

# Newsletter

INCHEON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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**Prof. Heekwan Lee**

Environmental Engineering

**P**rofessor Heekwan Lee, pictured left, serves as the Director of the Gangso Research and Development (R&D) Specialized Zone in Seo-gu, Incheon.

In a recent interview, he expressed his belief that companies with global competitiveness in the environmental sector, much like those in the automotive and semiconductor industries, could emerge in the zone.

The Gangso R&D Specialized Zone is an integrated space for research, residential, industrial, and cultural activities. It is designed to be a self-sufficient, high-density R&D zone centered on key technological institutions such as universities, research institutes, and state-owned enterprises.

The Seo-gu district of Incheon launched the Gangso R&D Specialized Zone in 2022, and Professor Lee has played a key role in its establishment.

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### New Vice President for External Affairs

#### Prof. In-Jae Lee



Incheon National University has recently appointed Professor In-Jae Lee as the new Vice President for External Affairs. Professor Lee has been a part of the INU community since 2008, initially joining as a faculty member in the Department of Economics.

Throughout his tenure at INU, Professor Lee has made noteworthy contributions to the university through his research, teaching, and service. He is recognized by his colleagues and students for his expertise in labor-related topics such as compensation and incentives in the workplace, economics of non-compliance, regional economic integration, and economic development. Professor Lee has also held various positions at labor-specialized organizations, including the Korea Labor Institute, Korean Labor Economic Association, and National Economic Advisory Council.

As the Vice President for External Affairs, Professor Lee will play a crucial role in strengthening INU's partnerships and collaborations with external organizations, both nationally and internationally. His extensive experience in academia and vast network of contacts will prove to be invaluable assets in this position.

### New Provost for Admissions

#### Prof. Minsub Han



Professor Minsub Han has been appointed as the new Provost of Admissions at Incheon National University.

As a highly respected member of our faculty, Professor Han has taught in the Department of Mechanical Engineering since 2006. He brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and a deep commitment to advancing the university's mission and goals.

In his new role, Professor Han will lead the Office of Admissions and oversee all aspects of the university's admissions process and International Relations. He will work closely with other departments and faculty members to ensure we continue attracting our institution's best and brightest students.

We are confident that Professor Han will bring his innovative and strategic thinking to this role, and we look forward to his contributions in the coming years.

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### Message from the new Dean of International Affairs

Prof. Jae Hyun Gwon

Dear esteemed partner universities,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the newly appointed Dean of International Affairs at INU. It is a great honor to take on this role, and I am excited about the opportunity to work with you to strengthen our partnerships and collaborations.

As the new Dean of International Affairs at INU, I will lead our efforts to develop and expand partnerships with universities and institutions around the world.

I strongly believe that international collaboration and exchange are essential for promoting academic excellence, fostering innovation, and enhancing the cultural diversity of our student body. I am committed to working closely with our faculty members and departments to promote joint research, faculty and student exchange programs, and other collaborative initiatives that will benefit all of us.

In addition, I would like to express my eagerness to meet with representatives from our partner universities in person as much as possible. I believe that face-to-face communication is critical to building and maintaining strong relationships, and I look forward to discussing potential areas of collaboration and sharing our respective strengths and resources.



### International Alumni Reunion Day is coming soon

May 25-27, 2023

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend INU's first homecoming reunion for international students! The registration deadline is quickly approaching so make sure to register soon to secure your spot.

Registration deadline:  
April 10th

RSVP to  
<https://url.kr/enw1vf>

Incheon National University

*Cordially invites you to the 2023 Homecoming event*

[ ALUMNI ]  
REUNION

MAY 25 – 27, 2023

at  
Songdo, Incheon, Korea

RSVP to <https://url.kr/enw1vf>

RSVP BY MARCH 17

#### Programs

May 25

Arrival  
Cultural Event & Pre-Night

May 26

All-Day Main Event

*Meeting with President  
Campus Tour  
Reunion Event  
Alumni Night*

May 27

Check-out & Departure

- Two nights hotel stay and meals provided by INU
- Inquiries: [global@inu.ac.kr](mailto:global@inu.ac.kr)

### 2023 International Summer Program runs from June to August

By Jeehee Sung

INU will be running the 2023 International Summer Programs from June to August. These programs will feature a credit program for international students from 12 countries, as well as a non-credit cultural program for partner universities in Japan.

The credit program is designed to provide international students with an opportunity to gain academic credits while experiencing Korean culture and higher education.

INU will also be offering a non-credit cultural program for partner universities from Japan. This program is designed to promote cultural exchange and provide students with an opportunity to learn about Korean culture through various cultural activities and events.

INU is excited to offer these programs and looks forward to welcoming students from around the world to our beautiful Songdo campus.

Applications for the International Summer Programs will be closing soon, and interested students are encouraged to apply early to secure their spot in the program.



### INU hosts Summer Program for delegations from Beijing Institute of Technology, Zhuhai (BITZH), China

By Yerim Heo

Incheon National University will be hosting a summer program for 38 students from the Beijing Institute of Technology in Zhuhai (BITZH), China. The program is scheduled to take place from July 2 to July 21, and will provide the students with an opportunity to learn and engage with Korean culture and higher education.

INU is excited to welcome the students/faculty and provide them with a valuable academic and cultural experience. The program will include classes in research methods taught in English, as well as field trips for ecological studies. Additionally, the students will have the chance to participate in cultural activities to further immerse themselves in Korean society.

This program is part of INU's ongoing efforts to promote global education and cultural exchange.

INU recognizes the significance of international collaboration and believes that programs like this can offer students a unique and enriching educational experience.

INU is proud to be hosting this summer program and look forward to giving the students a warm welcome and a memorable experience.

## Dr. Jong-Tae Park, the president of INU, was awarded the 2023 New York Festival Hall of Fame

*By Junghyun Joo*



**D**r. Jong-Tae Park, the president of Incheon National University, has been awarded the 2023 New York Festival Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his contributions to establishing the university as a regional hub, and for his high evaluation of contributions in discovering and creating "shared social values" by preemptively identifying the development agenda of local communities and the nation.

The Korean National Brand Awards are highly respected and prestigious, and are awarded based on the "National Brand Competitiveness Index (NCI)" model developed by the New York Festival. This year, a total of 748 companies and local governments submitted over 1,850 tangible and intangible brand values to calculate the index. After rigorous evaluation, the most valuable and competitive national brands were selected as national assets, and the New York Festivals Hall of Fame inductee was also selected.