

# Newsletter

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## *“We missed you so much”* INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI REUNION HOMECOMING DAY



### INU Hosts Inaugural International Alumni Homecoming Day

*Written by Jeehee Sung, International Office*

INU recently celebrated a momentous occasion as it hosted its first-ever international alumni homecoming day between May 25-27. The event saw the gathering of 65 enthusiastic alumni and their families, hailing from 11 different countries, for a joyous reunion with old friends and cherished memories.

The homecoming event proved to be a truly global affair, with some alumni traveling long distances, enduring up to 14 hours of flight time to be part of this special gathering at INU. The dedication and commitment shown by these individuals underscored the deep bond they shared with their alma mater.

Adding prestige to the occasion, Rector Jose Angel and a delegation from the University of Malaga were in attendance, showcasing the strong ties between the two institutions. Further highlighting the significance of this event, several presidents of partner universities also sent congratulatory video messages, demonstrating the widespread support and recognition that INU enjoys within the academic community.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Jong Tae Park, the President of INU, conveyed heartfelt appreciation to all who responded to the invitation and joined the celebration.



### President Jong Tae Park Visits California, Engages with Leading Universities in Faculty Hiring

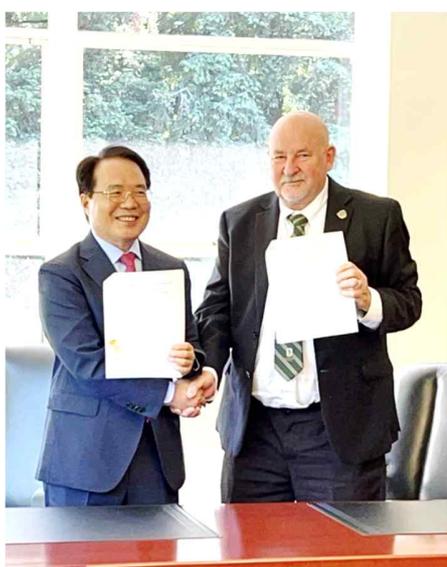
*Written by June Choi, Director, International Office*

California, USA - President Jong Tae Park of INU embarked on a visit to esteemed universities in California, fostering academic collaboration and promoting international cooperation. During his visit, President Park engaged in a conference call with over 100 postdoctoral researchers from UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and Stanford University, demonstrating a commitment to attracting top talent and fostering academic excellence. Accompanying him was Professor Byoung Jo Choi, the esteemed Provost for Academic Affairs and June Choi, Director of the International Office.

The conference call served as an exceptional platform for INU to directly connect with the talented postdoctoral community from the participating universities. The event aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange and showcase the faculty hiring opportunities available at INU. The significant interest shown by the attending postdocs underscored the reputation and appeal of INU as an institution dedicated to advancing knowledge and innovation.

President Park addressed the attendees during the interactive session, emphasizing INU's commitment to academic excellence and its dedication to nurturing a vibrant scholarly community. He highlighted the university's mission to attract outstanding faculty members who could contribute to the institution's pursuit of knowledge and innovation.

In another significant development, President Park visited Sacramento State University, where he met with President Robert Nelson to solidify their commitment to academic collaboration. The productive meeting culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing the exchange student program between INU and Sacramento State University. The longstanding partnership between the two institutions, which dates back to 2007, was reaffirmed during this visit.



### INU Ranks 18th in Global Top 100 Innovative Universities, Second- highest ranking in Korea

*Written by Taeyeong Lee, Strategy & Evaluation Team*

Fort Myers, Florida - INU has secured an impressive 18th position in the esteemed World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI) ranking, solidifying its status as one of the world's leading innovative institutions.

Climbing from its 26th position in 2022, this remarkable achievement marks INU's second-highest ranking in Korea. The announcement was made during a ceremony held on May 18, 2023 in Fort Myers, Florida, by WURI Project Leader Professor Moon Hwy-Chang.

The WURI ranking, known for recognizing universities that demonstrate real impact through innovative approaches and contributions, unveiled the top five universities in the world. Among them were Minerva Schools at Keck Graduate Institute, Arizona State University, University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Stanford University, all hailing from the United States.



Professor Byoung Jo Choi, provost for academic affairs presented an innovative case of INU at Florida Gulf Coast University, USA.

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### INU Team Engages in 2023 NAFSA Conference in Washington DC

*Written by Junghyun Joo, International Office*

Washington DC, USA - A team from INU is actively participating in the 2023 NAFSA Annual Conference, a premier international education event held in Washington DC from May 30 to June 2. The INU team, comprising Professor Jae Hyun Gwon, Mrs. Jeehee Sung, and Ms. Yerim Heo, is actively contributing to the conference, which serves as a platform for global collaboration and the exchange of best practices in the field of international education.

Professor Jae Hyun Gwon, Dean of International Affairs and a distinguished member of the INU team, brings extensive expertise in international education and a keen understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the sector. With his valuable insights, Professor Gwon is actively engaging in discussions, sharing INU's experiences, and exchanging ideas on promoting global learning experiences and expanding international partnerships.

Mrs. Jeehee Sung, a key representative from INU, contributes her expertise in student mobility and international programs. Ms. Yerim Heo, in charge of the inbound exchange student program, brings her insights and knowledge in the field of international student recruitment and enrollment.

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