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ISUS Newsletter

International School of Urban Sciences, University of Seoul

Cover Story

<Graduation and Qualification Exam>

GC and SUD students have to participate in both graduation and qualification exams on October 15th at the Law School Building. ISUS requires students to pass both graduation and qualification exam to be able to graduate. All Master's degree candidates must pass the 2 or 3 subjects until graduation.

<2021 ISUS Alumni Cyber Global Friends Night (ACGFN) >

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<Korean Thanksgiving Holiday "Chuseok" >

From September 20-22, it was Korea's one of the major holidays, Chu-Seok, Korean Thanksgiving Day. This year's Chuseok celebration holiday allowed students to enjoy different activities in Seoul. We hope that everyone enjoyed a happy Chuseok holiday.

<67th UIF Scheduled>

67th Urban Infra Forum will be held on the 21st of October at 17:00~18:30. With the topic "Korea's infrastructure Cooperation with Latin America", Mr. Soong-Chull Shin, president of the Korean Council on Latin America & the Caribbean, will deliver a lecture.

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<Congratulatory Remarks by Dean>

This year 2021, the pandemic situation remains, however, ISUS Alumni Association took initiative to hold the GFN event virtually. The meeting was successful and allowed participants to have a chance to reminisce their memories with classmates.

The GNF had unprecedented participation: more than 100 from all ISUS programs such as Global Construction, Sustainable Urban Development, Master of Urban Administration and Planning, Master of Urban and Regional Development, Master's program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy, Master of Infrastructure Planning & Development.

The 1st

A lumni C yber G lobal F riends N ight

Date.
September 25, 2021 22:00 ~ 24:00PM (KST)

Venue.
ifland(<https://ifland.io>) - Metaverse platform

* Participation through web/mobile applications
* Proceed in two groups (1 group of 130 people)

2021 ISUS Alumni Cyber Global Friends Night

2019 ISUS Global Friends Night

Invitation Message

Nice to meet you. We invite all ISUS alumni to the 1st ISUS ACGFN. I hope it will be a time to meet many friends at ACGFN and share the fun. I would like to ask many of the ISUS alumni to attend.

President of ISUS Alumni Association
LEE Sangcheol

Congratulatory remarks

I would like to congratulate the ISUS Alumni Association on hosting the 1st ACGFN. This wonderful event is a special because most of international events around us have been postponed or cancelled because of the pandemic. Through new metaverse platform of IFLAND, this cyber event will remind us that we stay connected to every corner of the globe through ISUS worldwide network. Let's share our memory of ISUS and envision the future of the ISUS, bringing collective energy to our platform and maximizing its energy to brighten the path of every member of ISUS community. Be happy and strong.

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<GFN 2021 Poster>

Interview with Graduate Representatives

ISUS presents the special series of interview to share stories of ISUS members.

For this October article, we present the interview with Norbert Kwisanga and Hazira Ghazali, who were selected as valedictorian and salutatorian due to their excellent grades, for the 2021 commencement.



<Norbert Kwisanga>



<Hazira Ghazali>

Q1.Please, introduce yourself.

Norbert: My name is Norbert KWISANGA, I'm a Rwandan citizen, and recently graduated from the Master of Urban Administration and Planning at the ISUS. Currently, I am an employee of the City of Kigali in the department of Urban Planning and construction.

Hazirah: I usually introduce myself as Hazirah. I have been working with Kuala Lumpur City Hall for 7 years now. Most of my service is communications management and networking for Kuala Lumpur City internationally. Before my studies in ISUS, I was appointed as the Head of International Training for 9 months at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Training Center. After a year of study leave, I returned as the Head of Compliance Unit at the Integrity Department for 7 months, after that I was called once again to serve as Special Officer for the 13th Mayor of Kuala Lumpur.

Q2. First of all, congratulations on your graduation! How do you feel about that?

Norbert: Thank you for your congratulations! I am really happy and excited to graduate from MUAP. I have been waiting for this event patiently; and it is a great pride for me, my family, and friends to see my graduation happening.

Hazirah: Thank you very much. I still cannot believe that my friends and I have graduated. It seems as if we still had a few more classes to attend. It just feels surreal. I think most of us miss attending classes, having discussions, preparing presentations together in the classroom and we feel that we should do this again.

Q3. You were selected as the valedictorian/salutatorian. What was your motivation/inspiration to be one of the best students?

Norbert: Actually, I didn't plan to be one of the best students. Instead, I had the plan to succeed at the maximum of my possibilities. It would be great if all the students could be called "best or valedictorian", but it seems that this is just an ideal wish. However, I think becoming one of the best students has been a result of my regular attitude, which is to focus as much as possible on everything I do. This is one of my core values and principles: work hard and try to maximize the quality of every work I do.

Hazirah: I believe my friends in ISUS and colleagues in Kuala Lumpur have helped me a lot during my studies. They provided the data and information I needed for presentations. Honestly speaking, my source of motivation was to watch concerts or musicals by the end of the month. "If I do well in this, I am going to watch a concert." It was more like a gift for myself that I could receive once I had fulfilled my responsibilities as a student.

Q4. Could you share with us the most memorable experience in ISUS?

Norbert: This question seems to be difficult to answer because I have many good memorable experiences at ISUS, but particularly I cannot forget the Global Friend Night event during which many international students from different corners of the world and other invited people gathered to celebrate ISUS achievements and shared other experiences and knowledge. I was deeply impressed by how everyone seemed to be happy and interested in knowing each other. I made many new friends from this event which is very important for me.

Hazirah: I enjoyed the engagement sessions, where classmates got to sit together and discuss, to present on a certain concept, or to share each other's best practices. This has widened my view and knowledge about city planning and how other cities solved their own urban issues. We got to know their policy in detail, and at some point, we can relate with each other because most issues are generally the same. It amazes me how similar we all are, despite coming from different continents and cultures.

Aside from the classes, my most memorable moment, was when I scored 2 shots during the basketball relay at 2019 ISUS Sports Day. It was memorable because I loved seeing how everyone was happy when the ball finally got in! Everyone celebrated regardless of their teams, it was just as if all of us just became one team!

Q5. What is your career plan after graduation? And how did the ISUS programs help your career?

Norbert: After my graduation, I plan to continue Ph.D. studies to gain enough knowledge to contribute effectively to the development of my country especially in terms of sustainable urban development of our cities. The ISUS programs were well prepared to provide enough knowledge for the better performance of my daily work and improvement of my career.

Norbert: Since the ISUS programs not only focus on theory but also on sharing practical experiences through different trips, workshops, and internships; I was able to find solutions to many urban problems that I could face during my daily work. In addition, the ISUS Programs provided me with the theory that can be put into practice, this will always help me to be a resourceful person for many urban issues through the adoption of some approaches used in Korea.

Hazirah: I plan to find opportunities to leverage networking with other international organizations and other cities. I hope to put Kuala Lumpur on the map amongst the leading developing cities in the world. ISUS is a platform where officials around the world gather, and this made it easier for me to connect with other cities. Besides, during presentations in classes, I was able to learn about each cities' strengths and best practices. This helped me to recognize which aspects of collaboration can be done between our cities.

Q6. Lastly, do you have any words that you want to share with ISUS students?

Norbert: What I want to share with ISUS students is that getting an opportunity to study in Korea is of great value for them and their home countries. Therefore, I recommend each student to take advantage of this opportunity at maximum. For everyone, there are many things to learn, to explore, and to benefit from depending on their preferences and ambitions.

Hazirah: Experience the journey, embrace the challenges, and enjoy your time. You need to enjoy the time you have in Seoul and make a lot of new friends. Of course, COVID-19 restricts freedom of movement, however, do not stop yourself from exploring. Make your time in Seoul valuable and make sure to eat a lot of Korean foods, enjoy the parks, go down walking along the Cheonggyecheon and if you're stressed, let everything out at noraebang. You will definitely miss your time in Seoul, so do not forget to take a lot of pictures and videos!

Congratulations to our graduates! We wish you the best of luck and a career as successful as your studies at ISUS!

MGLEP Alumni and Freshman at Korea-Indonesia Forest Cooperation Center's Anniversary Webinar

On September 9, 2021, Andhika Respati Alumni of the 2nd batch of the Master's Program for Future Global Leaders in Environmental Policy (MGLEP 2), and Ekhsanudin freshman of the MGLEP 7 participated at the webinar "Studying in Korea: Gaining Inspiration from the Country of Ginseng's Successful Environmental and Forestry Development" as part of the activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Korea-Indonesia Forest Cooperation Center. During the event, Andhika and Eksan shared their experience about living and studying in Korea.



<Andhika Respati – MGLEP 2 Alumni>



<Ekhsanudin – MGLEP 7 Student>

Nowadays, Indonesian students are increasingly choosing Korea to continue their education at all levels, from undergraduate to postgraduate to doctoral. In several rankings, such as the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) version, which measures several parameters including academic reputation, number of publications and how many of these publications are cited, as well as the ratio of foreign students to teaching staff, Korean campuses rank highly with campuses in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, and Taiwan. Some of the reasons why Indonesian students choose Korea as their destination for further education include:

1. Quality that is comparable across campuses.
2. The high number of international students enrolled and the vast number of scholarships available. Indonesia and Korea should work together more closely.
3. An interest in Korean culture around the world (Hallyu).

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Mencari Inspirasi dari Keberhasilan Pembangunan Lingkungan Hidup dan Kehutanan di Negeri Ginseng

Kamis, 9 September 2021 | 13.30 - 15.30 WIB

Opening Remarks

Lee Joonsan
Forestry Attache Kedutaan Korea

Dr. Ir. Mariana Lubis, M.M.
Pir. Kepala Pusdiklat SDM LHK

Closing Remark

Lee Sung-gil & Uus Danu Kusumah
Co-Director KIFC

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Lee Chang-Bae
Kookmin University
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Nur Syamsi Muhammad
Yeungnam Univ./ Beasiswa AFOCo
• Kiat mendapatkan sertifikat forest interpreter selain kuliah S2

Siswa
Kangju National Univ./ Beasiswa AFOCo
• Kiat mendapatkan beasiswa S3

Indri Puji Rianti
Yeungnam Univ./ Beasiswa KOFPI
• Berbagi pengalaman kuliah di Korea sebagai seorang ibu

Ari Bima Putra
Kookmin Univ./ Beasiswa GKS
• Tips dan Trik mendapatkan beasiswa umum untuk studi di Korea

Ekhsanudin
Univ. of Seoul/ Beasiswa Global Leaders in Environmental Policy
• Berbagi pengalaman kuliah di masa Pandemi di Korea

Moderator

Andhika Respati
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Forestry/natural resources sciences, urban sciences, and environmental sciences are among the interests of Indonesian government universities in Korea, which are taught by various leading universities in Korea with alumni who have worked well in agencies, universities, NGOs, the private sector, and other fields. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Indonesian citizens are still interested in studying in Korea. Moreover, some major colleges in the fields of forestry/natural resources and environmental sciences concentrate on topics such as wood technology, sustainable and renewable energy, ecotourism, and other related topics.

The objective of the webinar was to inspire and refresh Indonesian human resources by increasing the RoK government's support for environmental and forestry cooperation through higher education programs at Korean universities. The information shared at this webinar provided practical knowledge for successful study and achievement in South Korea, in addition to inspiring potential applicants and scholarship recipients.

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MPID 4 Field Trip to Saemangeum Information Center

On September 24, 2021, students from the 4th batch of the Master's Program for Infrastructure Planning and Development (MIPD 4), had a one-day field trip to three locations:

1. Saemangeum Information Center, where they had a virtual tour along what will be the longest seawall in the world.



<MIPD 4 students at the Saemangeum Investment Exhibition>

2. Culture Seoul Station 284 where they toured the oldest railroad facility in Korea, which was built in 1924.



<MIPD 4 students at the Culture Station Seoul 284>

3. Seoulo 7017 where they got information about the successful regeneration project of Seoul Station Overpass



<MIPD 4 students at Seoulo 7017>

This field trip will provide valuable knowledge to MIPD 4 students for their studies.

Students Enjoyed Chuseok Holiday

This year's Chuseok celebration holiday allowed students to enjoy different activities in Seoul. Some students had fun at Lotte World, others decided to tour the city and visit landmarks such as Seoul N Tower or Lotte Tower, while some decided to enjoy nature and good weather to climb Buramsan, visit Seoul Forest, enjoy the beautiful pink grass and cosmos flowers at Olympic Park or do paddle boarding at Han River, none the less are the students who used this time to gather with friends and enjoy food.

Please enjoy the photos of some of our ISUS students during their Chuseok holidays!



Publication in the SSCI (Social Science Citation Index) Journal

Open Access Review

Municipal Solid Waste Management Policies, Practices, and Challenges in Ethiopia: A Systematic Review

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[Abstract]

Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSWM) affects several spheres, including environmental, social, and economic activities. In Ethiopia, massive waste generation and unbalanced management have worsened the issue. Hence, this systematic review investigates the Ethiopian MSWM policy and legal frameworks, practices, and challenges. The Scopus and Web of Science databases and Google Scholar were used to search published and unpublished studies from 2005 to 2021, and a website search was used to find studies from 1995 to 2021. The search was restricted to the English language, and the last search was conducted on 25 June 2021.

[Abstract]

The study was extracted from the characteristics of the developed study. A risk of bias assessment was conducted for the included studies using the AMSTAR 2. Among the 1135 identified records, 72 studies were found to be eligible. This systematic review identified numerous legal frameworks that enhance the implementation of MSWM in Ethiopia, which is mainly focused on waste collection, transportation, and disposal. Lack of policy enforcement, weak capacity, public awareness, and minimal cooperation among stakeholders were the main challenges. MSWM problems in Ethiopia have seen an increase in recent decades and are affecting daily life. Therefore, these findings may help to improve MSWM in Ethiopia.

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