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KOREA WUDC 2021

Dates: 12/27/2020 ~ 01/04/2021

Host: Debate Korea

Venues: Kintex Korea, MVL Hotel Goyang

CAP: Dan Lahav, Mubarrat Wassey, Bobbi Leet

Convenor: Seokho Daniel Yoon

Team Cap: 480 Teams

Regi Fee: 670,000 KRW (580 USD)

Foreword



MESSAGE FROM DEBATE KOREA

Meaningful change happens when creative ideas are challenged and critically assessed. Debate Korea aims to foster social innovation by creating such a platform for exchange of ideas and critical analysis. We are particularly excited to bid for the 2021 World Universities Debating Championship, the first-ever global debate tournament in Northeast Asia. We believe that WUDC will stand as a milestone of the growing civil discourse in Korea by empowering debaters with a voice. We sincerely welcome the international debate community to come and experience the hospitality of Korea. We are truly honored and delighted by this opportunity. As the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics introduced to the international community the wonders of Korea, we wish to do the same.

Sangjin Oh,

Chairman of Debate Korea

Convenor Letter

Greetings,

Think. Debate. Change. Our slogan for Debate Korea is representative of the value of debating in our society. Fostering critical thinking and bringing about actual change are unique benefits that debate offers to the community. We are very excited to bid for the World Universities Debating Championship in 2021, which will be the largest existing platform for debate to ever come to Korea. Korea WUDC 2021, which will mark the first time the tournament happens in Northeast Asia, hopes to be the most exciting, most accessible, and the highest quality WUDC ever yet.

We have extensive experience hosting international domestic debate tournaments of all sizes including Seoul Open, Northeast Asian Open, Korean Nationals, Cornell-Yonsei Debate Invitational, Hanoi BP and more. We have also partnered with a wide variety of government organizations, multinational companies, and international non-profit organizations all with the goal of fostering debate education around the world. We had the honor of being at the Inter-Korean Summit between South Korean President Moon Jae-In and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, where we organized expert debates and facilitated interviews at the official Press Center. We believe that this new era of peace in Northeast Asia is a positive signal for Korea WUDC 2021 to spread hopes of peace and stability worldwide through debate.

The venue for the tournament will be at Kintex, which is the largest convention center in Korea and also the host venue for both Seoul Open and the Inter-Korean Summit Press Center. Kintex is only 45 minutes away from Incheon International Airport and 20-40 minutes away from major tourist attractions in Seoul, such as Hongdae, Itaewon, and the Palaces. The tournament hotel will be at MVL Goyang, which is the only 5-star hotel in the Northern Greater Seoul Metropolitan Region; the hotel is 10 minutes walking distance to the tournament venue in Kintex. We have already partnered with Kintex and MVL Goyang for Seoul Open with outstanding previous feedback, and we are confident Korea WUDC 2021 will feature an enjoyable experience at these state-of-the-art facilities.

Our goal is to spread a culture of debate in Korea and to the entire world through this platform where people can freely exchange diverse ideas. We are blessed to have such an experienced and diverse Chief Adjudication Panel who will ensure that Korea WUDC will be top-notch in debate quality. We wish to create a unique and pleasurable cultural experience around exchange and friendship with the wide diversity of great food and culture that Korea uniquely offers. From historical heritage sites, K-POP, Korean BBQ, Korean Fried Chicken, we believe that your stay in Korea will be an unforgettable one for the ages. Welcome to Korea! Where true harmony exists.



Seokho Daniel Yoon
Convenor, Korea 2021 WUDC Bid
Secretary-General, Debate Korea



Introducing Debate Korea



WHO WE ARE

A non-profit organization established in 2013, Debate Korea has been invigorating debate education inside the Korean circuit. We provide educational platforms where various ideas can be exchanged through our unique debate curriculum. We also hold accessible debate tournaments to spread a culture of discourse amidst disagreement and criticism. Debate Korea will continue to manifest its commitment in bringing tangible changes to the Korean debating scene, leading an active, vibrant and healthy democracy.

Debate fosters critical thinking and effective communication. Always pushed to make arguments, debaters learn to articulate thoughts through reasoning, to add a layer of reality with examples, and to strengthen logical insights. Rebuttals and Points of Information constantly challenge every idea throughout the debate. Debate enhances confidence and social consciousness; being exposed to diverse perspectives encourages to tolerate, respect and actively face disputes instead of avoiding them.



OUR MISSION

We bring more international debate tournaments to the Korean and the greater Northeast Asian debate communities - to expand, develop, and empower them. In doing so, we aspire to become a platform for all members of the community to develop their skills without being bound to financial and environmental limitations.



OUR VISION

We aim to bring innovation by encouraging to think outside of the box when solving any problem. Debate is a powerful tool with which individuals can expand their boundaries of thoughts amidst constant engagement and interaction with others, as well as to academic and career opportunities. We will bring an interconnected world through debate, where differences are acknowledged, discussed, and resolved.

What We Do



Debate Korea Week

An annual event full of debate opportunities, workshops, and competitions of all academic levels, this week consists of **Seoul Open**, a BP format debate tournament for university-level students, and **Cornell-Yonsei Debate Invitational**, a domestic AP format debate tournament with a highly qualified international adjudication pool at the National Assembly.

Seoul Open International Tournament

2018 – 20 countries, 100 teams

2017 – 12 countries, 50 teams

Hosted at KINTEX, Korea's largest convention center

Cornell-Yonsei Debate Invitational

500+ Cumulative participants over 5 years

One-full day workshop covering debate principles to case-by-case application of skills and three-day debate tournament.



Sponsor and Host Tournaments

We host tournaments for debaters from all academic levels ranging from middle school, high school, and college. We also consult and assist tournament organization for domestic and international institutions in the greater Asian region.

Solbridge Northeast Asian Open 2017

We sponsored in media coverage and live-streamed the annual championships hosted by Solbridge.

KIDA National Championships 2016

We hosted the biannual Korean national collegiate debate championship at Yonsei University and Korean National Assembly.

Hanoi BP Championship 2018

We sponsored the first large-scale international BP tournament ever to be hosted in Vietnam, with over 100 participants.



Education and Training

We provide workshops, educational programs, and training sessions to teach young people from underprivileged youths to novice debaters to winners of International tournaments - argumentation, public speaking, and critical thinking skills.

Debate Korea Winter Sessions

We provide a free and open biweekly lecture and training at Seoul National and Yonsei University, with over 200 cumulative participants.

Welfare Center Debate Programs

We set up and volunteered in debate education programs to underprivileged elementary school kids in the Guro district, interacting with around 30 students.

Co-op Library Debate Workshops

We collaborated with Yong-In Library to create after-school debate programs for local students, around 50-students.



Spreading Debate Culture

Spreading the culture of debate can happen in any setting, from large academic conferences to podcasts. We have collaborated with institutions to bring fruitful discussion and meaningful change to the general public. We hope to expand our existing relationships with various institutions to bring a new era of debate education.

Inter-Korean Summit

Debate Korea provided support in personnel management and media reportings at the inter-Korean Summit Press Center.

National Pension Service Debate Podcast

We programmed a monthly debate podcast about welfare issues with the National Pension Service.

MBN Y Forum Collaboration

We partnered with Intercom at the MBN Y Forum to engage 4000+ participants in discussions about Innovation.

Seoul Open

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Seoul Open is an international BP debate tournament hosted by Debate Korea and is the largest debate tournament in Korea. Seoul Open 2018, which also served as a dry run for Korea WUDC 2021 with the same debate venue and tournament hotel, was held at KINTEX (Korea International Exhibition Center), the largest convention center in South Korea, and MVL Hotel Goyang, a 5-star hotel only 10-minutes walking distance from the venue.

Past sponsors of Seoul Open have included AirAsia, Metropolitan Government of Seoul, Ministry of Education, National Assembly Committee on Foreign Affairs and Unification, National Pension Service, PLAN International, Redbull, and more. Seoul Open 2018's CAP featured Korea WUDC 2021 Chief Adjudicator Dan Lahav and Convenor Seokho Daniel Yoon as Co-CAs, as well as Cape Town 2019 DCA Steph White, WUDC ESL Finalist Kyungmi Lee, and ABP Champion Sajid Khandaker as DCAs. 100 teams from more than 20 different countries have joined to compete on this global stage with their shared passion for logic, pathos, and debate. Champions of Seoul Open 2018, Adnan Muttalib and Enting Lee, won a free trip to the Maldives featured by AirAsia. We are happy to invite all of you to Seoul for Korea WUDC 2021, but make sure to stop by beforehand and check out our future Seoul Open 2019 for a great sneak preview!



Inter-Korean Summit



Debate Korea was at the Inter-Korean Summit 2018 as a part of the organizing team for the Official Main Press Center (MPC) in light of the recent wave of peace that has enlightened the Korean Peninsula. The MPC was established at Kintex, which is also the Korea WUDC 2021 venue, to host thousands of journalists and media personnel gathered in Korea to cover the summit. The MPC was nearly equivalent to a football stadium in size, at about 10,000 square meters, and had over 2,000 seats in the main briefing room with ample room for extensive interviews and briefings. 2,850 journalists from 460 news outlets from 41 countries have registered to the MPC to cover the summit. Every media briefing regarding the summit was provided with simultaneous interpretation in nine different languages, including English, Chinese, Spanish and Arabic. Debate Korea also had the unique opportunity to meet and interview Moon Chung-In, Special Adviser in Unification and Foreign Affairs to the South Korean President, during the summit and also received his congratulatory remarks for Seoul Open on site. We are proud to host Korea WUDC 2021 at such a meaningful venue at such a historic time.

Korea WUDC 2021 Schedule

27 December 2020

- Arrivals
- Pre-Tournament Workshops
- Welcome Drinks

28 December 2020

- Pre-Tournament Workshops
- Masters and Public Speaking Preliminary Rounds
- Tournament Briefing
- Opening Ceremony. This is a formal event where the organizers present the city, the sponsors and the volunteers of the event

29 December 2020

- Preliminary Rounds 1-3
- Training Workshops
- Socials

30 December 2020

- Preliminary Rounds 4-6
- Training Workshops
- Women's Night. An engaging and entertaining evening which aims to promote the participation of young women in debating, and raise issues regarding inclusivity in academia, the workplace, and society at large

31 December 2020

- Preliminary Rounds 7-9
- Break Night. On New Year's Eve the announcement of the teams that proceed to the elimination rounds of the Championship will take place.

1 January 2021

- Council Meeting
- Excursions. Participants will have a chance to explore the tourist attractions and cultural heritage, on their choosing.
- For participants who choose to stay behind, there will be a programme with a local charity.
- Next Host's Night. The next host of WUDC will provide a taste of the experience they are preparing for 2022

2 January 2021

- Open Partial Double-Octo-Finals
- ESL Quarter-Finals
- Open Octo-Finals
- EFL Semi-Finals
- Open Quarter-Finals
- Masters and Public Speaking Finals Party

3 January 2021

- ESL Semi-Finals
- Open Semi-Finals
- EFL Grand Final
- ESL Grand Final
- Open Grand Final
- Championship Dinner and Awards the Grand Finals followed by the Closing Ceremony will be a fitting epilogue to the 2021 Worlds University Championship. This is a formal event including keynote addresses from prominent speakers.

4 January 2021

- Free Day
- Departures

About WUDC



A Tournament Like No Other

This Tournament is the world's largest debating competition, and one of the largest annual international student events in the world. The inaugural Championship was hosted by the Glasgow University Union in January 1981, with 43 teams from 7 nations competing. Since then it has dramatically grown to an event that hosts over 400 teams (each comprised of two students), representing more than 380 universities from 80 different nations.

Students from the World's best universities regularly compete. Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford, Monash, Sydney and dozens of other world class institutions send their best students. As a result, being crowned 'World Champion' is one of the most prestigious titles a student can attain.

This is a unique opportunity for Korean students to interact with the international debating community, to engage in debates of issues of global importance, and to develop their communication and critical thinking skills.

History of WUDC

Korea 2021 WUDC will be the first WUDC hosted in Northeast Asia

Korea has participated in WUDC since 1994,
and is one of the oldest non-charter members.

Glasgow University Union	1981	Glasgow, Scotland
Hart House, University of Toronto	1982	Toronto, Canada
Princeton University	1983	Princeton, USA
Edinburgh Univeristy	1984	Edinburgh, Scotland
McGill University	1985	Montreal, Canada
Fordham University	1986	New York City, USA
University College Dublin	1987	Dublin, Ireland
Sydney University	1988	Sydney, Australia
Princeton University	1989	Princeton, USA
Glawgow University Union	1990	Glasgow, Scotland
Hart House, University of Toronto	1991	Toronto, Canada
Trinity College Dublin	1992	Dublin, Ireland
Oxford Union Society	1993	Oxford, England
University of Melbourne	1994	Melbourne, Australia
Princeton University	1995	Princeton, USA
University College Cork	1996	Cork, Ireland
Stellenbosch University	1997	Stellenbosch, South Africa
Deree College	1998	Athens, Greece
Ateneo de Manila University	1999	Manila, Philippines





University of Sydney	2000	Sydney, Australia
Glasgow University Union	2001	Glasgow, Scotland
Hart House, Univeristy of Toronto	2002	Toronto, Canada
Stellenbosch University	2003	Stellenbosch, South Africa
Nanyang Technological University	2004	Jurong West, Singapore
Multimedia University	2005	Selangor, Malaysia
University College Dublin	2006	Dublin, Ireland
University of British Columbia	2007	Vancouver, Canada
Assumption University	2008	Bangkok, Thailand
University College Cork	2009	Dublin, Ireland
Koç University	2010	Istanbul, Turkey
University of Botswana	2011	Gaborone, Botswana
De La Salle	2012	Manila, Philippines
Berlin Debating Union	2013	Berlin, Germany
Rajalakshmi Engineering College	2014	Chennai, India
Universiti Teknologi MARA	2015	Shah Alam, Malaysia
Debating Society of Greece	2016	Thessaloniki, Greece
Debating Societies of the Netherlands	2017	The Hague, Netherlands
Asociación Mexicana de Debate	2018	Ciudad de México, México
University of Cape Town	2019	Cape Town, South Africa
Assumption University	2020	Bangkok, Thailand

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Debate Korea

2021

Republic of Korea

9 Days
70 Countries
200 Volunteers
380 Universities
1500 Students

Korea WUDC



Why Korea WUDC 2021?

Debate in Korea, and Northeast Asia at large, remains on the margins of the world debate stage. This is due to several reasons. First, debating remains an activity with a high entry barrier within Korea. This is due to the absence of institutions, personnel, and educational resources that cater to debaters' needs. A lack of public recognition, as well as a lack of financial sponsorship are also problematic. These domestic limitations were projected to the international debating stage. Only a handful of teams from Korea were able to attend WUDC in 2017; many passionate and talented debaters had to give up the opportunity to compete at the world stage annually.

Despite these difficulties, Korea persisted: Since Korea's first entry in the 1994 Melbourne WUDC, Korean teams have participated every year with one team from Yonsei University even proceeding to the elimination rounds in 2016. Public recognition and support for English debate have increased, and debate education has increasingly become systemized in the past few years.

The 2021 WUDC would appeal to a wide spectrum of Korean citizens. Hosting the 2021 WUDC in Korea will lower the bar of entry for the thousands of Korean students who are already excited for the possibility of Worlds in Korea. Moreover, the event will increase awareness for debate in the Korean public and encourage participation.

More importantly, Korea will be the leader of debate in the Northeast Asian region through this tournament. Until now, Asian debate performance at the global level has been focused in Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines. For Korea, participants' results have often fallen short of our hopes – but this is not because Korean debaters lacked the skill. Rather, this is due to a lack of experience participating in international tournaments, and weak institutional support. Hosting the WUDC in Korea addresses all these problems because it opens opportunities for more international debate tournaments, more workshops, and institutional support.

As the first global-level debate tournament ever held in Northeast Asia, Korea WUDC 2021 conveys a lot of symbolic meaning: the tournament will solidify Korea's position as the pioneer of Northeast Asian debate among the international debate community. Debaters from all over the world will travel to Korea for tournaments. Many will want to visit Korea for the opportunities that Korea offers in debating. The exchange of information, culture, and human resources that are a direct result of WUDC would be an invaluable asset to Korea's future, and the future growth of debate for international debate as well as all of Northeast Asia.

Korean Debate Circuit



The Korean debate scene provides a dynamic and encompassing circle for debaters, encouraging debaters of diverse age groups and regions to join and challenge their conventional beliefs through pushing themselves to their intellectual limits. Middle and high school students are encouraged to step into debate through tournaments such as Cornell-Yonsei and Korea Youth Debate Championship. University students not only participate in collegiate level tournaments but also assist in adjudicating and organising tournaments for younger students. More experienced debaters pave the way for future aspiring debaters through giving back to the community via non-profit organisations that educate students on speech and logic, providing lectures and insight on diverse issues to juniors through alumni nights and homecomings, and participating in open tournaments. We aim to strengthen this virtuous cycle and make debate not a one-time experience, but a process of striving for intellectual greatness and eloquence.

The South Korean debate circuit has been improving year by year. Ever since the establishment of Korea Intervarsity Debate Association (KIDA) back in 2006, we have had biannual national championships along with countless institutional and open tournaments such as Seoul Open, KIDA Open, Korea Debate Open, CUDS Open, and more. Furthermore, South Korea is having a number of open tournaments that each society hosts during vacation period. All of such efforts have contributed into creating a vibrant domestic debate league. On top of this, the number of new debaters is constantly increasing, which is represented by enlarging size of novice tournament and rookie league in the Nationals. The Korean debate circuit aims to create an accommodating environment for debaters of all levels through creating specific leagues(EFL, Rookie, Novice) and to increase integration with the international debating circuit through encouraging participation and organisation of international tournaments.

Chief Adjudication Panel



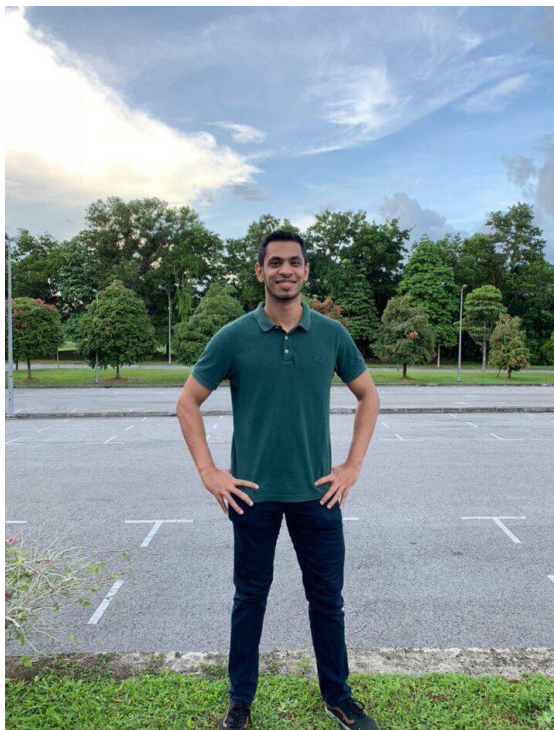
Chief Adjudicator: Dan Lahav (Tel Aviv)

Dan Lahav is a WUDC Open Best Speaker, Open Semi Finalist, and a member of the top breaking team (Open & twice ESL). He is an EUDC ESL Champion, an Open Grand Finalist, 2nd ranked Open Speaker, twice the Best ESL Speaker and twice a member of the top breaking ESL team. Beyond Euros and Worlds, Dan has won over 20 tournaments including being the champion of the HWS Round Robin and the Cambridge IV, and has been the Best Speaker of over 20 competitions including the Oxford IV (Open & twice ESL) and the Cambridge IV (twice Open & thrice ESL).

Perhaps more importantly Dan has been a member of over 35 CA teams around the world including the Tallinn EUDC 2017, Hanoi Asian BP, HWS Round Robin, Cambridge IV, Oxford IV, China BP, Seoul Open, IIT Bombay IV, Red Sea Open, Paris Open, Budapest Open, Moscow Open, Hanoi ABP 2018 and many more. He will be serving as a DCA at Cape Town WUDC 2019, and as a Co-CA at Panama Pan Americans 2019 and at Athens EUDC 2019.

Deputy Chief Adjudicator: Mubarrat Wassey (IIUM)

Mubarrat Wassey is a 3 time Open Octo-finalist at WUDC and the ESL Best Speaker in 2014. He is also an Australs Open Champion and Best ESL Speaker 2016, ABP 2016 Champion and two times best speaker, two times UADC Champion and Best Speaker 2016, Cambridge IV Open Champion and Best Speaker 2016, Oxford IV 6th Best open speaker and Best ESL Speaker, and Malaysian Nationals Best Speaker 2016. Mubarrat was also Co-CA of Hanoi Asian BP 2018, DCA of Bandung UADC 2018, Malaysian Nationals 2018, Malaysia Debate Open 2016, and will be serving as CA of Bali Australs 2019. He was also the 2nd Best Adjudicator at Krabi Asian BP 2017 and the Open Grand Finalist Adjudicator at Solbridge Australs 2015.



Deputy Chief Adjudicator: Bobbi Leet (Stanford)

Bobbi Leet is an Open Finalist and 8th Best Speaker at Mexico WUDC 2018, and Open Finalist and Best Speaker at NAUDC 2017. She has reached the finals of the Yale IV three times (2015, 2016, 2017) and was twice top-three speaker. She has also excelled at the US University Debating Championships where she reached finals twice and was top ten speaker both times in 2017 and 2018. She is an HWS Round Robin 2018 Finalist and 4th speaker. She has her own share of Adjudication Core experience as she was the CA of Oxford IV 2018, Yale IV 2018, NAUDC 2018, and Oxford Women's 2018.

Organizing Committee



Convenor
Seokho Daniel Yoon



Deputy Convenor
Yookyoungeung Kwon



External Affairs
Siwon Moon



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Seoyoung Han



Finance
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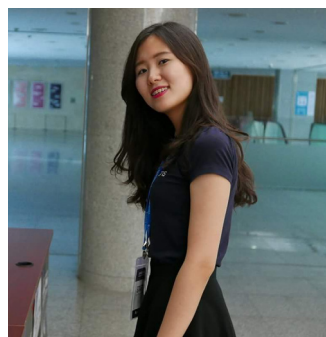
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Logistics
Hyun Ki Lim



Communications
Ho Sun Yoo



Public Relations
Hyerin Yun



Debate Contents
Gyumin Kim



Socials & Events
Jungkeun Jee



Materials
Jungbin Lim

Venue

KINTEX

Largest Convention Center in Korea only 30 minutes away from major tourist attractions

KINTEX(Korea International Exhibition Centre) is the largest exhibition center in Gyeonggi Province, a region that embraces Seoul in its center. With very exclusive and luxurious interior, KINTEX will be the main venue for all nine days of the tournament. The Main Press Center of 2018 Inter-Korean Summit was hosted in the same building, with its state-of-the-art conference facilities and large accommodation capacity. There is free-wifi available at the venue. For dinner, we recommend going to the Hyundai Department Store KINTEX or Goyang Onemount; both are within a few minutes walking distance. We also recommend taking a stroll at Ilsan Lake Park, perhaps the perfect place to be for a quick getaway from the hard-core competition.



Accommodation

The MVL Hotel

5-star hotel only 10 mins walking distance from the venue (from KINTEX)

The MVL Hotel Goyang, is the largest five-star luxury hotel in the region. While Gyeonggi province is renowned for its attractions and various facilities to ensure comfortable tourism, The MVL Hotel, which is going to be the accommodating hotel for Korea WUDC 2021, is one of very few exclusive hotel that Gyeonggi can proudly offer. A myriad of landmarks and tourist attractions including Hyundai Dept. Store, Hallyu World Complex, and One Mount & Water Park are located within 10-minute walking distance for everyone to enjoy. Fully equipped with sauna and fitness facilities, along with a 24-hour business center (Facilities include copying, printing, FAX, laptop rentals and wireless internet.) it ensures a luxurious and relaxing stay.



Budget: Zero Sponsorship

Tournament Budget

Estimated FX rate KRW/USD

1150

Zero Sponsorship

Income	KRW	\$			KRW	\$
Registration fees	Cost		No	Days	Total	
Debaters	₩701,500	\$610	1000		₩701,500,000	\$610,000
Institutional Judges	₩701,500	\$610	500		₩350,750,000	\$305,000
Observers	₩805,000	\$700	20		₩16,100,000	\$14,000
Officials and IAs	₩0	\$0	150		₩0	\$0
Total Income			1670		₩1,068,350,000	\$929,000
Travel & Flight	Cost		No	Days	Total	
Travel Subsidy	₩701,500	\$610	90		₩63,135,000	\$54,900
CA Team	₩800,000		5		₩4,000,000	
Tab Team	₩800,000		5		₩4,000,000	
Excursion						
					Subtotal	₩71,135,000
Accommodation	Cost		No	Days	Total	
Double Standard	₩31,050	\$27.00	1670	8	₩414,828,000	\$360,720
Catering						
Breakfast	₩5,000		1700	8	₩68,000,000	
Lunch	₩5,000		1700	5	₩42,500,000	
Dinner	₩5,000		1700	5	₩42,500,000	
Snacks	₩2,000		1700	5	₩17,000,000	
Orgcomm Meals	₩5,000		150	1	₩750,000	
Council Meals	₩5,000		400	1	₩2,000,000	
					Subtotal	₩587,578,000
Venue	Cost		No	Days	Total	
		40% Discount				
Kintex	₩260,000,000	60%			₩156,000,000	
Partition	₩160,000,000				₩160,000,000	
Opening Ceremony						
Catering	₩4,000		1700		₩6,800,000	
New Years Event						
Catering	₩4,000		1700		₩6,800,000	
Break Night	₩20,000		1700		₩34,000,000	
Closing Ceremony						
Catering	₩4,000		1700		₩6,800,000	
					Subtotal	₩370,400,000
Logistics	Cost		No	Days	Total	
T-shirts	₩8,000		400		₩3,200,000	
Stationary	₩2,000,000				₩2,000,000	
Transportation	₩5,000,000				₩5,000,000	
Welcome Pack	₩10,000		1700		₩17,000,000	
Banners	₩5,000,000				₩5,000,000	
Printing	₩2,000,000				₩2,000,000	
					Subtotal	₩34,200,000
Total Income					₩1,068,350,000	
Total Expenditure					₩1,063,313,000	
Surplus					₩5,037,000	

Budget: Moderate Sponsorship

Tournament Budget

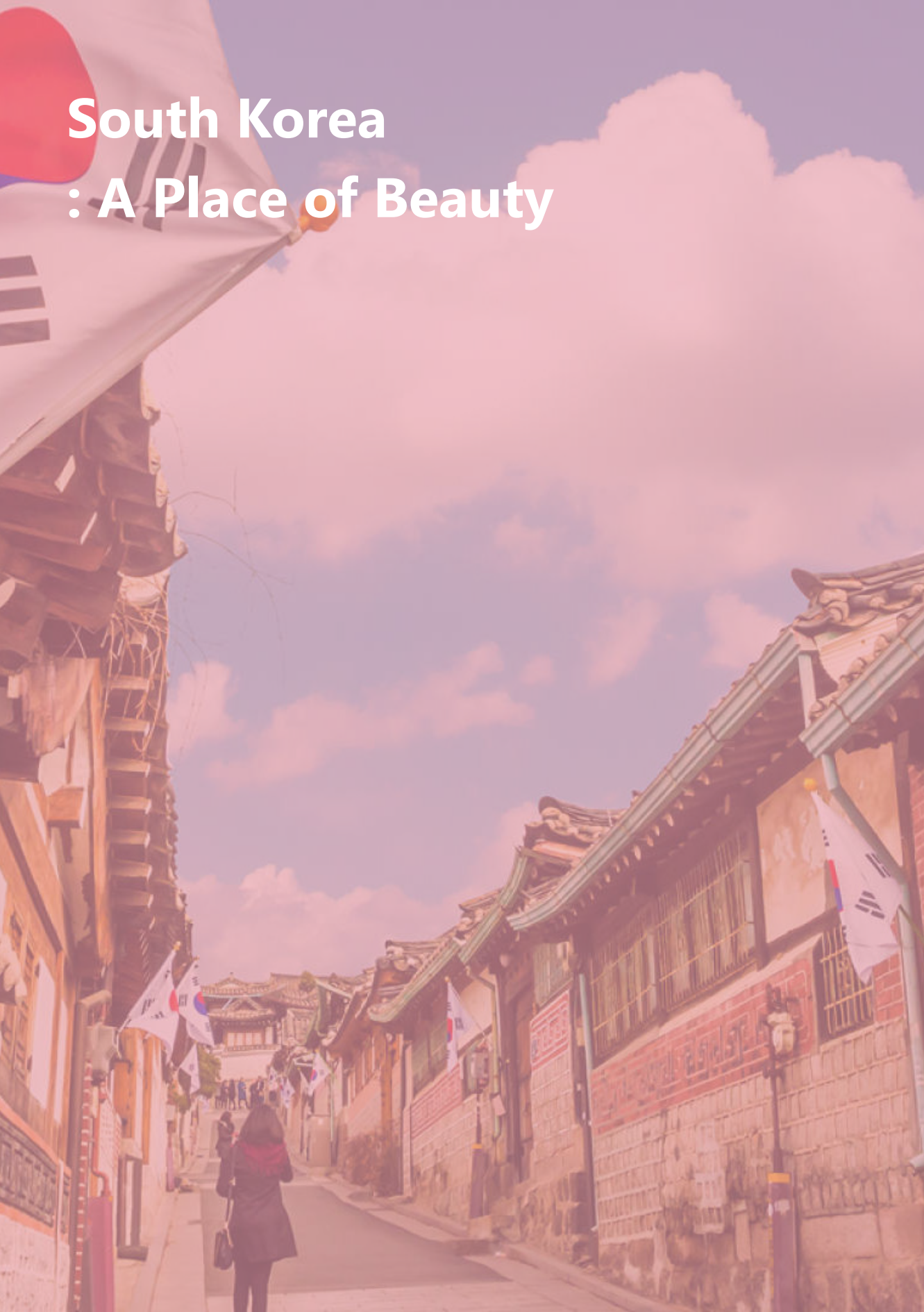
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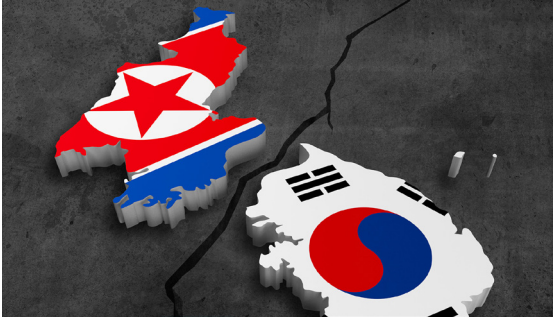
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Debaters	₩667,000	\$580	1000		₩667,000,000	\$580,000
Institutional Judges	₩667,000	\$580	500		₩333,500,000	\$290,000
Observers	₩805,000	\$700	20		₩16,100,000	\$14,000
Officials and IAs	₩0	\$0	150			
Sponsorship					₩50,000,000	
Total Income			1670		₩1,066,600,000	\$884,000
Travel & Flight	Cost		No	Days	Total	
Travel Subsidy	₩667,000	\$580	90		₩60,030,000	\$52,200
CA Team	₩800,000		5		₩4,000,000	
Tab Team	₩800,000		5		₩4,000,000	
Excursion						
					Subtotal	₩68,030,000
Accommodation	Cost		No	Days	Total	
Double Standard	₩31,050	\$27.00	1670	8	₩414,828,000	\$360,720
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T-shirts	₩8,000		400		₩3,200,000	
Stationary	₩2,000,000				₩2,000,000	
Transportation	₩5,000,000				₩5,000,000	
Welcome Pack	₩10,000		1700		₩17,000,000	
Banners	₩5,000,000				₩5,000,000	
Printing	₩2,000,000				₩2,000,000	
					Subtotal	₩34,200,000
Total Income					₩1,066,600,000	
Total Expenditure					₩1,060,208,000	
Surplus					₩6,392,000	

South Korea : A Place of Beauty



A New Era of Peace



The Korean Peninsula has been the only divided nation after reunification of Germany in 1990. For long, news of constant nuclear threats and missile tests have provoked fear in the minds of people. However, there has been a recent change in atmosphere. Starting with the joint North and South Korean women's ice hockey team, potential peace between the Koreas has bloomed. President Moon Jae-In of South Korea was invited to visit North Korea by Kim Yo-Jung, the representative of North Korea during the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics. The invitation spurred preparation for the Inter-Korean Summit, after 11 years of antagonism. Under the slogan 'Peace, a New Start', the April 2018 inter-Korean summit took place in the Unification Pavilion in Panmunjom, Gyeonggi-Do. Two more summits followed in May and September. The results include the following:



- Alleviation of military tension by reducing military exercises
- Approach towards an official declaration of ending the Korean War
- Clearance of land mines at the Korea Demilitarized Zone
- Potential denuclearization of North Korea
- Invitation for Kim Jong Un to visit Seoul



Moreover, two North Korea-United States Summits took place in June and September of 2018. The Summits concluded with the possibility of ending the Korean War and Final, Fully Verified Denuclearization (FFVD) in North Korea. With these unprecedented events happening one after another, we are starting to see actual change in the Korean Peninsula; a change towards peace.

Food



Food is an important element for any civilization, and this is especially true for Koreans. Korea has a well-established tradition when it comes to food. Our dishes are freshly made with natural ingredients and flavors range between sweet and savory to occasionally tangy from the extra chili. Royal court cuisine, a delicacy once exclusive for those inside the palace is also a popular option for visitors. Even pre-tournament anxiety cannot keep you from trying these; they will be irresistible. But then what is a good, meaningful tournament without drinks to keep you sane? In Korea you will be able to enjoy traditional liquors including rice wine (Makgeolli) and Korean vodka (Soju). And no worries- 'Hangover Soup' has you covered for the next day. Be prepared to eat throughout the day and drink the night away! We will be there to feed you; that's what we are hired for.

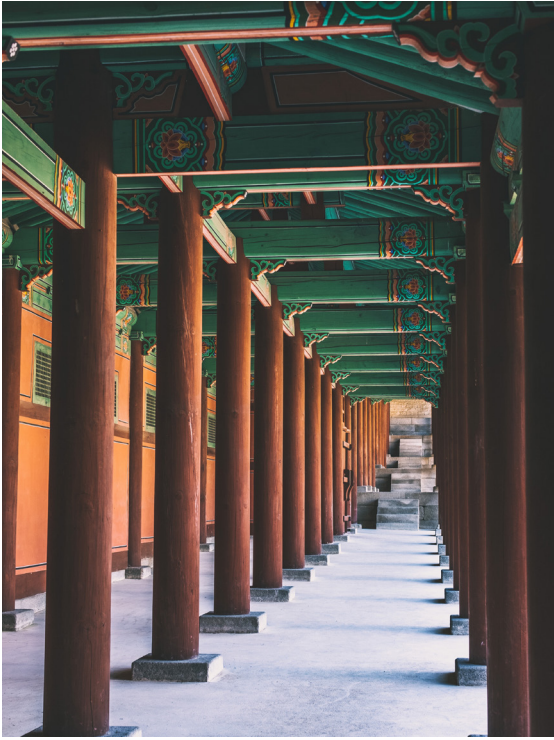


Culture



Korea is a fascinating country. It is where traditional tranquility meets dynamic modernity; where you are able to see skyscrapers peering over the colorful roofs of Hanok (traditional Korean house). It does not matter, whether you are at one of the 12 World Heritage Sites or the breathtaking DDP; you're bound to capture memories worth keeping for a lifetime. A stroll through one of the ancient palaces or national arboretums is a great option if you're looking for something to learn. The avenues of Myung-Dong or Gangnam are a great place to go shopping or find a pretty cafe to relax and pose for selfies. Karaoke after a drink at a random bar is an antidote for stress from debate face-palms. Thanks to well established security and night patrol, it is also very safe so the fun continues throughout the evening, because night never sleeps in Korea.





Things to do in Korea_Seoul

Learn - Gyeongbok Palace

Gyeongbokgung, 'the Palace Greatly Blessed by the Heavens' was built in 1395. Located in the heart of Seoul, it served as the beloved palace of the Joseon Dynasty for centuries. Today it mingles harmoniously with modern Seoul with metropolitan facilities to its left and right. Be prepared to be fascinated by the serene yet mysterious atmosphere of the palace. Free guided tours are provided for visitors in English, Japanese and Chinese which last about an hour.



Experience - Bukchon Hanok Village

Ever curious about what traditional Korean houses look like? Bukchon Hanok Village is the place for you. Located in the center of Seoul, it has its own serene atmosphere. The Hanoks (traditional Korean house) blend in beautifully with the backdrop of mountains and urban buildings; you are bound to collect scenes worth capturing. The culture center provides a more in-depth look into the history and heritage of Bukchon, and walk-through tours are also provided to help visitors.

Eat - Insadong

If you are a foodie, this is your next place to check in. Insadong is a magical maze where you see shops like no other in every alley. Eateries and cafés are well established along the avenue and the stores have long lines waiting to get in. Not only will the food blow your mind; your pictures will look great with the traditional Korean vibes in the background.



Marvel - Dongdaemun Design Plaza

This futuristic landmark was inspired by the dynamism of Dongdaemun District, the international hub of design and fashion. The three-dimensional amorphous structure consists of 45,133 aluminum panels which allow it to stand without any straight lines or walls. Thanks to its architectural significance DDP is a popular stage for exhibitions, fashion shows, international forums and conferences. Brace yourself for the moment of awe as you approach this breathtaking work of art.



Chill - Han River

The banks of Han River is a popular chilling spot for Koreans. A stroll down the riverside with your favorite music is enough to wash away your concerns of the moment. Having 'Chimaek(chicken and beer)' while watching the sunset is an easy yet fulfilling getaway. If you are the athletic type, it is the best place to go jogging because the pretty scenery along the lane will keep you entertained throughout your workout. The heartline that connects Seoul is a destination worth stopping by.

Remember - Namsan Seoul Tower

The first radio wave tower in Korea gained fame as a tourist attraction thanks to its unique structure and beautiful view. Located on the tip of the 'South Mountain(Namsan)'and overlooking the heart of Seoul, it was once a popular setting for K-Dramas and films. The observatory deck hovers over 780 ft up in the sky, which allows one to behold the beautiful panorama of city lights down below. There is nothing quite like the celestial nightscape that spreads out shortly after sunset.



Things to do in Korea_Gyeonggi

Tradition - Korean Folk Village

The Korean Folk Village was established in 1974 to bring together the customs of life in Korean culture and introduce it to foreign tourists. The Korean Folk Village has been loved as a vivid cultural experience and traditional cultural sightseeing spot in beautiful nature. Please experience the past and present in the traditional culture that Korean folk village keeps and meet the new value to open the future.



Shopping - Goyang Starfield

Starfield Goyang is a famous shopping complex in Gyeonggi Province. As well as 560 brand shops and over 100 national restaurants, the aqua field on the roof, the sports monster that combines sports and play, and the toy kingdom and the electric mart will provide convenience and pleasure.



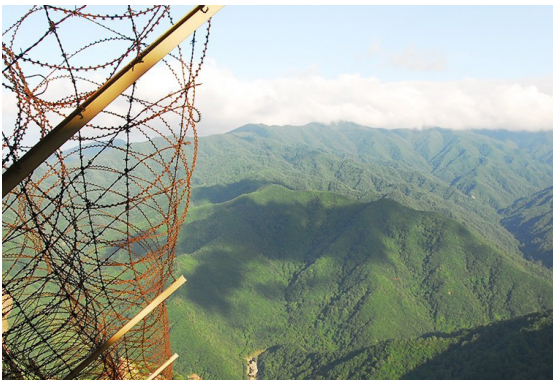
Experience - Gwangmyeong Cave

The Gwangmyeong Cave, which started to develop in 1912 for the purpose of abduction of resources, is an industrial heritage that is a scene of the Japanese colonial rule and suzerain and traces of modernization and industrialization after liberation. It was used as a shrimp warehouse for about 40 years after being abandoned in 1972, but has turned into a historical and cultural sightseeing spot after 2011. Gwangmyeong Cave is regarded as the best cave theme park in Korea combined with its industrial heritage value and cultural value.



Amusement - Everland Resort

Everland resort first opened in 1976 under the name "Natural Farm". Now it includes Everland, Caribbean Bay and Home Bridge. Everland is an amusement park as a theme park and now it is one of the most famous amusement parks in Korea. Caribbean Bay is the largest swimming pool in the country. Home Bridge is a lodging facility recently built as a cabin hostel. Everland resort will provide a great experience for you to spend time.



History - DMZ

The DMZ stands for Demilitarized Zone. It is located between the Republic of Korea and North Korea, the only divided nation in the world. Recently, tourists have also been able to visit and it became a place where most of foreign travelers want to visit in Korea. DMZ will show the heartbreaking war and history of the Republic of Korea. Check out the reality of the division of Korea at this place.

Cultural Heritage - Suwon Hwaseong

Hwaseong Fortress was constructed from 1794 to 1796 and is recognized as an impressive structure from the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). It was made in two years with all the latest technologies of that time. The fortress was designated as Historic Site No. 3 in January 1963, and in December 1997, it was designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. A variety of performances and events are held every day and this will make you a great time in Suwon.



Cost of Travel

Below is a list of return flights to Seoul from various cities during winter seasons. These were all booked 1 month in advance using the same set of dates. All prices are listed in USD.



Asia

Bangalore \$515 on Singapore Airlines (1 stop)
Bangkok \$230 on AirAsia (non stop)
Beijing \$284 on Asiana Airlines (non stop)
Chennai \$393 on AirAsia (1 stop)
Delhi \$474 on Singapore Airlines (non stop)
Dhaka \$463 on AirAsia (1 stop)
Guangzhou \$350 on Asiana Airlines (non stop)
Hanoi \$283 on Hong Kong Airlines (1 stop)
Hong Kong \$175 on Hong Kong Express (1 stop)
Jakarta \$314 on AirAsia (1 stop)
Kuala Lumpur \$194 on Air Asia (non stop)
Kathmandu \$459 on China Eastern (1 stop)
Macau \$293 on Air Macau (non stop)
Manila \$167 on Cebu Pacific (non stop)
Shanghai \$281 on China Eastern (non stop)
Singapore \$498 on Korean Air (non stop)
Taipei \$194 on Scoot Airlines (non stop)
Tokyo \$235 on Korean Air (non stop)

Africa

Cairo \$686 on Turkish Airlines
Cape Town \$847 on Singapore Airlines (1 stop)
Gaborone \$1,010 on Ethiopian Airlines (2 stops)
Harare \$957 on Rwanda Air & Qatar Airways (2 stops)
Johannesburg \$793 on Singapore Airlines (1 stop)
Nairobi \$1,026 on Qatar Airways (1 stop)

KOREAN AIR

ASIANA AIRLINES

AirAsia



HONGKONG AIRLINES
香港航空



中國東方航空
CHINA EASTERN



CHINA SOUTHERN



CATHAY PACIFIC



RwandAir

Ethiopian
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QATAR
AIRWAYS القطرية

Middle East

Doha \$980 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)

Tel Aviv \$790 on Aeroflot Russian Airlines (1 stop)

Oceania

Auckland \$734 on Malaysia Airlines (1 stop)

Melbourne \$1,208 on China Eastern Airlines (1 stop)

Sydney \$458 on Air Asia (1 stop)

Americas

Atlanta \$1,043 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)

Boston \$817 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)

Buenos Aires \$1,336 on LATAM Airlines (2 stops)

Chicago \$680 on China Eastern (1 stop)

Dallas \$1,441 on Asiana Airlines + Alaska Airlines (1 stop)

Detroit \$1,273 on Air France (1 stop)

Los Angeles \$613 on Xiamen Air (1 stop)

Mexico City \$1,246 on Aeromexico + Asiana Airlines (1 stop)

New York \$665 on Air China (1 stop)

Rio de Janeiro \$1,396 on Lufthansa (1 stop)

San Francisco \$774 on China Eastern (1 stop)

Seattle \$1,017 on Asiana Airlines (non stop)

Toronto \$1,037 on Air Canada + Asiana Airlines (1 stop)

Vancouver \$759 on China Eastern (1 stop)

Europe

Amsterdam \$511 on Polish Airlines (1 stop)

Athens \$720 on Lufthansa (1 stop)

Barcelona \$579 on Polish Airlines (1 stop)

Belgrade \$597 on Polish Airlines (1 stop)

Berlin \$670 on British Airlines (1 stop)

Dublin \$690 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)

Frankfurt \$684 on KLM (1 stop)

Glasgow \$560 on KLM (1 stop)

London \$537 on KLM (1 stop)

Madrid \$570 on Polish Airlines (1 stop)

Moscow \$504 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)

Paris \$570 on Lufthansa (1 stop)

Prague \$596 on Turkish Airlines

Riga \$601 on Polish Airlines (1 stop)

Rome \$660 on Finnair (1 stop)

Vienna \$596 on Turkish Airlines (1 stop)



Visa Information

This is the list of the countries or regions DO NOT need a VISA for arrival to Korea. If your country or region which you are affiliated with is not on the list, it means that you NEED a VISA. Even if you need a visa, South Korea is one of the easier countries to obtain a visa, and our organizing committee will be more than happy to assist you in the process.

Asia

Brunei (30 days)
Hong Kong (90 days)
Japan (90 days)
Macau (90 days)
Malaysia (90 days)
Singapore (90 days)
Taiwan (90 days)
Taiwan (90 days)

The Americas

Antigua and Barbuda (90 days)
Argentina (30 days)
Bahamas (90 days)
Barbados (90 days)
Brazil (90 days)
Canada (6 months)
Chile (90 days)
Columbia (90 days)
Commonwealth of Dominica (90 days)
Costa Rica (90 days)
Dominican Republic (90 days)
Ecuador (90 days)
El Salvador (90 days)
Grenada (90 days)
Guatemala (90 days)
Guyana (30 days)
Haiti (90 days)
Honduras (30 days)
Jamaica (90 days)
Mexico (90 days)
Nicaragua (90 days)
Panama (90 days)
Paraguay (30 days)
Peru (90 days)
Republic of Suriname (90 days)
Saint Kitts and Nevis (90 days)
Saint Lucia (90 days)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (90 days)
Trinidad and Tobago (90 days)
United States of America (90 days)
Uruguay (90 days)
Venezuela (90 days)

Europe

Albania (30 days)
Andorra (30 days)
Austria (90 days)
Belgium (90 days)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (30 days)
Bulgaria (90 days)
Croatia (90 days)
Curia Romana (30 days)
Cyprus (30 days)
Czech (90 days)
Denmark (90 days among 180 days)
Estonia (90 days among 180 days)
Finland (90 days among 180 days)
France (90 days)
Germany (90 days)
Greece (90 days)
Hungary (90 days)
Iceland (90 days among 180 days)
Ireland (90 days)
Kazakhstan (30 days)
Latvia (90 days)
Liechtenstein (90 days)
Lithuania (90 days)
Luxembourg (90 days)
Malta (90 days)
Monaco (30 days)
Montenegro (30 days)
Netherlands (90 days)
Norway (90 days among 180 days)
Poland (90 days)
Portugal (90 days among 180 days)

Romania (90 days)
Russia (60 days)
San Marino (30 days)
Serbia (90 days)
Slovakia (90 days)
Slovenia (90 days)
Spain (90 days)
Stay (90 days)
Sweden (90 days among 180 days)
Switzerland (90 days)
Turkey (90 days)
UK (90 days)

Africa-Middle East regions

Bahrain (30 days)
Botswana (90 days)
Israel (90 days)
Kuwait (90 days)
Lesotho (60 days)
Liberia (90 days)
Mauritius (30 days)
Morocco (90 days)
Oman (30 days)
Qatar (30 days)
Republic of South Africa (30 days)
Saudi Arabia (30 days)
Seychelles (30 days)
Swaziland (30 days)
Tunisia (30 days)
United Arab Emirates (90 days)

Oceania regions

Australia (90 days)
Fiji (30 days)
Guam (30 days)
Kiribati (30 days)
Marshall Islands (30 days)
Micronesia (30 days)
Nauru (30 days)
New Zealand (90 days)
Palau (30 days)
Samoa (30 days)
Solomon Islands (30 days)
Tonga (30 days)
Tuvalu (30 days)

If you are affiliated with the countries below, and if you have either a diplomat's passport, or an official passport, you don't need to get a VISA. Which means if you don't have neither of those two, you need a VISA for arrival to Korea.

Algeria (90 days)
Angola (30 days)
Argentina (90 days)
Armenia (90 days)
Azerbaijan (30 days)
Bangladesh (90 days)
Bolivia (90 days)
Cambodia (60 days)
Cape Verde (90 days)
China (30 days)
Croatia (90 days)
Cyprus (90 days)
Gabon (90 days)
Georgia (90 days)
Indonesia (30 days)
Japan (90 days)
Kuwait (90 days among 180 days)
Kyrgyzstan (30 days)
Laos (90 days)
Lebanon (30 days)
Moldova (90 days among 180 days)
Mongolia (90 days)
Mozambique (90 days)
Myanmar (90 days)
Oman (90 days)
Ukraine (90 days)
Vanuatu (90 days)

If you are affiliated with these countries, ONLY a diplomat's passport carrier is allowed to come to Korea without VISA. Which means if you don't carry a diplomat's passport, you need to get a VISA in order for arrival to Korea.

Jordan (90 days)
Uzbekistan (60 days)
Turkmenistan (30 days)

Letters of Endorsement



December 17, 2018

Mr. Nishith Hegde
Chair
World Universities Debating Council

On behalf of the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO), it is a great honor that Korea is being considered for the opportunity to host World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC), the world's largest debating championship.

Korea is technologically advanced with a world class infrastructure that attracts over 15million visitors a year. It is one of the safest and most accommodating destination for foreigners and has a proven track record in hosting numerous international events and conventions throughout the country. Korea has welcomed a great number of world leaders, academics, and businessmen through various international events. Visitors to Korea have said to enjoy our natural beauty, historical heritage, and trendsetting culture.

Gyeonggi-do Province is a top convention host equipped with optimal facilities to hold events of all sizes. This larger metropolitan area surrounding the capital city is the heart of Korean culture, politics, and economics, and home to half of the national population. Gyeonggi-do Province has been crucial in the harmonious coexistence of a diverse cultural heritage and a modern technological and industrial might.

We sincerely hope that the 41st World Universities Debating Championship will be held in Gyeonggi-do Province, Korea. With our extensive experience and cultural appeal, we are ready to welcome future global leaders from all over the world and we're also confident that your attendees will have an unforgettable experience.

Given the opportunity, we would be honored to contribute to the success of the 41st World Universities Debating Championship.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Park Jeong Ha".

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December 14, 2018

Mr. Nishith Hegde

Chair

Worlds Universities Debating Council,

Dear Mr. Nishith Hegde,

It is my great pleasure to pledge our full support for the hosting of the World Universities Debating Championship Korea 2021, which is one of the world's largest annual international student events in the world. I am proud to say that we are poised to provide a perfect venue where future leaders can debate global issues, exchange information and knowledge, create collaborative networks and share friendship.

Gyeonggi offers all the convenience of a convention city combined with the relaxing vibes of a tourist destination. The region is adjacent to Seoul and easily accessible from two major international airports. It also contains KINTEX, the largest convention center in Korea with cutting-edge facilities which attracts meetings from around the world. In Gyeonggi province participants of the World Universities Debating Championship 2021 would experience the living history at the Korean De-Militarized Zone, UNESCO World Heritage sites.

We at the Gyeonggi MICE Bureau in Gyeonggi Tourism Organization would be honored to assist in bringing World Universities Debating Championship Korea 2021 to our province and enthusiastically put our services at your disposal.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to welcoming you.

Very Truly Yours,

Dong-Han Kang

Director

Gyeonggi MICE Bureau

Gyeonggi Tourism Organization

Republic of Korea



December 18, 2018

Nishith Hegde
Chair
Worlds Universities Debating Council

Dear Chair of WUDC,

It is my great pleasure and honor to send a letter of support on behalf of the National Pension Service of Republic of Korea, as our country is bidding for the host of World Universities Debating Championship 2021.

As the most significant and noticeable social insurance system in Korea, if not the world, NPS is currently cooperating with Debate Korea, a representative organization of Korea bidding team. NPS has sponsored various debate tournaments and programs, including Seoul Open 2018 and NPS Debate Podcast. NPS wishes that this cooperative relationship to continue for a long time.

As it can be viewed from the NPS Debate Podcast and other cooperative projects with Debate Korea, debate is a communication method through which we can reach the most rational conclusion while respecting our differences. Many feel the need to expand the culture of debate. NPS especially welcomes all active communication and discussion on current social issues, as witnessed the effectiveness of debate in resolving social conflicts such as generation gap.

To expand the culture of debate, and to widen the scope of debate environment, NPS supports World Universities Debating Championship hosted by Republic of Korea in 2021. Based on its five-millenia history the country developed diverse traditional culture, as well as achieving the fastest economic development post-World-War to become the 11th largest economy of the world. This made a country where past and modernity exists in harmony. Also, only last year, the Korean public impeached the President through the most peaceful protest of candlelight vigil, proving the world of its vibrant democratic spirit. Korea WUDC 2021 will be another historical footstep in this Korean democracy.

WUDC is not only one of the largest international student events in the world, but also the arena which gave rise to many celebrities such as Shengwu Li and Ted Cruz, proudly holding the reputation as the most prestigious debate festival of the world. Having been held at not only Germany, Greece, and United Kingdom, but also in Malaysia, South Africa, and Mexico, this event is hosted all around the world. NPS cordially asks the WUDC Council members for the support and attention to let the privilege come to Korea in 2021.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Rae Gwang'.

Lee Rae Gwang
Director General of the NPS regional headquarters of Southern Seoul

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GOYANG

December 18, 2018

Nishith Hegde
Chair
Worlds Universities Debating Council

Dear Chair of WUDC,

It is my great pleasure and honor to send a letter of support on behalf of MVL Hotel Goyang , as our country is bidding for the host of World Universities Debating Championship 2021.

As the only five-star hotel and the tourist center of greater Metropolitan Seoul area, MVL Hotel Goyang has been cooperating with Debate Korea, a representative organization of Korea bidding team. In 2018, our collaboration has been proven successful through the week-long Debate Korea Week in supporting the nation's largest convention venue, providing a core necessity of the Korean experience to the participants. MVL is certain that this mutually constructive collaboration will be sustained for a long time.

Debate is a method of communication. Through such method countless people of the world have been able to come together, overcoming the high obstacles of age, gender, ethnicity and nationality to form a united community - a fact that is evidenced by the own forty-year history of World Universities Debating Championship. Respecting the differences, defeating all preconceived biases and interacting through the fairest of all human intellectual standards - logic - the global university debate community is fostering extraordinary talents based on rationality that is second to no other groups. Since it is also a place of interaction among people of diverse backgrounds, this poses a huge significance to the MVL Hotel as well.

MVL Hotel supports World Universities Debating Championship, a venue of constructive competition, clash of voluntary international cooperation and rationality, hosted by Republic of Korea in 2021. Despite its small territory, limited resources, and unstable state of the region Republic of Korea has been able to rise above the ashes of the World War and Korean War, making the fastest economic development into the 11th largest economy of the world. This would have been impossible if not for the active exchange of ideas in the global arena to deeply engage with the world. Korea WUDC 2021 will be the unforgettable moment to show the world once again the dynamic Korea that 2002 World Cup and 2018 PyeongChang Olympics gave a peek into.

WUDC is not only one of the largest international student events in the world, but also the arena which gave rise to many celebrities of many nationalities and generations, such as Shengwu Li and Ted Cruz, proudly holding the reputation as the most prestigious debate festival of the world. Having been held at not only Germany, Greece, and United Kingdom, but also in Malaysia, South Africa, and Mexico, this intellectual hub of the globe shall once again flourish in Korea - to which, the MVL Hotel cordially asks the WUDC Council members for the support and attention to let the privilege to be realized in 2021.

Very truly yours,



Jinman Jeong
General Manager
MVL Hotel Goyang



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