markets, and community centres. The project also includes the development of some community-focused projects. This project is almost complete and will soon be operationalized.



Q4. How could the experience at ISUS help you when you work?

For me, studying at ISUS was a dream come true. My days at ISUS were exciting and enjoyable. I had the opportunity to learn from outstanding professors who are not only academicians but also

have extensive practical experience in their respective fields. ISUS has broadened my horizons and sharpened my skills in urban administration and planning, especially in the area of mobility. Thanks to ISUS my performance at work has greatly been enhanced. I have built a network of experts from different countries who are always willing to help by sharing their experiences and expertise whenever they are called upon. The training I acquired at ISUS has equipped me with the ability to see problems from different perspectives and proffer tailored solutions.

Q5. Do you have any other words to share with ISUS Family?

I wish to encourage ISUS students to endeavour to make new friends and build professional networks, as the same are direly needed in one's professional life.

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The opportunities for networking and collaboration at ISUS are invaluable and can lead to meaningful relationships that can benefit students throughout their careers. In a nutshell, studying at ISUS was an earriching experience for me, and I am confident that it will be the same for other students as well.

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05 MURD 6 WINTER INTERNSHIP AND INTERNSHIP OUTCOME SHARING SEMINAR

MURD 6 students underwent their internship program during the Winter. This time, various internship formats were conducted such as field trips, host organization's education program, and research programs. Four organizations participated in the MURD Winter internship program, and 16 students completed their internships. The list of organizations that offered the internship and the internship periods is listed below:

No.	Internship Host Organization	Period
1	KRHIS	2022/09/15 ~ 2022/10/31
2	UNITAR / JEJU	2022/11/23 ~ 2022/11/25
3	UNESCO / i-wssm	2023/02/20 ~ 2023/02/24
4	Seoul Institute	2023/01/12 ~ 2023/01/31
5	KRHIS	2023/02/17 ~ 2023/02/24

The Internship Outcome Sharing Seminar for MURD-6 was conducted on 10th March. During the seminar, the students shared their experiences and insights with professors and colleagues. Some of them were engaged in environment focused education program. The notable fact was that most of them highlighted the environmental issue as the main factor towards achieving inclusive urban and regional development. Due to time constraints, presentation of all students could not be held. A second round of the seminar will be held at the end of March to accommodate the leftover internees.



06 OPENING CEREMONY AND ORIENTATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2023

The ISUS welcomed the new batch of Korean students enrolled in the master's program for the spring semester. The Semester opening ceremony was held on March 2, 2023, at Law School Building. The Dean of ISUS Prof. Shin Lee, ISUS faculty, staff, and officials were in attendance.

In her opening remarks, Prof. Lee welcomed the new students. She also praised the staff and students for their combined efforts towards the successful conduct of online classes and the setting up of e-education systems. The ISUS hosted informal events to commemorate Opening Ceremony.

The address of the Dean was followed by the introduction of faculty members. The students were then divided into their respective programs. The faculty and students were later hosted at the Jung Yook Jung Restaurant.

The ceremony symbolizes the unique bond of friendships and networking which Korean students begin to develop with their professors and peers right from the start of the semester starts. This also anticipate the students to the upcoming 2023 1st semester opening Class.



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MGLEP 9 WELCOMING CEREMONY AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A simple yet impressive ceremony was held at the Natural Science Building auditorium to welcome the new batch of international students selected to attend MGLEP 9 program at the ISUS, UoS. The Dean of ISUS Professor Hyeon Park marked the commencement of the ceremony with his opening remarks followed by a short address by Mr. Heung Jin Choi, President KEITI. Mr. Kyoung Hwa Jeong, Director, MoE also shared his congratulatory remarks on behalf of the MoE and the Government of Korea.

After the address of the honourable dignitaries, the newly enrolled students were called upon the stage to receive their Scholarship certificates. As we all know, the MGLEP program is sponsored by IECC of KEITI through MoE. Therefore, the Head of IECC Mr. Yongjun Lee also gave a short presentation explaining the aim and vision of MGLEP program as envisaged by IECC. The ceremony was later turned into an interactive session where the MGLEP 9 students individually introduced themselves followed by a healthy discussion on how to achieve mutual goals and pursue shared dreams; not only as a team but as one big ISUS / KEITI family.



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