



GLOBAL REPORT

"KU Global Report" is the official online newsletter of the Office of International Affairs at Korea University.

Its goal is to inform and update our international partners and friends on recent activities at Korea University.

KU News:

KU Partners with Net Zero 2050 Climate Foundation



KU takes climate actions to solve environmental & energy issues

Korea University and the Net Zero 2050 Climate Foundation signed an MoU pledging cooperation in promoting climate actions and developing alternative measures to address environmental and energy issues while fostering global talent. The ceremony was held in the Main Hall of Korea University at 1:30 pm on March 24, 2021.

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KU News:

Fundraising Campaign Launched with a \$200,000 Donation from Alumnus



Rebuilding Science Library for the next 100 years of education

Mr. Bae Gi-seong, an alumnus of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry class of 1970, launched KU's fundraising campaign for the renovation of the Science & Engineering Library, with a generous gift of approximately \$200,000.

President Jin Taek Chung held a donation ceremony at the President's Office in the Main Hall of Korea University on April 8, 2021 to recognize the gift. The event was followed with a Signboard Hanging Ceremony featuring the "Bae Gi-seong Zone" at the Science & Engineering Library. Renovations are being made to update the facility and to meet the changing information needs of students.

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KU News:

KU & Hynix Partner to Foster AI for Social Good

Providing 21st-Century digital volunteer activities for the local community

Korea University, through its KACE Creator Club, and SK Hynix agreed to enhance efforts at social responsibility by supporting local communities by providing useful Robotic Process Automation technologies to general welfare centers, youth centers, senior welfare centers and welfare centers for the disabled.

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KU Global News:

KU Partners with Indonesian Government Scholarship Program



KU looks forward to welcoming increased numbers of Indonesian scholarship students in 2022

Reacting swiftly to news of the launch of the "Kampus Merdeka, Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards Program" enabling Indonesian students to study abroad as semester visiting students by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture, KU's Office of International Affairs submitted a successful proposal facilitating the reception of 50 to 100 incoming students for the 2022 academic year.

"We are very pleased to participate in this program as we are one of the most popular destinations being offered," says Ms. Younje Lee, Manager of Study Abroad Programs for the Asian Region. "We look forward to welcoming this significant cohort of students in 2022."

Currently Korea University welcomes a much smaller number of students from Indonesia and the surrounding Asian region, through its bi-lateral student exchange programs. "This partnership enables KU to welcome many Indonesian students because it doesn't involve the reciprocity that is a requirement of a student exchange program," says Mr. D'Arcy Drachenberg, Assistant Director, International Cooperation. "It's really a win-win partnership as these students can have an exceptional, and fully-funded, study abroad opportunity at KU while we continue to grow our visiting student program."

In addition to the successful development of this program, KU has recently developed similar incoming visiting student programs with the University of Texas, Austin, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela in Spain and the University of Oregon in USA.

[Learn more about the Kampus Merdeka Program](#)

KU Global News: APRU Sustainable Waste Management Global Lectures Series



Experts in waste management share views in Global Lecture Series

The APRU Sustainable Waste Management program, under the leadership of KU Professor Yong Sik Ok, is hosting a Global Lecture Series with experts from diverse fields to contribute to the international dialogue focusing on sustainability, the environment, society and governance.

The lecture series is one of the key activities of the Sustainable Waste Management program, and is featured from March to December 2021. Top professors from MIT, Columbia University and the National University of Singapore, among others, will be presenting their research and ideas on relevant topics within the field, furthering the global discussions on this most timely issue.

The speaker for the sixth session will be Prof. Jinyue Yan, from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). To learn more about the speaker series and upcoming sessions please visit the APRU website by clicking the button below.

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KU Global News: Student Survey Reveals Students' Attitudes & Awareness of Study Abroad

If only I had a chance
to study abroad....



KU surveys students' attitudes and awareness of study abroad

In an effort to help strengthen decision-making for the strategic development of international student mobility partnerships, KU's Office of International Affairs, in late May 2021, conducted a 20-question survey for domestic KU students, to uncover their attitudes, awareness and preferences for study abroad.

The survey was conducted online gathering approximately 900 responses, which strengthens the reliability of the results. Key among the findings were that 87% of students indicated that a study abroad experience is either an important or very important part of their university experience, 74% responded that their primary motivation for studying abroad is to gain a cultural experience and the top concern for students when choosing a destination was safety at 31%. Not surprising however, was that over 73% of survey participants preferred to study in either North America or Europe.

Prior to the survey many partnership decisions were based on anecdotal evidence, staff experiences and faculty preferences. However, the new survey results enable the office to match these assumptions with student feedback to ensure KU's international programs remain popular and relevant.

"The survey is really important for our strategic planning," says Prof. Hikyoung Lee, Vice President, International Affairs. "With this data we can better address student needs and preferences to provide a more meaningful study abroad experience for our students."

Currently KU has over 300 student mobility partnerships with quality universities around the world, having sent 424 exchange students abroad in 2020 despite current global travel conditions.

KU Global News:

KU Joins UMAP Association to Enhance Regional Cooperation



KU joins UMAP to expand collaboration within the Asia-Pacific Region

Korea University is pleased to announce it is now a member of the UMAP (University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific) university network. With a membership of over 600 educational institutions, from 36 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, KU looks forward to strengthening ties with member universities to foster stronger and more sustainable student mobility partnerships, while enhancing institutional ties with peer universities in the region.

"As the leading private university in Asia, Korea University is excited to be a new member of UMAP," says Prof. Hikyoung Lee, Vice President, International Affairs. "UMAP will provide excellent opportunities for us

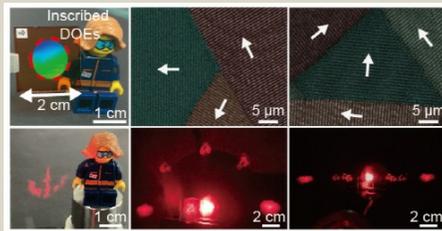
to learn more about the higher education systems in the Asia-Pacific, while allowing KU to showcase and share its accomplishments within the field of international education."

About UMAP:

UMAP is the acronym for the "University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific." Founded in 1991, it is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (university) sector. The general aim of UMAP is for each of the countries and territories in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve a better understanding of the cultural, economic and social systems of the other countries and territories in the region through enhanced cooperation among higher education institutions and increased mobility of university students and staff.

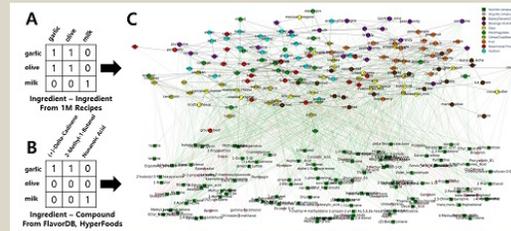
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KU Research Excellence:



A research team led by Professor Lee Seung-woo, published a paper in the *Journal of Advanced Functional Materials* on the development of core optical elements of an AR Display.

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A research team led by Professor Kang Jae-woo and 'SONY AI' collaborated to develop an AI model to recommend creative combinations of ingredients to expand culinary taste sensations.

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