

# KOICA – KU GSIS SP Alumni News



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# Letter from the Dean

Welcome to the Alumni Newsletter!

KOICA-KU GSIS Scholarship Program (SP) geared up in September 2017 and is now focused on training future specialists in the field of finance and tax policy. This was a big shift from previous GSIS-provided scholarship programs in either international development or economic policy and development. However, GSIS has put great effort into accomplishing its new mission - to cultivate the capabilities of invited government officials of partner countries to contribute to socio-economic development through finance and tax policy. The faculty, staff, and other partners, such as Korea Institute of Public Finance, have adjusted the curriculum to embrace the new topics, and provide internship opportunities in various organizations, such as Korea Development Institute and United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Furthermore, participants have had opportunities to understand and observe Korean finance and tax policies and systems by visiting institutions such as National Tax Service and Ministry of Strategy and Finance, and Douzone, a private corporation that develops software programs for information protection and electronic tax invoices.

To facilitate networking among the alumni, we have recently requested overseas alumni associations to invite the SP alumni to their alumni meetings. We will continue to improve and upgrade this program to produce outstanding individuals. And to do *that*, we also need your kind support. We will appreciate it if you can express how much you value your GSIS experience by responding to our surveys.

Korea University is globally recognized as a prestigious university and is ranked 83<sup>rd</sup> worldwide according to the QS World University Ranking in 2019, which places it 1<sup>st</sup> among private universities in Korea. To maintain this reputation, GSIS will continue to conduct innovative research and train future leaders capable of contributing to global development.

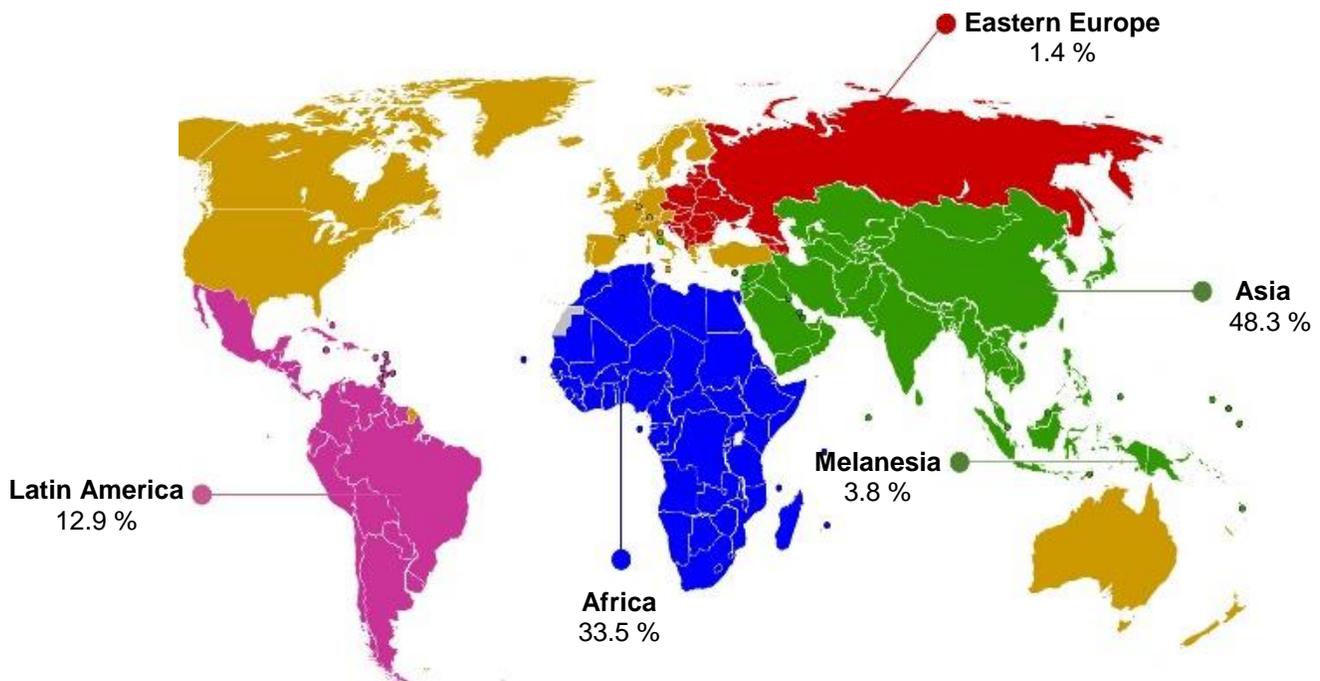


**Kim, Sung-han, Ph.D.**  
Dean, Graduate School of International Studies, Korea University

# Current State of Alumni

2007~2017

Region	Country	# of students	Subtotal	Region	Country	# of students	Subtotal		
Western Asia	Azerbaijan	3	12	Latin America	Colombia	3	27		
	Iraq	1			Dominican Republic	1			
	Palestine	3			Ecuador	9			
	Yemen	5			El salvador	2			
Eastern Asia	Mongolia	4	4		Guatemala	7			
Central Asia	Kazakhstan	5	13		Honduras	1			
	Kyrgyzstan	4			Nicaragua	1			
	Uzbekistan	4			Paraguay	2			
Southeast Asia	Cambodia	11	44		Northern Africa	Algeria		3	12
	East Timor	5				Egypt		8	
	Indonesia	12		Tanzania		1			
	Laos	5		Middle Africa	Cameroon	1	2		
	Myanmar	3			Congo	1			
	Philippines	1			Western Africa	Ghana	12	15	
Vietnam	7	Nigeria	3						
South Asia	Bangladesh	2	28	Eastern Africa	Ethiopia	5	41		
	Nepal	9			Kenya	6			
	Pakistan	6			Mozambique	1			
	Sri Lanka	11			Rwanda	8			
Eastern Europe	Belarus	2	3		Tanzania	14			
	Ukraine	1			Uganda	2			
Melanesia	Fiji	6	8		Zimbabwe	5			
	Papua New Guinea	2							
<b>Total</b>								<b>209</b>	



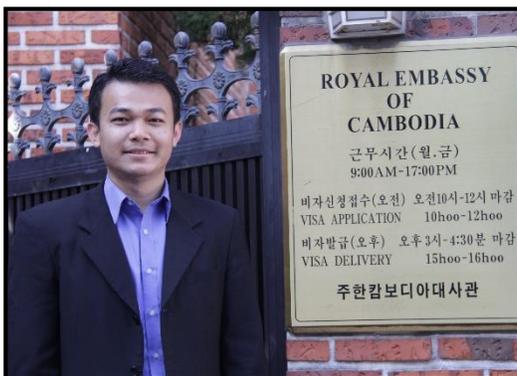
# Alumni Spotlight

My name is KONG Sokheng, a KOICA-KUGSIS 2015 fellow. Currently, I am a Deputy Director of Notification and Legal Compliance (so-called WTO Affairs Department), Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia.

Studying at Korea University (KU), which is one of the most prestigious academic institutions in Republic of Korea, it is a worth spending and a game changer in my career path. Throughout a 16-month life experience in KU, I had diverse chances to get close to trade theories and state of play of international trading environment plus the development experience of Korean economy. In addition, I had connected myself to the Korean community, promising participants and honorable experts from the relevant bodies in the field. Indeed, I made major improvement on my robust team spirit via two-way approach sharing. Inevitably, it was the great opportunities to develop my personality through experiencing self-exploration, self-discipline and self-dependence.



Putting into actual practice, educational experience from KU is part of the backbone of my day-to-day responsibilities. It is the opportunity where I put the theory into practical and analytical work. For instance, I have had involved with various negotiation forums bilaterally, regionally, and multilaterally. Essentially, I have joined the team to provide inputs for policy recommendation and deliver technical comments to leaders. Apart of this, I do regularly share knowledge to my colleagues and university students. Resulting from the practical work, I have made my fortune and gained recognition across the board.



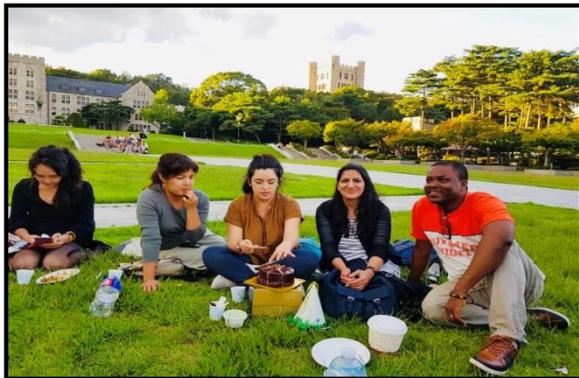
KONG, Sokehng/ Deputy Director of Notification and Legal Compliance/ Cambodia

# Class of 2017

## Learning in Korea –A life transforming experience

I arrived at the KOICA International Centre for Cooperation, in the company of 20 government officials from 16 different countries with a wide range of professional and academic backgrounds. After a brief orientation on the culture and life in Korea, we traveled to the prestigious Korea University.

Academic work took off almost immediately with a verve that never slowed until we finished school. We had a one week intensive but not enough Korean language studies, to begin with. We continued with our actual course work taught by experienced and highly dedicated professors and practitioners drawn from Korea University, Korea Institute of public finance (KIPF) and Korea Develop Institute (KDI).



Apart from the core academic work, we had the opportunity to participate in some strategic field studies designed to build our professional capabilities. Key among the field studies is a summer training program at KDI where we learned about Korea’s development experiences. We also visited the Korean National Tax Service and DOUZONE- the company behind the Korean successful tax ICT infrastructure. These experiences immensely

developed my competencies in writing policy memos and delivery notes as well as gaining a reasonable understanding of the Korean tax policy and administration.

During my studies in Korea University (KU) -Graduate School of International Studies and practical internship at the KDI, I developed a special interest in understanding the deep centered traditional or ethical values of the Korea people that contributed significantly to their “economic miracle”- the first of its kind in modern history. The search led to my writing a term paper on the “Role of Religious Ethics in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Africa”



This paper has since been published in the Asian Journal of Religion and Society with the help of my tutor Professor Kwang Suk Yoo. My final thesis on “The Key Drivers of Value Added Tax Revenue in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)” has also been revised and submitted for publication in the Journal of International Area Studies with the help of my thesis supervisor Professor Jung-Ho Kim. This

certainly excites me as it unearths in me the potential of contributing to the body of knowledge through writing.

By dint of hard work, dedication and commitment, I was awarded a certificate for lifetime achievement award for making a significant contribution to the 2017 Korea University Graduate School of International Studies KOICA Scholarship program. I honestly believe that the program was highly successful because it has enriched my knowledge with some best practices in tax policy and administration that I can share with my team in the Policy and programs department of the Ghana Revenue Authority. In fact, I am already excited sharing my Korean experience because, barely a week after my arrival in Ghana, I was engaged by the head of Policy and Programs Department to act as a liaison officer between our department and a private sector-led team that is currently assisting in restructuring some operational processes of the Ghana Revenue Authority.



I am grateful to KOICA, Ghana Revenue Authority and my Faculty and colleagues at KU-GSIS, for their generous support throughout my study in Korea.

# Class of 2017

## Letter to my Korea University

Hello, KOICA-KU fellows. After a long thinking how to begin my story I come up with short phrase, like “**my international family**”, that express my love and memories of life there. The life in Korea as an international student was an unforgettable journey both in-class and out-class life as we have experienced and you are experiencing now. I am Rakhmonov Azizjon, from Uzbekistan and let’s get start and see how we have done.

Actually, it has been my first time out of my country and face new culture, but the orientation organized by KOICA and Korea University helped me to have instant social life and immerse myself in new environment. After a short stay and adjustment to new atmosphere and food we departed KOICA ICC and moved to Global House at Korea University. As we were moving around the Korea University I was amazed by the environment and the facilities provided. In short I felt the wind of knowledge and hospitality blowing through University.

Coming to September of the 2017 we began our first class and found it not only knowledge sharing process but also experience, ideas and culture exchange joy, which made us more rounded as a person and made life more colorful. Furthermore, KOICA and Korea University administration and professors’ continuous support and cooperation helped us to involve ourselves in new life there and in-depth knowledge and expertise of professors enriched our knowledge.

The knowledge and experience I got in Korea is coming very handy now in my personal and career life. To cut a long story short, it opened my mind to new ideas and I began looking at life in a different way.

Besides study, extra-curricular activities such as buddy program, cultural exchange and sporting outdoor activities were wonderful moments that worth to remember. Most memorable one, in particular, was cherry blossom period in which I enjoyed from breathtaking view of the city.



Above all, I made a lot of Korean and international friends which I still keep in touch in and exchange various aspects of our life.

Indeed it was KOICA scholarship program and Korea University that brought us together and bonded us quickly to start everlasting friendships. The success we achieved was not only completion of our study but also the friendship and the cultural exchanges we shared along the way.

As one of our professor said in our graduation ceremony “Being a part of KOICA-KU is something that anywhere you go you find someone who is a member of this family and will definitely get special treatment, in a positive way”. And I have felt that several times and I think this is because we ourselves got such a kind treatment. I am very appreciative to all who supported us and shared their kindness.

I feel very blessed to have them as my one big international family in Korea and no matter where I go in life, I believe, I will always remember them as a great mentors, friends and a great source of inspiration.

# Class of 2017

First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Mongolian government and South Korean government for the wonderful program. I would like to thank Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Fellowship Program and Korea University for giving me an opportunity to learn more from Korean development experiences and strengthen my capacity. Additionally, I'm most grateful to colleagues at Mongolia-Japan Center for Human Resource Development and National University of Mongolia. Without support from my organization, I wouldn't be able to study at Korea University



It was an honor to graduate one of the top 3 universities in South Korea. For 17 months I have achieved a lot in both personal development and academic practices. For instance, I have participated in many international conferences related to my major which gave me a chance to deepen my understanding about the world economy. Luckily, I could take Korean Language class which made my life comfortable in Korea. I was able to read and speak in daily conversations. I have to mention about summer internship program from Korea Development Institute (KDI), which was so impressive to work in Korean research institution and provided me new skills, practices and knowledge sharing experiences. Besides that, I have broadened my network with many international fellows as well as Korean experts. Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) provided international students extracurricular activities such as East Asian Society, Human Right's Society and buddy program, where I met great people from all over the world and had Korean traditional dinner together.



I have spent my one and half year life in South Korea actively and with full of memories. Even though it was very busy and intensive program, I could travel to beautiful places in South Korea, such as seeing the Pyongchang Winter Olympic Games, Jeju island, Marado island, Nami island, Everland theme park, Sokcho beach, and do study tour to Korean Heavy Industry and Hyundai car manufactory. Besides these, there are lot of memories which I did not



mention. While traveling in South Korea, I have noticed that Korean people are overwhelmingly hardworking and kind.

From the beginning, I really attracted to Korea University campus which was facilitated with high standard technologies, comfortable libraries, lounges and coffee shops. I can't imagine my life in Korea University Campus without help of professors and staffs at KU, they helped us a lot for settling in the campus and guiding us for each subject were valuable and worthy. It is already time to apply my knowledge and experiences gained from Korea University Master's degree program specialized in Finance and Tax Policy to my home country's socio-economic development. It was very

productive and meaningful year for me and my family.

# Class of 2018

## Life longing experience in Korea

The day when I received a call from KOICA representatives about the acceptance for Master`s Degree Program in Finance and Tax Policy, Korea University, for me this is the life changing news ever I heard. Indeed, from these days a new page in my life is welcoming me with enormous experiences and wonderful adventures.



From the first day of my arrival, I was very much appreciated of the warmest welcoming by KOICA. All introductory sessions hold in the office of KOICA were really engaging especially, interaction part enabling to know well of each other since we were newcomers. I still remember the feelings when I was very much amazed of how we are all from different countries, representing 16 nations. It is incredible, granting invaluable experiences and learnings for all of us. From my point, diversity brings creativity, as for evidence, I have been observing diverse and also can say innovative approaches for the issues raised.

We all here to learn the best offered theoretical and practical knowledge as well as experiences of Korean Economic Development. Considering them all, Korea University provides most valuable professors in all spheres and also visiting professionals for specific courses offered. During these study periods we have been learning the theories of Macroeconomics, Economic Growth and International Trade as well as issues in Tax Policy and Public Finance. Very friendly environment delivered by professors and students have contributed significantly for the achievements of complete leaning outcomes.

In this moment, it has a high importance to mention the social life of the Korea University. Well organization of different kind of social and sport events by Student`s Union never let you get stressed from studies, instead of, energizes you at the same time encouraging to enjoy with remaining period of yours student life. I can have an example of sport tournament between Korea University and Yonsei, becoming long time tradition of these two Universities. We all

as student have been supporting till the very end of each contest even in the loss and victories.

As for program schedule, we were able to participate in the field trips. One of them was the trip to “Douzone”, in which the company mainly deals with the development of IT software programs especially for tax system of Korea. The warmest welcome by all company employees and devoting whole business day of the president despite of overloaded job schedule has left on me very pleasant impression about the head and its company. At the end of the tour, we were given a chance of trying different types of bakeries made by bakehouse. It was delicious delicious, I never tried such delicious bakery before!



Eventually, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for program advisor Professor Kyuwon Kang and program coordinator Ms. Hana Jin for their enormous support during the whole study period. Moreover, TA of the program Ms. Mingyeong Kim, we all are very much appreciated and always relied on her kind help.

# Class of 2018

## LIFE AND STUDIES IN KOREA

It was during the quiet early hours of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 on an Ethiopian airlines that the dream of this life changing experience began. The feeling of leaving my home country and wonderful family to an unfamiliar land far away in the Korean peninsula for 18months sent cold shivers down my spine.

Nevertheless I knew I have an opportunity to learn from the best practices and the Korean experience which have seen them turn around a hitherto poor country into a beacon of hope and model for most developing countries. I left Ghana in the company of my compatriot and colleague at the Ghana revenue authority, Mr. Richard Akonor. After almost 20hours of tormentous journey over many countries and oceans we finally touched down in Korea at the Incheon airport. We were greeted by the warm Korean hospitality and well-coordinated KOICA staff and ushered into a bus to the KOICA ICC to begin this journey of a lifetime. The fascinating scenes of this wonderful country I saw en route to the ICC coupled with the pleasant and restful days we spent at the KOICA ICC immediately gave me the assurance and conviction that, I had made the right decision to be part of this scholarship program. Whiles at the KOICA ICC, I was so eager to go the prestigious Korean University to begin my studies.



Academically it's been challenging for me, as I struggle to overcome the change in environment and adapt to the Korean life. Studies in Korea is quite different from what am used to back home in Ghana. The professors are keen on punctuality and coupled with the smaller class size, student participation is very much encouraged. The focus is more on the practicality of the many theories we read in books through the many presentations and class discussions.

Life outside the classroom has been awesome. From the many interesting sites and shopping centres including the streets of Myeong dong, and our popular Dongmyo market where I eat Korean rice with fresh fish in the company of my fellow Africans (Serge, Richard and Peter)in

an unconventional settings.



The market really epitomizes the kind of settings we have back home, where unlike the formal shopping malls with price tags affixed to the goods, in Dongmyo market we can bargain and settle on a mutually beneficial price. It really adds to the fun considering the formal nature of the Korean economy.

It is also worth mentioning that our wonderful buddy (Eunice) has been so helpful and accommodating. She tries to make time off her busy schedules to take us to new places and try new things. The experiences have printed indelible memories on my mind and I know it will take forever to lose it.

I sincerely wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to KOICA and Korea University for giving me this opportunity to meet people of from all walks of life with diverse cultures. To our own Professor Kang, Kim, Minkyong and JinAH I say thank you for your guidance and helping us settle. To my wonderful fellow KOICA participants I love you all and the limit to our potentials is the sky so never despair.

# Class of 2018

## Theory and practice in South Korea and Korea University

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page” which attributed to St. Augustine. I chose this proverb particularly to start my newsletter because this one seems like a proverb always used in Egypt, the literal meaning of is “people can gain 7 benefits from travelling”. When I arrived to South Korea six months ago, I totally realized how those proverbs are expressive and full of wisdom. Leaving your home country for a long time, 18 months, is not an easy decision. I arrived to Korea in 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 accompanied by my friend Mr. Ahmed Essam who works at the Egyptian Tax Authority affiliated to the Ministry of Finance that I belong to and honored to be a member of its staff. Days and nights passed in Korea and prove that I had taken the right decision. In addition, As for me, some of those benefits are including but not limited to, building friendships from various countries, cultures, sharing experiences, and good memories with best friends.



I want to share some things happened to me lately. Two years ago, I was a Master student in the French University, ESLSCA Business School. One of my favorite subjects was marketing. I love this subject very much because I believe that marketing is an integral part of our daily life and it is the secret of success for anything and see the world with different eyes. I

learnt marketing with some successful examples whether in Egypt or worldwide theoretically. However, when I arrived to Korea, I really experienced how marketing looks like and applied practically.

I see in Korea in general and KU in specific, the practical meaning of marketing. Both Korea and KU considered themselves as service providers and they have to meet all needs of their customers, e.g. people and students, in a proper way. In my point of view as a visitor student, Korea gives more attention to many things that makes it one of my favorite destinations in the future. Starting from all helpful aids, technologies, and ease of transportation that makes your life in Korea becomes very easy, reaching to the considerations of disabilities, old people, and pregnant women in everywhere.

If I moved to talk about the life in my beloved Korea University (KU), I have no words to express my gratitude and happiness. In KU, students can find everything. All their needs and dreams come true. The university provided the proper and healthy environment for students to achieve their goals. All facilities in KU open their doors for students all the days and nights, during semester and vacation times. KU provided students with highly professional and qualified professors. Everything in this university shouting your orders are my commands. I felt in KU as if I'm at my home. I always spend almost of my time in the KU, nothing there is missing.



Furthermore, the hospitality and arrangements done by KOICA coordinators even in ICC or KU were perfect. They provided me with everything I need during my stay in Korea. They are very helpful and supportive to me and all my friends. Consequently, I would like to thanks all of them very much, especially Prof. Kyuwon Kang, Ms. Hana Jin, Ms. Mingyeong Kim and Ms. JinAh. Moreover, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all my professors who provided us with their valuable knowledge and expertise. Last but not least, I would like to thank KOICA and KU for giving me such a valuable opportunity, and all my best friends KOICA 2018 participants as well.

Reham Tahoun/Second Researcher at the Minister of Finance's Technical Office/ Ministry of Finance/ Egypt

# Class of 2018

## Living a balanced life while reaching for your dreams

June 23, 2018 when I received a letter that brought smile not only to me but also to my parents, friends, and colleagues. No words can explain how happy I was upon receiving that letter for I thought I will never have the chance to receive it. It was a dream come true, an answered prayer of mine. The thought of being away from your family for 17 months was so dreading. There was fear, anxiety, sadness but they said those are nothing compared to the joy that you will have once you reached your dream. So with a determined heart, I left the Philippines on August 20, together with a fellow Filipino scholar from another university, to challenge myself to learn new things, enhance my skills, and embrace a new culture. It was late afternoon of August 20 when I arrived in Seoul and was taken to KOICA International Cooperation Center (ICC). There at ICC, I was able to get to know fellow scholars from different countries. We had the opportunity to learn about KOICA's programs and activities as well as Korea's ODA Policy.



KOICA was also very helpful as they shared to us basic Korean culture and safety precautions that we always need to keep in mind while we are staying here. ICC gave me a nice and comfortable environment but I cannot help but think about Korea University as days passed by. I was excited and nervous at the same time on the day we moved in to Korea University. “What if I make a mistake?”, “What if I cannot adapt well?”, too many what ifs but all of it



dissipated the moment I felt how warmly welcome we are at the university. Adjusting to student life is a bit difficult but thanks to the guidance of Prof. Kang Kyuwon and our technical assistants Minkyong and JinAh, I was able to adapt to Korea University's environment well. The first semester went by fast and smooth despite the little struggle to cope up with discussions at first. I was so blessed to be in Korea University and be given the opportunity to learn from professors who are expert and well knowledgeable on the field

they are teaching.

Aside from teaching us technical matters related to Finance and Tax Policy, Korea University also wants the students to enjoy and get to know Korean culture more; hence, we were assigned into groups and given a Korean buddy to introduce us to their culture. I am very thankful to my buddy, Jung Chaha, for her kindness, dedication, and eagerness to be with us during our monthly buddy activities. The buddy program did not only let me experience Korean culture but it also gave me a new friend in the form of Chaha. My friends and I also try to explore Korea on our own during our free time. I usually went out with my travel buddies, Lia and Hung, and sometimes my Filipino fellows from other universities. Winter break is when we were able to go to different places within and outside Seoul. Honestly, it is scary to go to far places as we might get lost but the feeling of successfully reaching our destination, safe and sound, is very fulfilling along with series of laughter and the lines “We made it! We are here! Yey!”. Among the places that my friends and I visited are Pocheon Art Valley, Gwangmyeongdonggul Cave, Hwaseong Fortress, and Nami Island. If you are travelling on winter, just make sure to dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes because you will do a lot of walking. It is nice to have some quality time with your friends or sometimes just yourself so you would not feel homesick. Try going out, catch some fresh air, eat Korean foods, watch the sunset, play with dogs, and even make new friends. You surely have a lot of options on what to do here in Korea. But of course, do not forget about your studies. Be sure to balance student life and social life. Learn during class hours, participate in class, study for exams, complete all course requirements, and travel during your free time.

# Class of 2018

## The Chance of a Lifetime

Most people dream of studying abroad. Since I was an undergraduate student, I have wanted to study in South Korea, because I know some people that studied in this country and all of them were knowledgeable and intelligent. Unfortunately, I could not realize my dream soon and I graduated my master's degree also in my country of Uzbekistan. But that desire did not disappear. In 2018 I, Elmurodov Shokhjahan and my countryman Boymirzaev Temurbek were two of the luckiest candidates who had opportunity to study in South Korea with the



unexplainable and great help of KOICA and KU. I was completely sure that the program would be organized perfectly, because everything was explained and planned in details in advance in Guideline. After arrival to Korea, we were sure once more that we were “special ones”. For the first three days we stayed in KOICA headquarters accommodation. There were all facilities that we needed. The most wonderful experience was that we could make friends with many people all over the world.

With one phrase I might express that “KOICA unites all nations”. I do not have the right for not noticing that happen with Korean bus driver in the second day of our stay in Korea. I with my friends decided to see some sightseeing in Korea, therefore we took a bus and wanted to pay in cash, because we were not familiar with T-Money cards at that time, but the driver of the bus kindly refused taking our money considering we were guests. All of us were surprised by the kindness of that person. After that, we were taken to the hospital for medical check-up that was provided and financed by KOICA. There, I realized the secret of long life of Koreans. Korea has very modern



medical technologies and facilities. As soon as we finished medical check-up we went to KOREA UNIVERSITY where we were supposed to spend 17 months of our lives. We did not face any difficulties with courses and accommodation. Everything was provided for us in advance. Our program coordinator Professor Kang, Kyuwon, technical Assistants Mingyeong Kim and JinAh helped us very much to settle down. Personally I owe them very much for their sincere help to get used to University life. As a foreign, I started observing everything and compared many things with those in my country. People in Korea mostly reject to receive your help when you are willing to help them. Firstly, I was a bit sad when they refused to receive my help. Then I contemplated that maybe it is the key factor of their success i.e. they are used to doing everything on their own and working hard. However, it is still an unanswered question to me. We have different field trips that were organized by KOICA and KU. Those field trips also were very helpful for us to understand the success factors of Korean Development.

Korea University is the best place for learning and studying, because one can enjoy everything that is necessary for study and research. There is everything for student i.e. libraries with modern books, reading halls with all facilities, outdoor and indoor round tables for group discussions. I hope that I will become one of the outstanding students of the University.

# Program News

## Conference

2017

### [Roundtable]

KOICA 2017 students shared their knowledge and ideas about their own countries and countries' tax policy.

Date: 2018.02.19

Venue: International Studies Hall, Korea University



### [UNOPS-UNIDO Consultation Meeting]

KOICA 2017 students provided individual consultation by each country to Korean SME overseas investment and exports.

Date: 2018.05.16

Venue: Ilsan Kintex Exhibition Center II, Gyeonggi-do

**[UNOPS-UNIDO Consultation Meeting]**

KOICA 2018 students provided individual consultation by each country to Korean SME overseas investment and exports.

Date: 2018.11.29

Venue: Ilsan Kintex Exhibition Centre II,  
Gyeonggi-do



**[KDI GKEDC Workshop]**

KOICA 2018 students learned about Korea's economic and industrial development and Korea's tax policy history and success cases, and understand the concept of development.

Date: 2018.12.28

Venue: Global Knowledge Exchange and  
Development Centre

**[GPAS Special Lecture]**

KOICA 2018 students attended GSIS Special lecture on Development through Education and Cultural Cooperation by Irina Bokova, Former Director General, UNESCO.

Date: 2019.04.05

Venue: International Studies Hall



# Extracurricular Activities

2017 & 2018

## [Hyundai Plant Fieldtrip]



KOICA students were able to see Korea's Heavy Industry fostering policy and the process of economic growth based on exports facilitating policy, making it a great opportunity for KOICA students to have solid understanding about Korea's economic growth.

Date: 2017.06.25~06.26

Venue: Hyundai Motor Plant and Hyundai Heavy Industry Plant

## [Trip to NTS Seoul Regional Office]

2017 and 2018 KOICA students went to NTS Seoul Regional Office to see how NTS is run in Korea, focusing Korean tax administration. They also toured Museum of NTS Seoul Region.

Date: 2018.05.24 / 2019.04.26

Venue: National Tax Service Seoul Regional Office



### **[Field trip to DOUZONE]**

KOICA 2017 and 2018 students learned about e-receipts and the software system from DOUZONE, the computer programming company.

Date: 2018.11.16

Venue: DOUZONE, Chuncheon-si, Korea



### **[Field trip to KDI]**

KOICA 2017 and 2018 students went to KDI to learn the development of Korea, and share their knowledge and ideas with researchers in KDI. They read and watched the timeline of Korea from Korean War up to date.

Date: 2018.12.28

Venue: KDI



### **[KDI Internship]**

KOICA 2017 students had a great opportunity to have the KDI internship in which they made researches on development of their countries based on Korea's development experiences. For 2018 KOICA students, the internship is ongoing right now.

Date: 2018.07.04~08.25

Venue: KDI, Seoul, Korea



**[Field trip to Smartium]**

2018 KOICA students experienced the country's biggest residential and urban exhibition centre which is to promote government policies including mart cities and homes, green remodelling, and new and renewable energy.

Date: 2018.06.27

Venue: The Smartium, Gangnam, Seoul



**[Field trip]**

2018 KOICA went for 3-day-field trip. Visited KIA Sohari factory in Gwangmyeong-si, MOEF and KIFP in Sejong-si, learning about Korea motor industry's development and practice of Tax and Public Finance in Korea. Also visited Korea Independence Hall in Cheonan-si, learning about Korea history.

Date: 2018.07.03~07.04



## *Completion Ceremony & Farewell Party*



For the KOICA students who have been studying hard and staying in a significantly different environment for more than a year of time, we held a farewell party celebrating their completion of Scholarship Program and wishing their future to be brighter.

Date: 2018.12.21

Venue: Crimson Hall, Korea University