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On September 19, Dr. Jong-Tae Park, President of Incheon National University, shares a moment with esteemed professors from the University of Malaga (UMA), Spain, and enthusiastic exchange students from Korean universities after a joyous celebration marking the reopening of the Korean center at UMA.

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### "International Exchange Flourishes at INU: Welcomed 128 New Students from 20 Different Countries"

By Yerim HEO, International Office



INU has kicked off the Fall semester with a lively and diverse cohort of 128 new exchange students from a staggering 47 partner universities spanning 20 different countries. The influx of these students marks a remarkable rebound after a challenging period during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The university rolled out a warm welcome for the new additions to its international family by providing a comprehensive orientation program. This initiative was aimed at assisting the incoming students in acclimating to their new academic and cultural environment.

During the pandemic, the number of exchange students had experienced a sharp decline, in line with global restrictions and uncertainties. However, INU's efforts to enhance safety measures, adapt to changing circumstances, and to ensure a conducive learning environment have paid off, resulting in a noteworthy surge in incoming exchange students—surpassing even the average numbers seen in 2019.

This renewed interest in international exchange demonstrates the resilience and adaptability of INU's community in the face of adversity. The university remains committed to fostering a global perspective, promoting cultural understanding, and providing enriching academic experiences for all students.

INU looks forward to a successful and vibrant semester, enriched by the diverse contributions and perspectives of these new exchange students.

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#### INU President Dr. Jong-Tae Park Advances Global Academic Collaboration in Europe

By June CHOI, Director of International Office



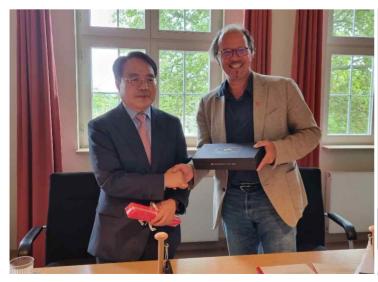


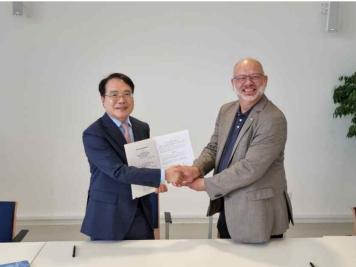
Dr. Jong-Tae Park, President of INU, has demonstrated INU's steadfast dedication to global collaboration through recent visits to distinguished European institutions.

His journey commenced at the University of Malaga (UMA) in Spain, where Dr. Park received a warm welcome from Dr. Jose Angel Narvaez, UMA's Rector, symbolizing a strong bond between the two institutions, as captured in the top photo.

During his time at UMA, Dr. Park participated in the celebration of the reopening of the Korean center, emphasizing the activation of exchange programs, particularly for professors and graduate students. This focus on academic collaboration is vividly depicted in the second photo.

Continuing his European trip, Dr. Park explored academic exchange opportunities in Germany. He engaged with Professor Stephan Jolie, the Vice President of Johannes Gutenberg University (left photo below), and Professor Arnd Steinmetz, the President of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences (right photo below). This proactive engagement underscores INU's unwavering commitment to enhancing global educational experiences.





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# INU Delegation Engages in Academic Collaboration at EAIE 2023 in Rotterdam

By Junghyun JOO, International Office



INU continued its proactive engagement on the global stage by participating in the European Association for International Education (EAIE) 2023, held in Rotterdam, Netherlands from September 26 to 29.

Representing INU, Mrs. Jungeun Kim and Mrs. Junghyun Joo from the INU International Office played pivotal roles during the event. They held numerous meetings with representatives from universities across the globe, engaging in constructive discussions about enhancing academic cooperation.

The discussions revolved around a multitude of academic collaboration opportunities, reaffirming INU's commitment to building partnerships and fostering a vibrant academic community. These interactions aimed to promote mutual understanding, knowledge sharing, and the establishment of collaborative initiatives that would benefit students and faculty from all participating institutions.

INU remains dedicated to actively participating in such global forums, reinforcing its mission to cultivate an environment conducive to international collaboration and academic growth.

