



The 11 IAEC Asia-Pacific Network Regional Meeting

**Nearly 30 participants from member cities in Korea
sharing best practices and celebrating International Day of the Educating City**

The 11th International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) Asia-Pacific Network Regional Meeting 2023 was held on November 30, 2023 at Yi Sun-sin's Leadership International Center in Changwon.

Participants from nearly 10 member cities in Korea including Changwon, an Executive Committee member of IAEC and coordinating city of the Asia-Pacific region, Gunsan, Andong, Gongju, and Daegu Suseong-gu attended the meeting.

The meeting began with an online opening address by the IAEC General Secretary Marina Canals, followed by the presentation of the new city certification plaque, an overview of the IAEC's ongoing programs, best practices presentations from Gunsan and Andong, and a discussion of key agenda items.

In celebration of the 8th International Day of the

Educating City, designated by the IAEC as November 30 every year, the children of the Daesan Green Forest Municipal Daycare Center in Changwon participated in commemorative activities.

“As the coordinating city of the IAEC Asia-Pacific Network, Changwon Special City will take the lead in revitalizing the Asia-Pacific Network as well as facilitating joint research and idea sharing among member cities in Korea to help member cities develop further as international education cities,” said Kim Tae-ho, head of the Lifelong Education Division.

The IAEC Asia-Pacific Network Regional Meeting, taking place biennially, will be held in 2025 after a survey of cities wishing to host the event. The active participation of many member cities will help revitalize the IAEC Asia-Pacific Network and further enhance the status of lifelong learning in member cities.



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The presentation of the new city certification plaque(Gongju)

2023 IAEC General Assembly and Executive Committee Meeting

The 2023 IAEC General Assembly was held where all member cities participate to decide on major activities of the association. The General Assembly took place in Seville, Spain, from March 22 to 23, 2023, and was attended by 112 member cities from 15 countries. From the Asia-Pacific Network, Changwon, Andong, and Gunsan took part in the event.

At the General Assembly, the member cities adopted the minutes of the 2022 General Assembly, approved newly joined and withdrawn cities (9 new and 14 withdrawn), approved the 2022 activity report and budget settlement, reported on the 2023 activity plan by network, voted on the 2023 International Day of the Educating City slogan, and approved the 2024 budget.

In addition, the Executive Committee Meeting comprised of 15 member cities was held in conjunction with the General Assembly. The Executive Committee members discussed the establishment of the Code of Ethics, preparations for the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities in Curitiba in 2024, and the holding of the Executive Committee Meeting in October. The Executive Committee also toured lifelong education sites, visited education-related exhibitions, and participated in programs sharing information on international exchanges and lifelong education among member cities.



2023 IAEC General Assembly



2023 IAEC Executive Committee Meeting

2023 IAEC Asia-Pacific Network Member Cities' Key Programs and Policies

Changwon, Gyeongnam

| Changwon Special City, 'turning the local crisis into an opportunity, lifelong education is the answer'

Changwon Special City announced that it held 「2023 Changwon City Lifelong Learning Policy Forum」 at Changwon Munsung University Convention Hall on the 6th.

The Changwon City Lifelong Learning Policy Forum was organized under the theme of "Local Crisis as an Opportunity, Lifelong Education is the Answer," to explore the direction of national lifelong education and the direction Changwon, a city of lifelong learning, should go in the face of the crisis of population decline.

On this day, the forum was attended by heads of ministries and departments of universities in Changwon, lifelong learning-related organizations, on-site experts in the field of lifelong learning, people involved in lifelong learning cities across the country, and 300 citizens of Changwon.

Dae-Jung Kang, Director of the National Institute for Lifelong Education, delivered a keynote speech on the theme of "National Lifelong Education Policy Direction and Role of Local Governments," and emphasized the need for a great transformation of lifelong learning that meets the needs of the times.

The first speaker, Koo Bon-woo, a researcher at the Changwon Municipal Research Institute, gave a presentation on the analysis of the crisis situation of population decline in Changwon and the social function of the lifelong learning system under the theme of 'The trend of demographic change and the impact of education in Changwon Special City'.

In the second topic presentation that followed, Professor Lee Hee-soo of the Department of Education at Chung-Ang University suggested 'Changwon, a lifelong learning city, a task for another leap forward' and said, 'What you don't know is a crisis, but if you know it is an opportunity for change', Changwon City overcomes the crisis and leaps forward Suggested 10 tasks to do.

In addition, in the general discussion, chaired by Changshin University President Lee Won-geun, representatives from academia, fields, city councils, and local governments gathered to continue in-depth discussions on the direction and tasks of restructuring the lifelong learning system in Changwon.

Mayor Hong Nam-pyo said, "We will do our best to make lifelong learning a hub that connects various actors in the region, to provide an opportunity to solve the problem of local settlement conditions, and to realize the measures discussed through this forum."

| 「Nae-il School of Changwon」, a lifelong vocational education platform for the citizens

Overall approach • Provide lifelong education spanning over life transition, career planning, job exploration, and vocational training for citizens who are starting out their careers (those in their 20s) and who are in their take-off phase (those in their 30s to 50s)

※ 'Nae-il' refers to the **tomorrow** of Changwon citizens and the **work** of each citizen in Korean

Program operation • Commissioned to colleges with relevant expertise in the region

※ Collaboration with non-degree courses at Kyungnam University College System Support project (LiFE 2.0)

Key activities • Integrated projects categorized by 6 keywords

[Keywords] ① Lifecycle Design ② Job Skill Development ③ Digital Transformation
④ Workplace Customization ⑤ Micro Jobs ⑥ Community Building

- Focus on keyword ② and ④ to successfully execute the project in the second half of the year and further expand the program after building a strong foundation
- 287 trainees attended 13 programs including 「Building and Piloting Drones」 for aviation workforce development



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Gyeongju, Gyeongbuk

| Building a Smart Future Education City

Background and objectives

- Develop various digital learning infrastructures and foundations for digital transformation, lifelong education transformation, and continuous growth into a 『Smart Future Lifelong Education City』
- Take preemptive actions on the 'lifelong education for all without blind spots', one of the six core tasks of the 5th Basic Plan for the Promotion of Lifelong Education (2023~2027)
- Create 'Gyeongju Smart Education City' brand by bridging the digital gap among the underserved (elderly, disabled, non-literate, etc.) and expanding the support for online learning

About Gyeongju

- Designated as a lifelong learning city in 2013, joined the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC) as a new member city in 2021
- A UNESCO World Heritage City and Korea's leading historical and cultural tourism destination
(※ After successfully coping with COVID-19 in 2020, selected as 'The World's Best Travel Destination' by National Geographic)
- Newly designated as a lifelong learning city for people with disabilities in 2023

Key programs and achievements

- Created a 'digital learning ecosystem' for lifelong education in preparation for digital transformation
 - 'We Are a Metaverse Expedition' to enhance metaverse-related capabilities of citizens in partnership with colleges in the region
 - Metaverse-based 'Online Learning Courses for People with Disabilities' : yoga, socks neck crafts, and more
 - 'Smart Senior Citizen Center for Learning' that leverages video conference systems at senior citizen centers
 - ① Organized an 'online Chuseok greetings demonstration' using video conference systems (participated by the mayor of Gyeongju)
 - ② Offered digital life courses for senior citizens at the centers and hosted an online Hangeung competition among different centers
 - 'On-the-go Imagination Bus Smart Experience Center' that provides disability awareness training using digital devices
- Developed specialists and strengthened capabilities to support digital education for the underserved and provide learning opportunities
 - 'Gyeongju Smart Education City Capability Building Project' : 2 courses, 71 trainees
 - ① Digital capability building training for happy teachers at senior citizen centers : 45 trainees, 16 certified
 - ② Development and capability building training for digital learning manager : 20 trainees, 16 volunteers
 - Specialist training for the 'On-the-go Gyeongju Lifelong Education TV' : 22 trainees, 4 rounds of learning video production



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Andong, Gyeongbuk

| Andong City Implements Digital Literacy

Andong City has been implementing a new project for digital literacy education since March to address the digital divide. In order to successfully promote this project, the city signed an MOU with an AI education company, becoming the first in the country to do so. As a result, 300 tablet PCs equipped with digital literacy education content were provided to Andong City. Subsequently, Andong City operated a training course for digital literacy instructors, providing various education necessary for practical classes, resulting in the graduation of 34 instructors. Following this, workshops were held to conduct continuing education, enhancing the individual expertise of each instructor.

Currently, the trained instructors are dispatched to 25 community centers in the city to operate digital literacy programs. The focus of these programs is on practical education, including the use of digital devices and field experience study. Notably, practical activities such as visiting fast-food restaurants to experience kiosk ordering have been included, and learners have expressed gaining significant confidence in kiosk usage.

In addition, at the end of December, a digital exhibition will be held in the lobby of KTX Andong Station to promote digital literacy education to the citizens. Plans are in place to expand the operating period and scale next year, aiming to create a lifelong learning city where no one is left behind.



Kiosk experience



Training course for digital literacy instructors

| Promotion of International Day of the Educating City

Officials from Andong City participated in a two-day workshop for Enhancing the capabilities of lifelong education professionals held in Bonghwa County from November 9th to 10th. During the workshop, they promoted International Day of the Educating City to lifelong education professionals and encouraged non-member cities of IAEC to join.

Furthermore, they also took part in the Andong City Lifelong Education Leader Training Workshop on November 23rd and the Andong City Digital Literacy Instructor Capacity Enhancement Workshop on November 16th. During these events, the officials introduced and promoted the purpose of Celebrating International Day of the Educating City, along with this year's slogan to citizens, literacy instructors, and members of relevant lifelong education organizations..



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Gwangju·Gwangju Institute for Talent & Lifelong Education

| Gwangju declares to be Korea's first Regional Lifelong Education City

Gwangju held the nation's first 'Regional Lifelong Education City Proclamation Ceremony' to unite all citizens in life and learning. Gwangju, the only region in Korea where all low-level local governments have been designated as lifelong education cities and lifelong learning cities for people with disabilities, has declared a new mission and vision to become a leading city for lifelong education.

Gwangju City and its five autonomous districts held a vision cube performance and the declaration reading, and presented a vision of a 'sustainable lifelong education city based on solidarity and cooperation' to build a learning community in Gwangju where lifelong education can be enjoyed by anyone, anytime, anywhere.

More information on the Regional Lifelong Education City Proclamation Ceremony is available on the Gwangju Institute for Talent & Lifelong Education website (www.gie.kr).



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Suseong-gu, Daegu

| Suseong-gu's 「Beyond Village School」

Suseong-gu is promoting the "Beyond Village School" project to develop an innovative and creative community space model by utilizing apartment spaces to create a region-specific educational space focused on education + care.

The "Beyond Village School" project ultimately aims to resolve the care blind spots that have become a social issue and to provide quality educational care services for residents through the innovative use of community spaces in apartment houses.

The project offers education courses to adults that can be applied to everyday lives while youth can participate in learning programs such as future technology education, cultural education, and niche care services available anytime after school.



| Suseong-gu celebrates the International Day of the Educating City

As part of UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development Initiative, the Suseong Global ESD Action Alliance has formed subcommittees to spread ESD. The Alliance also encourages voluntary activities through consulting with experts in each branch (environment, social, consumption, and education) and participates in sustainable ESD practices for future generations.

To celebrate the International Day of the Educating City on November 30, all members gathered in the main lecture hall of the Suseong-gu office for a workshop sharing the project achievements by branch and celebrating the "Culture, a source of creation and learning in the Educating City." Daegu Suseong-gu Education Support Division (☎(+82)53-666-4234)

Gangseo-gu, Seoul

Gangseo-gu ran the 'Lifelong Education Program in Partnership with Institutions' that fully utilizes its educational resources to provide great curricula to residents and improve access to education through nearby learning institutions.

Various courses including ▲Chat GPT, coding, and drones ▲barista, media creator, and personal color certification ▲calligraphy and kalimba were selected through a contest in three categories (4th Industrial Revolution / certification · expertise / customized courses for the socially disadvantaged). By linking the classes with excellent local educational resources and networks, the program provided a systematic and professional lifelong education program for residents.

In particular, the beauty-related certificate program that resulted in actual employment and startups greatly enhanced vocational skills by providing reemployment opportunities for women with career breaks.

The program will continue to offer a wider variety of fulfilling courses in 2024 by tapping into the excellent infrastructure of educational institutions in the region.



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Yongsan-gu, Seoul

Yongsan District Office operated a variety of lifelong education courses in 2023. The signature program among them was "CheongChun School". It was a second-youth program designed to help the senior residents with various experience and expertise in Yongsan District, aged over 55, to renew the understanding of their second life and to plan the second part of their life in systematical manners.

- BACKGROUND**
 - Strengthening seniors' health, financial management and ability to communicate.
 - Instruction on how to manage psychological, physical and financial difficulties after retirement.
- OBJECTIVES**
 - Contribution to better quality of life in old age.
 - Improving the sense of one's own worth and happiness after the retirement.
 - Leading seniors to actively participate in the lifelong education program activities through customized programs, depending on their life stage.
 - Providing the stepping stones where the residents can prepare the second part of their life.

RESULTS 106 seniors participated in 3 fields (Health, finance, and communication)

Course Name	Contents	The Number Of Participants
Seniors' healthy life	• Managing health in the centenarian age • Healthy mind and emotion • Wellbeing and well-dying	38
Better real-estate knowledge: How to become more confident when facing the weight of life	• Sound financial planning after retirement • Planning for the new lifestyle after retirement • Understanding real-estates in everyday life	38
Empathetic communication	• How to communicate better with sons and daughters, other family members and friends • Journey for finding oneself and soul searching • How to become a better listener	30



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Gunsan, Jeonbuk

| 'Mind Rest Project', On-Site Lifelong Education for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Purpose To enhance psychological well-being and promote community engagement by offering tailored lifelong education programs at home for adults with developmental disabilities who may have been excluded from such opportunities, taking into account the specific type and severity of their disabilities

Project period 2023 (all year round)

- Training of professional instructors for adults with developmental disabilities : January to February 2023
- On-site education : March to December 2023

Location An appropriate place within the target's home or community

Target 80 people (adults with developmental disabilities under home care)

Field of education Lifelong education program (art, music, gardening, and reading psychology)

Method Survey on the status of adults with developmental disabilities → Train professional instructors → Provide on-site education

Support Dispatch of a dedicated team (1 instructor, 1 manager) for at-home developmental disability education, delivering personalized lifelong education programs that cater to the unique characteristics of each student.

Project budget KRW 87 million (61,000 Euro)

Performance (2022) 6 educational programs with 10 participants per session (Total No. of participants : 60)

| Operation Project of Jeollabuk-do Institute for Lifelong Education and Scholarship

Project period Second half of each year

Purpose To foster democratic citizens through education to strengthen civic capabilities

Method Collaborating with lifelong learning cities and local universities to create a consortium that ensures the delivery of quality education to our citizens

Project details Education for general citizens provided by university professors

Target 200 or more (adults residing in Gunsan City)

Location (Specialized course) 4 universities in Gunsan City
(Common course) Gunsan City Lifelong Learning Center

Field of education (Specialized course 80%) Regional specialized course
(common course 20%) Democratic citizenship course

Learning cost Free

No. of courses operated 15 in 2023 (12 specialized courses, 3 common courses)

Project budget KRW 50 million (35,100 Euro)

| Celebration Event of the IAEC International Day of the Educating City

Event period Friday, 20 Nov. to Monday, 4, Dec. 2023, 2023 (for 5 days)

Theme Culture, Source of creation and learning in the Education city

Method Promotion to citizens

- Main Content**
- Online : Posted on the website (Gunsan City Lifelong Learning Information Network- lll.gunsan.go.kr)
 - Offline : Banner displayed in the downtown area



On-site education of mind rest



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Gongju, Chungnam

Gongju City is striving for a better life for its citizens with the goals of accessibility and inclusiveness, life-stage learning, healthy village communities, and good jobs as the goals of a lifelong learning city.

| Operates 11 lifelong learning centers in towns, villages and dong

We strive to create a virtuous cycle in the local community by guaranteeing the right to education without exclusion or discrimination of anyone.

1) To guarantee the right to learning, provide desks and chairs in village learning spaces. We created an environment where seniors can learn comfortably. This year, we supported 15 Goma Learning Naru (village learning spaces)..

2) Village activists are taking action to discover and solve local problems.

Jeongan Village activists are recording the village. Over the course of five years, 32 villages were surveyed, interviewed, and recorded. This year, Jeongan Village No. 5 came out. Find forgotten, lost history, culture, and people, record the present, and share it with future generations. Jeongan Village activists want to tell more stories. And we want to continue to communicate with current and future generations. I look forward to their activities in the future.



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What is the International Day of Educating City?

A day designated to promote the underlying idea of educating city - 'entire city is a learning space for every citizens'

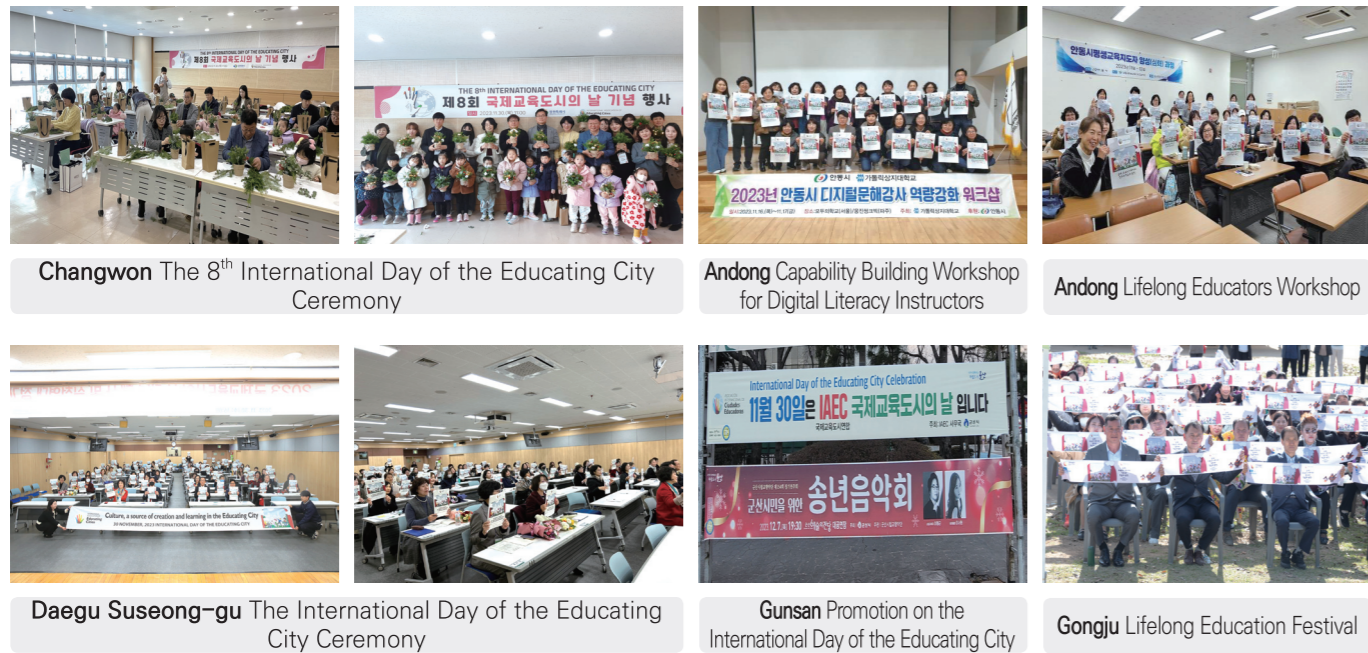
When is it?

Nov 30 of every year

This year's slogan

Culture, a source of creation and learning in the Educating City

2023 The International Day of the Educating City Celebrations



About the International Association of Educating Cities(IAEC)

- Organization Name** International Association of Educating Cities
- Founded Date** 1994→ The 3rd International Congress of Educating Cities(Bologna, Italy)
- Headquarter** Barcelona, Spain
- Vision**
 - Improve the quality of life of citizens by promoting better learning environment and lifelong education
 - Facilitate joint research on education and share actual cases/projects among member cities
- Membership** 482 cities in 30 countries



As of December 2023

Total	30 countries	482 cities
Africa	5 countries	5 cities
America	10 countries	91 cities
Asia-Pacific	4 countries	25 cities
Europe	11 countries	361 cities

- Main Activities**
 - International Congress : every two years (workshops, project presentations, study visits)
 - General Assembly : annually (budget, planning, and other agenda)
 - Executive Committee Meeting : biannually (site selection for International Congress, decisions on major agenda, etc.)
 - Regional Network : regional meeting(every two years), working-level meeting (annually), newsletter(annually)

- Asia-Pacific Network |**
 - Formed in June 2009 following a suggestion by Changwon
 - Coordinating City : Changwon
 - Executive Cities : Daegu Suseong-gu, Gunsan
 - 25 cities in 4 countries have joined the network(Adelaide in Australia, Bethlehem in Palestine, Phuket in Thailand, and more)

Membership Fee fees vary depending on the number of inhabitants





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2024 International Association of Educating Cities(IAEC) Programs

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IAEC Executive Committee Meeting	IAEC General Assembly	The 17th International Congress	2024 IAEC The International Day of the Educating City
Online	Online	Curitiba(Brazil)	Each member city

