

Introduction of IAEC Asia-Pacific Network

- NAME** : International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) Asia-Pacific Network
- ESTABLISHMENT** : June, 2009, Changwon City, Republic of Korea
- COORDINATION TEAM**
 - Coordinating city : Changwon City
 - Executive committee city : Soosung-gu, Gunsan-si
- ROLE**
 - Spread the Charter of Educating Cities in the Asia Pacific region
 - Materialize the idea of Charter of Educating Cities that fits the characteristics of the Asia Pacific region
 - Suggest directions for the local government's policy-making process
 - Share specific practice cases between associated cities
- ASSOCIATED CITIES** : 6 countries, 27 cities
 - Australia (1) : Adelaide
 - Philippines (1) : Caluya
 - Nepal (1) : Biem
 - Palestine (1) : Bethlehem
 - Thailand (1) : Phuket
 - Republic of Korea (22): Changwon, Suncheon, Gwangju, Gunsan, Gumi, Paju, Yeosu, Dalseo-gu, Andong, Suusung-gu, Geochang, Jincheon, Hadong, Jecheon, Gimhae, Ulsan Joon-gu, Saha-gu, Yeongdo-gu, Gyeongsan, Hoengseong, Damyang, Songpa-gu



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Changwon, Coordinating City of IAEC Asia-Pacific Network

Changwon successfully held the Lifelong Studying Exhibition and Science Festival

From September 19 to 21, 2014, Changwon successfully held the "2014 Changwon Lifelong Studying Exhibition and Science Festival" at the Changwon Convention Center and Changwon Science Experience Center. The theme for this year's event was "Wings of Learning! Dream of Science! Smart Changwon!" About 50,000 people attended and participated in the festival.

The festival was a huge success as it delivered an enthusiastic atmosphere for learning. Various events were held during the festival, such as promotions for different educational programs, science and culture-related activities, an experience booth, a special science lecture, meet-and-greet with the authors, contests, and celebratory concerts.

The festival received a positive response from citizens by holding events at the Community Center's PR Hall, the Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute, the Changwon Science Experience Center, and other nearby locations. The experience events included exhibitions and promotions, such as growing plants inside a bulb, pop art experience, making fragrance bags, making solar-powered airplanes, and making natural soaps, among others.

This event served as a special forum to enhance interest in lifelong education through the introduction of various lifelong education programs in Changwon-si. Also, it contributed to Changwon's vision to grow together through education.

Changwon established the International Education Cooperation Center at Takeo, Cambodia

In January 2013, Changwon established the Changwon International Education Cooperation Center at Samdat poan Village in the Takeo Province of Cambodia. The city entered into a business agreement for the Center's smooth operation, as well as for exchange promotion and the educational development of Changwon and Takeo Province.

Changwon International Education Cooperation Center was established as the first public development assistance program that will pursue the "Changwon Announcement," which was adopted during the 12th Changwon IAEC International Congress.

The Center sits in a one-story building with a 297-m² total floor area. It is a multipurpose complex equipped with a kindergarten, a library, a health center, and a restroom, as well as other facilities. Changwon-si provided a KRW 100 million fund (approximately USD 100,000) for the program.

Changwon International Education Cooperation Center supports the education of the local children, as well as the citizens' health. Also, the Center functions as reinforcement of the international exchange network between Cambodia and Korea.

Creating jobs for local senior citizens through private-public cooperation

In July 2013, Changwon opened "Café e oda" inside the cafeteria of Uichang-gu Office. The purpose of the café was to create jobs for senior citizens.

"Café e oda" is the first program of its kind in Gyeongnam province. It was implemented for the purpose of creating jobs for senior citizens through private and public cooperation, with the support of Uichang-gu in Changwon and the Changwon Senior Club.

Based on the café's pilot operation in early July, the annual profit is expected to be around KRW 72 million. All profits will be used for the senior citizen's labor cost, including the operation and maintenance costs of the café.

"Café e oda" is expected to be an example of a job creation program and at the same time, provide convenience to local citizens by selling coffee, beverages, cake, and other similar products at a lower price.



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Soosung Global Women's Academy in Soosung-gu, Daegu

The Soosung Global Women's Academy, under the belief that the local women can change the home and the local society, is a project that shares and helps create solutions to society-related issues in the world. As a program, this project encourages women to join and nurtures them to become leaders through participation in the activities. Its programs include lectures on ESD (Education for Sustainable Development), such as environment, energy, human rights, peace, and other related issues. The program also lets the participants experience the issues themselves through field trips and domestic and international volunteering.

The participants joined the "Miracle of KRW 10,000" for the establishment of a rehabilitation hospital for children. Aside from this program, they also donated KRW 3.65 million. They are also active in various activities in the local society, such as environmental campaigns, participation and volunteering at local institutions, supporting company markets with disabled people within the area, village companies, social companies, and other similar activities. Some students, through personal expense, visited the Philippines in 2012 and Nepal in 2013 to perform volunteer work.

In 2014, 24 foreign volunteers visited again three schools in Nepal and provided goods, meals, and shared with the students their talents.



Volunteering at Nepal. Global Women at Nepal, in Soosung-gu, Daegu



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"Patients are also citizens" - Andong opened the first "Banolim Happiness Studying Center" at a in Korea

Andong opened the "Banolim Happiness Studying Center," which is the first lifelong studying facility within the hospital in Korea. The study center was built as part of the "Establishment of a Lifelong Studying System - A Hundred-Year Plan," which is one of the government's major public projects. The Center will be located inside Andong Hospital, which has a daily population of around 2,000 outpatients and around 1,000 inpatients. The Happiness Studying Center guarantees the people's right to study regardless of their age, class, and place of birth by making it easy for the people to have access to learning. It has drawn attention from the residents as it allows anyone within the nearby areas to study by completing the development system for national lifelong education that is connected with the nation: eup, myeon, and dong.

Banolim Happiness Studying Center, which had its opening ceremony last July 10, is located at the 6th floor children's library in Andong Hospital. Every week, various programs are held. Among these are the "Family experience program" for patients of the children's ward, "DIY crafts experience" for general inpatients and their guardians, "Special lecture on humanities," "Talent-sharing concert," and other similar activities. Through these lifelong, learner-based study programs, the Center thus provides patients, who are otherwise excluded from such kinds of lifelong study programs, the same educational opportunity.



Banolim Happiness Studying Center, Andong



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📖 Paju Book City delivers foreign language commentator



On July 23, 2014, 16 foreign language commentators for Paju Book City were introduced, which is a first in Korea. The Paju Book City foreign language commentator is a customized guide for foreigners visiting Paju Book City, explaining the Book City's characteristics, history, function, and so on in foreign languages.

On June 5, 2014, Paju-si collaborated with the council of the company located within Paju Book City Corp. and selected 16 people who are fluent in a foreign language (9 in English, 4 in Chinese, and 3 in Japanese) and have sufficient capability in doing so but are also experiencing a stagnant period in their career because of marriage, childcare, resignation, and others.

Starting from June 10, 2014, the elected trainees have completed 100 hours of training, which included "communication, etiquette lessons, understanding the area of Paju, understanding the Book City, understanding publishing, education on commentating program, and many more." All will be employed at Paju Book City Corp. upon completion of their training.

After three months of probation, the trainees will be working as official commentators starting from November 2014. As foreign language commentators are reinforced, Paju-si is now able to effectively respond to the increase of foreign tourists visiting Paju and is able to build a foundation for the tourism belt of Paju starting from the Book City to DMA, a security tourist resort.



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📖 Gunsan implements "Happiness Studying Center Operation Program"



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📖 Understanding Yeosu at the level of elementary students—a Yeosu story teacher's class

Since 2012, Yeosu has been dispatching 10 Yeosu story teachers who told the stories of the past, present, and future of the area. "Yeosu story," which was set to the children's level, was prepared in order for local children to better understand and be proud of Yeosu.

The class is carried out in 40 minutes by letting children participate in class under a general theme, such as Yeosu's history and patriotism, love, and the future.

Yeosu story teachers are selected through an evaluation process among teachers who completed the "Training course for a Yeosu story teacher" implemented by Yeosu in 2012 by the support of Ministry of Education. The course was made for four months at the level of third to fourth graders and research on effective teaching method was carried out internally. The developed education program was amended and complemented by 30 pilot classes and 5 evaluation classes.



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Gunsan started "Happiness Studying Center Operation Program" from September 15 to November 28, a lifelong studying program that is carried out for local citizens.

This program—organized by the Ministry of Education and operated under the guidance of the National Institute for Lifelong Education—has been selected as the "2014 Local Lifelong Education Vitalization Assistance" in April, and was supported by the government in the amount of KRW 31,410,000. The program was carried out in order to solve the differences in educational opportunity among regions, to form a lifelong studying community for each region, and to establish a forum for communication and harmony among local citizens.

"Happiness Studying Center Operation Program" will include a Happiness Studying Manager Training Course to be implemented in Gunsan Lifelong Studying Center, and a Happiness Studying Center Education Course to be carried out in Miseon-dong, Gaewon Village, Wolmeong-dong Community Center and Soosong-dong IPark management room. For efficient operation of the program, one happiness studying manager will be assigned per center.

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Suncheon Bay Garden



Otbyeolsinjae, 400-year-old tradition in Jecheon



Announcement ceremony of Jincheon Special Zone for International Culture and Education

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 **It's not a city... it's a garden—Suncheon**

With the successful hosting of the Garden Exposition Suncheon Bay Korea 2013, Suncheon Bay Garden newly opened on April 20, 2014. It now covers a wide area ranging from Dongcheon to Bonghwa Mountain Dulle-gil along Suncheon Bay.

Suncheon Bay Garden is a nature-friendly experience zone where you can truly feel the garden culture with your family in a quiet and cozy atmosphere. It has many types of gardens, including world garden, theme garden, participation garden, and many more. Here, you can also see artworks of many famous artists.



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 **Jecheon, the international slow city**

On October 21, 2012, Jecheon was designated as an international slow city. Susanmyeon, which is at the center of the slow city not only has beautiful landscapes but also produce regional products, including medicinal herbs, multigrain rice, pin mushrooms, and many more, and slow food using the mentioned food items. The city also continues its rituals for 400 years to wish for the stability of the town. Various types of programs based on the above are prepared and are attracting many visitors. In particular, the people have founded a slow city development council by themselves and are trying to practice and spread the "value and beauty of slowness."



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 **Gimhae wins 1st prize in "Family-friendly City" as 2014 Korea's most loved brand**

Gimhae-si managed to win first prize in "Family-friendly City" as 2014 Korea's most loved brand. Gimhae-si's performance is the result of extending the welfare policy, including expanding ordinance, public health, welfare, educational infra, and others, in order for women, children, senior citizens, second-class citizens, and other marginalized groups to have a stable life. Gimhae-si has aimed to become "Gimhae, People-centered Welfare City" after Meong-Gon Kim, the 18th mayor of Gimhae, who was elected for 5th time by popular vote, took the office and increased the family welfare budget to KRW 334.7 billion (38% of the entire budget) in 2014, which was originally KRW 216.1 billion in 2011.



Provided by : Gimhae

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 **Jincheon, designated as "Jincheon Special Zone for International Culture and Education"**

By planning and discovering the special program actively using local culture and education infra through a feasibility study on the special zone for international culture and education from 2010, Jincheon-gun was designated and authorized as Jincheon Special Zone for international culture and education on December 13, 2013.

In order to build a core city for international culture and education that is in harmony with education and culture, Jincheon-gun has developed 16 special programs, including "Global Family Culture Theme Park," and has established a training program to nurture people with global capacity and specialized educational infra that fits the international level as part of globalization. It also attempts to create a pleasant international culture and educational city where local citizens can share the benefits of the establishment of a special zone.



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