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To cope with prolonged COVID-19



Graduate School of Medicine Donates
"Korean Protective Products" to
National University of Indonesia Medical School
(May 6, 2020)



Graduate School of Medicine (Dean, Cho Sung-joon) and Kangwon National University Hospital (Dean, Lee Seung-joon) donated the Korean Protective Products at the University of Indonesia Medical School (Dean, Ari Fahrial Syam) on May 5 (Tuesday). It can be used by 150 local medical personnel.

As of May 4, Indonesia has 11,587 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 864 deaths, and the Graduate School of Medicine has delivered personal protective equipment, such as protective clothing, security glasses, and facial protective masks for the safety of local medical staff.

The ceremony was held at the main hall of the National University of Indonesia Medical School, including Professor Lee Hee-je of the Graduate School of Medicine, Deputy Dean Dwiana Ocviyant of the National University of Indonesia Medical School, Professor Frans Suyatna, and Director Lee Jong-yoon of the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) Jakarta Trade Center.

KNU and the National University of Indonesia have concluded mutual exchange agreements in 2018. Various exchange activities are being carried out, such as dispatching professors of Medical Graduate School as research professors to Indonesian University medical schools.

"The safety of medical personnel is essential for the smooth prevention of the COVID-19" said Professor Lee Hee-je. "We have provided protection supplies to the National University of Indonesia Medical School to help quickly overcome the global disease spread through close cooperation between the two universities."

"We believe that the unified power of the people and the medical staff of Indonesia will overcome the crisis soon. And we hope that the two universities will continue to communicate closely and strengthen cooperation." said Cho Sung-joon, Dean of School of Medicine, KNU School of Medicine.

Meanwhile, the delivery of the anti-virus goods was concluded by the Korea Trade Promotion Agency (KOTRA) accordance with the government's new southern policy, supporting customs clearance and delivery of protective goods through the Jakarta Trade Center.



"COVID-19 Scholarship" 90 million won fundraising, support for students who are experiencing economic difficulties.
(May 19, 2020)



Our university staff raised 90 million won in scholarships for students who are experiencing economic difficulties due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic.

The scholarship was contributed by 1,700 faculty members voluntarily, deducting a certain amount from their salaries.

In particular, the president Kim Heon-young and the heads of the headquarters and affiliated organizations donated 30% of operational expenses, and the deans of colleges donated 400,000 won each to participate in the fundraising.

Scholarships provided by faculty members will be delivered to the University Development Fund Foundation. They will be paid to 430 students, including the recipients of basic living costs and unemployed families, who are experiencing economic difficulties.

"We are grateful that the members of the university have been able to participate in the fundraising of scholarships for students with one mind and one will." said Kim Heon-young, president of the university. "We hope it will become a small amount of comfort and help for students and parents who are suffering from the sudden COVID-19 crisis." Moreover, separately from the scholarship fundraising, our university has expanded and organized the "KNU-SOS Scholarship" system for students who have family difficulties. And it has provided various support measures, such as scholarships to students who have suffered economic damage due to part-time job lay-off, parent's unemployment, etc, caused by the COVID-19.



Selection of ASEAN Master's Degree Faculty Scholarship Program (January 20, 2020)



Our university was selected as a participant in the ASEAN Master's Degree Faculty Scholarship Program organized by the Korea University Education Council.

The program was designed to invite master's degree faculties from 10 ASEAN countries to support the completion of doctoral courses, to establish a foundation for human exchange between the countries, and to train foreign (Pro-Korean) education elites.

Our university has organized a project team with the Office of International Affairs, the Department of Agriculture Resources and Economics, and the International Trade Department. Over the next five years, we will provide tuition scholarship and various business expenses, joint academic conferences with ASEAN Universities, and professor exchange projects.

"We expect this project to attract overseas talents and contribute to the promotion of friendship and academic development with ASEAN countries." said Jhoo Jin-woo, Head of the Office of International Affairs. "We will do our best to expand overseas training programs and human exchange projects for domestic students and to help them grow into talented people with global capabilities."



Selection of an Excellent Institution for GKS Scholarship College (January 02, 2020)



Our university was selected as an excellent institution for the 2019 Global Korea Scholarship College by the National Institute of International Education under the Ministry of Education.

The project was designed to foster (Pro-Korean) excellent talents and strengthen the international competitiveness of domestic universities by selecting excellent talents from foreign universities that have signed an exchange agreement with domestic universities and providing opportunities for studying at domestic universities.

Previously, our university was selected by the National Institute of International Education, 2020~2021 GKS Foreign Exchange Student Support Project, 2020 Korea-Japan Joint Higher Education International Student Exchange Project, 2020 GKS Government Foreign Scholarship Support Project, 2020~2022 Government Foreign Scholarship Korean Institution.

Also, KNU passed the "Monitoring of Educational Internationalization Capacity Certification." organized by the Ministry of Education and maintained its certification qualification until February 2021.

"We expect this award and the selection of leading universities to contribute to the promotion of friendship with overseas universities and academic development." said Jhoo Jin-woo, Head of the Office of International Affairs. "We will continue to participate in various government support projects to attract foreign students and strengthen the international competitiveness of universities."



Selection of Korean Language Training for Korean Government Foreign Scholarships Students (January 06, 2020)



Our university was selected as the "2020-2022 Korean Language Training Institution for Korean Government Foreign Scholarship Student" by the National Institute of International Education under the Ministry of Education.

Accordingly, our university plans to run the four-semester Korean language training courses for foreign graduate students invited by the government from September 2020 to August 2023, to offer a TOPIK course, Korean traditional art and culture experience program, and other special activities.

"We will do our best to make sure that talented foreign people have no difficulty in studying abroad through differentiated cultural classes that allow them to experience Korean culture as well as the Korean language." said Jhoo Jin-woo, Head of the Office of International Affairs.



U.S News & World Report
"2020 Best Global University Evaluation"
World Ranking 885



Our university recently has been evaluated by the U.S. News and World Report, a U.S. university evaluation media. It ranked 885th in the Best Global Universities Rankings of 2020 conducted by the News & World Report.



"2020 THE World University Academic Evaluation" In three areas, entered the world's top 600



The evaluation is based on 13 indicators, including international reputation, publications, and the number of citations, for 1,599 universities in 81 countries around the world. Among the fifty-one universities ranked, our university ranked 22nd, 3 places higher than last year.

In particular, our university ranked 335th in the world in terms of regional reputation for research results and 377th in international joint research, securing an international level of awareness and high level of global joint research infrastructure as a research-oriented university.

Also, in the rankings released for 28 academic fields, our university ranked 141st in the world and 3rd in Korea for the agricultural science field, 281st in the world and 2nd in Korea for the environment and ecology field.

"The results of this evaluation are the result of all our university members' passionate efforts to develop education and research, and we will continue to make efforts to secure world-class research results and international competitiveness." said Kim Heon-young.

Our university has recently entered the world's top 600 in three areas of the 2020 THE World University Academic Assessment, published by the British University Evaluation Agency, THE.

In this evaluation, our university ranked 601+ in the Life Sciences field(12th in Korea), 601+ in the Clinical, Pre-Clinical, Health Care field (13th in Korea), and 601-800 in the Physical Sciences field (15th in Korea).

In particular, in the "2020 THE World University Evaluation" announced by THE in September, our university ranked 1001+ in the world and 25th in Korea. In October 2019, it ranked 801+ in the world in engineering technology and 26th in Korea.

"The fruition of our members' commitment to innovating education and strengthening their research capabilities have been shown in recent evaluations in various fields at home and abroad," said Kim Heon-young, president of the university. "We will do our best to make this achievement a stepping stone to become a university that can stand side by side with world-class universities."



215th in the 2020 Q.S Asian University Assessment and 30th in Korea



Our university recently ranked overall 215th in the Q.S. Asian University Assessment in 2020 and 30th in Korea, as announced by the U.K.'s university evaluation agency Q.S. (Quacquarelli Symonds).

550 Asian universities and 71 domestic universities were included in the rankings. Sixteen of the domestic universities newly entered the

rankings, and 44 universities have fallen through maintaining their rankings.

In particular, our university ranked 215th, which rose from more than 100 levels from initially 301 to 350 last year. It is a significant ranking, providing the status and research capacity of universities that have recently improved to a remarkable degree.

According to the index, the percentage of inbound exchange students (2nd in domestic national universities), the percentage of outbound exchange students (3rd in national universities), and international research network (5th in national universities) showed a strong growth.

This year, our university is ranked by "2020 THE World University Evaluation" 1001+, and 25th in Korea, "U.S. News & World Report Best Global University Evaluation" ranked it 885th in the world and 22nd in Korea and stands out as a university with global competitiveness.

"This evaluation has once again recognized Kangwon National University as a place where cultivates talented people with excellent research capabilities and global competitiveness," said Kim Heon-young, president of the university. "We will make further efforts to become an internationally prestigious university in education and research in the future."



University Impact Rankings" for the Second Consecutive Year in the Top 200



Our university ranked the top 200 for the second consecutive year in THE World University Impact Rankings 2020, which was announced on April 22 (Wednesday) by the Times Higher Education (THE), a global university evaluation agency based in the UK. It also ranked fifth in the domestic university rankings, the same as last year.

Unlike existing university evaluations that focus on education and research results, THE World University Impact Assessment has taken a public role as a major criterion for solving social and global difficulties in higher education institutions. It was the second evaluation this year.

This year's evaluation ranked each university's contribution to achieving 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015, and 857 universities from 89 countries, including more than 300 competing new universities, participated in the evaluation.

Auckland University in New Zealand ranked as world's no. 1. Our university ranked 201-300, followed by Yonsei University (47th),

Hanyang University (91th), Kyungpook National University (99th), and Kyunghee University (101-200th). And followed by Chungnam University, Ewha Woman's University, Jeonbuk University, Sungkyunkwan University (201-300th), Soonchunhyang University (301-400th), Ajou University, Chonnam University, Gyeongsang University, Konkuk University, Kookmin University, and Pusan University (401-600th).

In particular, our university ranked 69th in the world in the category of Industrial, Innovation, and Social Infrastructure (SDG9). It achieved high results, including the end of poverty (SDG1), the elimination of hunger (SDG2), and sustainable urban and community (SDG11) where it ranked among the world's top 100 (101-200).

Our university has set up a core vision on the Central University of a Unified Korea and promoted various policies for inter-Korean exchange and cooperation. It is a ▲ Campus Innovation Park ▲ Regional Innovation Platform ▲ Hydrogen Energy and Disaster Prevention Industry-Academy Cooperation through collaboration with local governments. The university presents a new industry-university-government cooperation model that is the center of the local economy.

Also, ▲ the introduction of "Department of Liberal Studies" and "Department of Convergence Virtual Studies toward Future," ▲ operation of RC (Residential Campus) program, ▲ the establishment of Gangwon area Union University, ▲ Global Idea Lab, and ▲ Gangwon Open Army are leading the educational innovation for fostering future talents.

"This achievement has proved the status of our university, which is becoming a hub university for regional industry development and culture creation, both inside and outside the country," said Kim Heon-young, president of the university. "We will continue to come up with various ways for universities, local communities, and industries to coexist in response to the decline in the school-age population and rapidly changing social changes."

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