IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR
CHRISTINE LAGARDE VISITS EWHA

Madame Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), visited Ewha on September 7. Ms. Lagarde is the first woman elected as the head of the IMF and a prominent figure who was re-elected to serve a second five-year term in 2016.

After having a conversation with the Dean of the Graduate School of International Studies and the Vice President for International Affairs, Ms. Lagarde had a panel discussion with eight undergraduate and graduate students at EGG Lee Sam-bong Hall under the theme of “The Future of Korea’s Education System and the Role of Women’s in Society.”

PRESIDENT HEISOOK KIM EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES WITH MAJOR U.S. UNIVERSITIES

President Heisook Kim and her delegation visited University of Chicago, Cornell University, New York University, and CUNY John Jay College of New York City in the U.S. from October 23 to 31 to expand strategic international collaborations through mutual exchanges of professors and students in various disciplines.

She also visited the Korea Society in New York, a nonprofit organization to promote mutual cooperation between Korea and the U.S., and gave a lecture on “Advancement in Higher Education for Women.”

President Kim then attended the Annual Meetings of Board of Directors of International Foundation for Ewha Womans University and the general meeting of Ewha Womans University United Alumnae Chapters of North America.

HOMECOMING OF LILJA ALFREÐSDÓTTIR, ICELAND’S MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE


Minister Alfredsdottir studied at Ewha in 1994 as a visiting student participating in the “Asian Studies at Ewha” Program. Minister Alfredsdottir chose Ewha as the first place to visit during her visit to Korea as the representative of the Icelandic government for the PyeongChang Winter Olympics.

Minister Alfredsdottir’s visit to Ewha will become a great inspiration for students who hope to become future women leaders and is also expected to promote exchanges between South Korea and Iceland.
PROFESSOR JUYOUNG YOON OF CHEMISTRY & NANO SCIENCE NAMED AS THE “WORLD’S TOP ONE PERCENT RESEARCHER” FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Professor Juyoung Yoon of Chemistry & Nano Science has been named as the “World’s Top One Percent Researcher” for four consecutive years. Clarivate Analytics (former Thomson Reuters), a global, information-led company announced a list of the “World’s Top One Percent Most-Cited Researchers of 2017” on November 15. A total of 33 Korean scientists including Professor Yoon made it in the list. Professor Yoon was among the six Korean scientists chosen for four years in a row.

Professor Yoon, one of the world’s leading authorities in the field of organic chemistry-based fluorescent chemosensor and molecular recognition, has published a total of about 290 papers in SCI-listed journals until now, registered 40 patents, made three technology transfer accomplishments, and is actively continuing on with his research activities. Many of his achievements have led to the improvement of South Korea’s international status in the field of chemistry.
Ewha Womans University held a dedication ceremony for its new dormitory and a groundbreaking ceremony for Ewha·Ottogi Childcare Center on August 30.

The new dormitory successfully opened after the completion of its construction in August last year. The new dormitory consists of E-House, Ottogi Global House and ROTC Building. The new building can accommodate around 4,300 students, who are able to stay in the campus to dedicate themselves to studying.

Following the dedication ceremony, a groundbreaking ceremony for Ewha·Ottogi Childcare Center was held in the construction site near Asan Engineering Building. The employer-supported childcare center is built based on a development fund in three billion won raised by the well-known food company, Ottogi, in 2013. The construction of the childcare center is slated to be finished around May in 2018.

Together with the newly built dormitory and the employer-supported childcare center, Ewha will take the lead in providing an outstanding education environment and creating an environment where a balance between work and family is maintained.
Narangerelt Batsoyol, a master’s degree student studying at the Intelligent Networked Systems Laboratory of the Computer Science and Engineering major, was chosen as a scholarship student for the “2017 Asia-Pacific Women Techmakers Scholars Program” organized by Google.

The “Women Techmakers Scholars Program” is a scholarship scheme jointly organized by the Anita Borg Institute and Google to support Asian women leaders in the engineering field. The program was established in honor of Anita Borg, who made much effort to foster women leaders in the engineering field encouraging women and minority groups to study computers and technology. The 75 students who were finally selected received $1,000 in prize and an invitation to Google’s workshop program.

Accordingly, Narangerelt participated in Google’s workshop from August 29 to September 2 along with other scholarship students chosen by Google Korea. Narangerelt, who entered Ewha in 2013 through the Ewha Global Partnership Program (EGPP), said that she was able to find a new world at Ewha and expressed gratitude towards her professors and friends at Ewha.

The “Ewha-HCAP (Harvard College in Asia Program),” an international exchange program jointly held by Ewha and Harvard University, was successfully held this year as well.

HCAP is the largest academic-cultural exchange program in Asia established by Harvard University in 2003 to foster leaders with a deeper mutual understanding of the U.S. and Asia. Ewha is the only university in South Korea which has participated in this program for 11 years in a row since 2007.

From January 14 to 20, eight Ewha students participated in the Ewha-HCAP Boston Conference which took place at Harvard University in Boston. At this year’s Boston conference, which was held under the theme of “Redefining Leadership: Initiative and Influence in the Modern World,” about 150 students from partner schools in Asia along with those from Harvard and Ewha participated. Other than academic exchanges, various cultural programs also took place.

Following the Boston conference, the second conference organized by Ewha will be held at Seoul for a week starting on March 10, 2018.

ADD Venture Ewha held the “Campus CEO Homecoming Day” at ECC’s Lee Sam-bong Hall on September 20 to boost business start-ups within the campus by strengthening ties between students and graduates who have started their own businesses or have been employed.

Since the first semester of 2011, Ewha has been playing a leading role in the encouragement of business start-ups by opening and running classes related to business start-ups.

At the homecoming day which was organized by Ewha University-Industry Collaboration Foundation and ADD Venture Ewha and hosted by Seoul City and Seoul Business Agency, about 80 people including students taking business start-up classes, students who completed the course, and mentors participated. The homecoming day was a great opportunity for participants to share best practices and build social networks.

Ewha Womans University is making continuous efforts to promote the creative entrepreneurial spirit of the members of Ewha and to offer various opportunities to seek for potential businesses.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

LUCETE HUMANITIES PROJECT OFFICE HOLDS VARIOUS STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAMS TO FOSTER GLOBAL TALENTS

The Lucete Humanities Project Office under the College of Liberal Arts carried out various study-abroad programs to strengthen the basic humanities competencies of Ewha students and to foster their convergent and complex qualities to prepare for the global era.

The Chinese Language & Literature Team led by Professor Peng Jing visited Xuzhou, China with ten students and went on a field trip under the theme of “Chinese Language Field Trip and Exploring the Origins of the Chinese Culture.”

The English Language & Literature Team led by Professor Chankil Park visited London, U.K. with 13 students from the literature club “Ewha Symposium of English Literature” where they could gain actual experience to explore English literature.

The French Language & Literature Team led by Professor Sungyup Lee visited France with 10 students and studied French language and culture to foster future communication experts for the global era.

The German Language & Literature Team led by Professor Ilsang Jin visited the University of Vienna and explored the history and culture of Austria.

The Humanities & Technology Team led by Professor Dongsung Kim participated in the “29th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information” which took place in Toulouse, France.

EWHA VOLUNTEER GROUP OF SUMMER 2017 PRACTICES SPIRIT OF SERVING AND SHARING HOME AND ABROAD

The Ewha Volunteer Group returned after practicing the spirit of serving and sharing last summer. Beginning with the opening ceremony which took place on June 19, 163 Ewha students visited various regions in Korea and abroad to do volunteer work from June 30 to August 14.

The domestic teams visited regions including Taebaek in Gangwon Province, Wando in South Jeolla Province, Sancheong in South Gyeongsang Province, and Nonsan in South Chungcheong Province and carried out volunteer work at 18 community child centers and middle schools. Meanwhile, the overseas teams visited Minnesota, U.S. and Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In addition, the overseas medical services team visited Andijan, Uzbekistan and provided medical treatment and delivered medicine and medical supplies for those who cannot afford to go to the hospital.

Ewha Volunteer Group, which dispatched its first volunteer team in 2000, selects members for the volunteer group among Ewha students every summer and winter, and offers students the chance to participate in volunteer activities during their vacation.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR EWHA INTERNATIONAL CO-ED SUMMER COLLEGE 2018!

The Ewha International Co-ed Summer College is the nation’s first international summer program, with over 40 years of history and prestige. The program comprises two sessions, with session I running for four weeks from mid-June to mid-July and session II lasting two weeks during August.

Here are the scholarships you can apply to participate in the Ewha International Co-ed Summer College in Seoul, Korea.

THE GLORIA HAHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded for Korean American students from the USA.

THE BISHOP SHARON Z. RADER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded for non-Korean Students from North America.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNAE SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded for students from the US enrolled in accredited US college/university with preferential benefits for the students in Southern California with zip code 900XX – 928XX.

THE DRS. IRA & CHANG HYUN SHIN GEER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded for students from the developing countries.
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

EWHA HOLDS SPECIAL LECTURES ON VARIOUS ISSUES BY INVITING GLOBALLY RENOWNED SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS

Ewha Womans University invited globally renowned scholars and artists to hold special lectures on various issues to promote Ewha students’ academic pursuits, research competence, and creativity.

The Communication & Media Research Center of the Division of Communication and Media held “Research Morning Talk” on October 20, with Prof. Katherine A. McComas of Cornell University, who is a world renowned scholar in crisis communication. The talk was held under the title, “Responses of the General Public to Artificial and Natural Earthquakes and Crisis Communication.” On October 24, Olivier Adam, Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV), gave a special lecture to Ewha students who want to work at international organizations.

The Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation (GSTI) held a special lecture on October 30, given by Jane Williamson, Protection Officer of UNHCR Korea. In this lecture, titled “Strangers in a Strange Land: The Refugee Experience in Korea and Around the World,” Jane Williamson gave details of the plight of refugees around the world and explained the activities and the role of UNHCR.

The College of Art & Design invited professional artists and officials of global companies. On October 18, Fukasawa Naoto, a world-renowned designer and member of MUJI’s advisory board gave a lecture under the theme of “Found MUJI: A Journey to Find MUJI’s Goods on Earth” and on October 26, Kader Attia, winner of the “2017 Yanghyun Prize” was invited to give a special lecture.

On November 14, executives from Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy including Ewha graduates visited Ewha and gave lectures and had discussions under the theme of “Work for Women as Leaders.”

EWHA CONtributes TO THE NEW HISTORY OF KOREAN EDUCATION IN THAILAND

Thailand’s first Korean textbook for middle school students, in the making of which the Ewha Language Center (ELC) participated, was successfully published in October, 2017.

The ELC visited Chulalongkorn University in Thailand from October 9 to 11 and participated in the “Korean Studies Workshop for Thai Educators 2017” and the “Korean Textbook Publication Ceremony.” This event, which was hosted by the Korea Foundation and organized by the Korean Language Department of Chulalongkorn University, was arranged to celebrate the achievements made as a result of the cooperation between South Korea and Thailand. At this event, Haeyoung Lee, director of the ELC expressed her hopes to further strengthen the collaboration between the two universities and delivered a video message from President Heisook Kim.

Previously in Thailand, about 30,000 students in 150 schools were learning Korean, but had difficulties as there were no standard curriculums or textbooks. Accordingly, ELC began to participate in the development of a Korean curriculum and textbooks from May, 2016.

ELC is going to continue its contribution to the dissemination of Korean education in various countries overseas.
13TH EGEPC OPEN SEMINAR ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE HELD

The 13th EGEPC (Ewha Global Empowerment Program) was held from January 7 to 21. EGEPC is a program that aims to promote education for women and gender equality in Asia and Africa by empowering women working in non-governmental public sectors. This special program was established by Ewha to nurture the next generation of women leaders with an integration of theories of women’s studies, the actual field, and networking.

Ever since the program was established in 2012, 255 students from 45 countries completed the program, and at the 13th EGEPC event, 19 women leaders selected from five African countries and ten Asian countries participated.

This year’s program, held under the theme of “Transnational Women’s Activism: Sexuality, Women’s Body and Violence,” focused on shedding new light on gender-based violence from the perspective of human rights. The participants of the 13th EGEPC, who were professional women leaders with five or more years of experience in relevant fields, strongly opposed gender-based violence in Asia and Africa and discussed the issue with women activists and scholars who have made efforts to bring about meaningful change through various activities.

NIRMALA RAO, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN, VISITS EWHA

Nirmala Rao, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh’s Asian University for Women (AUW), visited Ewha Womans University on October 18 to meet Ewha’s President Heisook Kim. Nirmala Rao was appointed as new Vice Chancellor of AUW in February 2017.

AUW was founded in 2008 with aims to provide education for women of Asian countries who had suffered from wars, famine and discrimination, and to help them change and develop their society. AUW, an international university where all courses are taught in English, has about 700 students of underprivileged families from 15 Asian countries.

Ewha and AUW uphold the common ideology of fostering female leaders. Based on the strong ties, the two universities have continued to maintain cooperative relationship. In the meeting attended by Vice Chancellor Rao, President Heisook Kim and other officials at Ewha, the two universities discussed possibilities and ways for cooperation in various fields. During the discussion, Vice Chancellor Rao stressed that Ewha is a role model for AUW, saying that the present of Ewha will be the future of AUW.
The Institute for Development and Human Security held the “2017 Academic Competition for the Promotion of International Girls’ Health” on November 14 to promote the health of girls in developing countries and South Korea and to seek solutions. This event was planned as part of the efforts of the “Advocacy for Korean Engagement in Global Health & Development Research” which took place from 2013 to 2016 with a research fund supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the first time among the universities in Korea, and the “Korea Global Health Strategy” assignment which has been going on since 2016.

This conference was held for the second time following the “Academic Competition on International Girls’ Health for Students” which was held on June, 2016. Through this event, the Institute for Development and Human Security arranged a forum for experts in the international development & cooperation and international health & medical field as well as for students to discuss ways to promote the health of girls in developing countries.

The “Korea-China-Japan SERVE Initiative Program,” jointly held by the Center for Global Social Responsibility under the Institute for International Trade and Cooperation of the Graduate School of International Studies at Ewha, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Peking University, and Kyoto University, ended in great success.

The “SERVE Initiative Program” is a program where Korean, Chinese, and Japanese students who have an awareness of volunteer work, social responsibility and an international mindset, think about social issues together and present solutions. The program started in 2017 and is scheduled to be held at each school in turn for the next four years. The program was first held at Kyoto University for two weeks from July 31 to August 13. Ten students from Ewha and 50 students from both China and Japan participated.

At this year’s program held under the theme, “Aging Society and the Life of the Elderly,” students divided up into five groups and after visiting regions in Japan facing the problem of an aging population including Kyoto, Sabe, and Miyazu, they had a time to present solutions.