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Ban Ki-moon

The 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations

“The Sustainable Development Goals begin with a humanity bound together by inclusion and cooperation.”



Kim Young-Gil

Founding Chairman of UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea)

“Why not change the world? Holistic global citizenship education transforms society through spirit, character, and intellect.”



Jung Keun Yu

Chairman of UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea)

“The heart of change and innovation is found in humanity and the pursuit of truth.”



“Wisdom gives light, and love brings that light to completion.”

Hyeong Seok Kim | Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Yonsei University

“Pohang, embodying global citizenship, is where the city, universities, and citizens come together to build a shared ecosystem.”

Kang-deok Lee | Mayor of Pohang



“Through love and practice, global citizenship leadership sustains the future we share.”

Myung-Hwan Cho | Chairman of World Vision

“One person’s small step, an act of sharing! This is where global citizenship begins.”

Sean | Representative of Seungil Hope Foundation



The 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week, “Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together”

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Words of Appreciation



The 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week: H.U.M.A.N. in Creation 2025 was held on September 16 at the Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education and the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School of Handong Global University. Under the theme “Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together,” this annual event brought together a diverse group of participants, including students from Handong Global University and Pohang City, government officials, business leaders, and local citizens. Attendees gathered to listen, reflect, and exchange perspectives on navigating a rapidly changing era and shaping the future. The UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea) is an organization dedicated to researching, developing, and implementing diverse holistic global citizenship education programs to cultivate well-rounded global leaders who embody the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect. Under this initiative, Holistic Global Citizenship Week serves as a platform for applying these values in real-world action across campuses and local communities. This year’s event marked a particularly significant milestone with the presentation of the contributions of individuals who have advanced global citizenship in creative and sustainable ways across research, education, and practice.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, who, despite an exceptionally demanding schedule, has continued to endorse Holistic Global Citizenship Week and has actively participated in our initiatives. This year, Secretary-General Ban offered thoughtful reflections both through the keynote address and as a featured speaker at the World Wisdom Forum. We also express our deep appreciation to Kang-deok Lee, Mayor of Pohang, for sharing his forward-looking vision of a city where local government leads meaningful change, as well as to the other panelists of the Global Leaders’ Dialogue. Our thanks further extend to Juncheol Lee, Representative Attorney of SURYUN Asia, and Ryan Seunghwan Kim, President of Grace & Mercy Foundation Asia, who contributed passionate and insightful perspectives to the Holistic Global Citizenship Talk as leading voices in ESG. Finally, we are grateful to the citizens of Pohang, who brought the city’s food culture vividly to life.

An era defined by rapid change and global competition underscores the necessity of fundamental transformation driven by new forms of innovation. As the saying goes, a crisis contains both risk and opportunity. By leveraging today’s challenges as catalysts for renewed innovation and deeper cooperation, we believe that we can shape a future that is shared and sustained by all.

We look forward to welcoming you again to Holistic Global Citizenship Week, a space where everyone can take part.

Thank you.

Jung Keun Yu

Chairman of UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea)

**The 5th
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**September 16,
2025 (Tuesday)**

**Holistic Global Citizenship Week
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**Total
Participants:
809**

**Embracing Change,
Inspiring Innovation:
Build the Future
Together**



Marking its fifth year, Holistic Global Citizenship Week 2025 was convened to reaffirm the values of holistic global citizenship, as embodied in the slogan of H.U.M.A.N. in Creation, and to explore the creative mindsets and practical pathways that global leaders must adopt in navigating a rapidly changing world. The opening ceremony brought together distinguished representatives from both Korea and abroad who are aligned with this shared mission.

During his keynote address, **Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations**, warned of the profound challenges confronting humanity and the severity of the climate crisis. He also noted that the rise in global average temperatures, driven by excessive fossil fuel consumption since industrialization, has triggered sea-level rise, the degradation of marine ecosystems, biodiversity loss, and threats to human survival. He further expressed concern that, despite nearly a decade having passed since the adoption of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, the goal of limiting global temperature rise within 1.5 degrees Celsius is already under strain, with current temperature levels reaching approximately 1.55 degrees.

Secretary-General Ban **emphasized that change and innovation are no longer optional but imperative, delivering the message that “there is only one Earth, and there is no Planet B”** and urging both nations and individuals to take decisive climate action. He also underscored the importance of energy innovation, the expansion of renewable energy, and the role of nuclear power, while calling for leadership that “leads by example.” In closing, Secretary-General Ban **reminded the audience that responding to the climate crisis is not merely a policy challenge but a civilizational imperative, stressing that “a sustainable future requires a collective responsibility and moral commitment.”**

Jung keun Yu, Chairman of UNAI Korea, delivered a vision centered on the theme “Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together.” Yu emphasized that for Korea to evolve from a “fast follower” to a “first mover” in an era of rapid change, technological advancement alone is not sufficient, but human-centered wisdom and values are equally essential. **She noted that “the transition from knowledge to wisdom forms the very foundation toward a sustainable future,” and the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect must serve as the bedrock of the community.** Yu also emphasized that at the heart of a healthy community must lie the character and values of individual leaders, and that true leadership is demonstrated not through mere words but through a life that embodies justice and righteousness. She further underscored that when each person practices honesty and responsibility in their respective roles, the trust and resilience of society as a whole are strengthened. In closing, Yu affirmed that “at the center of change and innovation lies the path of Christ, whom we believe and follow as truth and life,” and expressed her hope that Pohang and Korea would achieve creative transformation through passion and collaboration.

Kang-deok Lee, Mayor of Pohang, delivered a welcoming message emphasizing the need to elevate civic consciousness and culture to enable collective global responses to worldwide challenges such as unchecked greed, the erosion of community spirit, and climate change. He expressed his hope that such civic consciousness would spread across the world beyond Korea through Holistic Global Citizenship Week.

In his welcoming remarks, **Dosoung Choi, President of Handong Global University**, noted that artificial intelligence is now exerting a profound influence even on higher education. In response to this shift, President Choi emphasized that, rather than merely pursuing an uncritical adoption of AI, Handong Global University is implementing H-Education, a model of holistic intelligence education grounded in human-centered values. He further expressed his hope that Holistic Global Citizenship Week would serve as an opportunity to explore pathways for shared growth and to develop meaningful responses to a rapidly changing future.





A Highlight of Holistic Global Citizenship Week
The World Wisdom Forum has garnered significant attention as an annual event that brings together the wise voices of our time to share insights and wisdom. This year, **Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations** and a recognized pioneer in addressing climate change, took the stage as the featured speaker. Under the theme “Wisdom for an Age of Change: From Crisis to Opportunity,” Secretary-General Ban reflected on his extensive experience in international diplomacy and the pivotal decisions he faced at critical moments. The venue was filled with audience members eager to hear his remarks, and they remained engaged throughout the 60-minute dialogue.

(Moderator) **Jung Yeon Han**
Channel A Anchor

Our Responsibility as Global Citizens and the Importance of International Cooperation

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon encapsulated the role of global citizenship and the importance of international cooperation in a single and clear statement: “No country can solve its challenges without global cooperation.” Reflecting on the history of collaboration among the world’s 193 UN member states and the global challenges currently faced by humanity, Secretary-General Ban observed that “international cooperation is not merely diplomacy, but a prerequisite for human coexistence.” As he explained, the history of the UN is, in many ways, the history of international cooperation itself. Since its founding in 1945, the UN has dedicated nearly 80 years to the pursuit of international peace and development.

Secretary-General Ban also described the history of the UN as “a stage where 193 member states join hands to move together toward a better future.” He further emphasized the necessity of international cooperation by noting that the UN has made steady advances across a wide range of areas, including human rights, peace, climate change, and the empowerment of women, though its progress has often been gradual.



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“I am a Global Citizen.”

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized that “a global citizen is not defined merely as someone who belongs to one nation, but rather as one who fulfills their responsibility across borders and ideologies for the prosperity and peace of all humanity.”

Secretary-General Ban further stressed that “everyone must participate in creating a world where all people are respected and can coexist peacefully for the sake of future generations.” He also expressed his hope that his remarks would serve as a catalyst for broadening global vision and spreading the value of global citizenship.

Climate Change, Sustainability, and Responsibility to Future Generations

Given Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s widely recognized leadership in addressing climate action, the issue of climate change emerged as one of the central themes of his address. He warned, “The consequences of global warming have already begun, and we must act now to secure the future of the planet we will pass on to the next generation.” He specifically highlighted the critical importance of the 1.5-degree Celsius limit, noting that, despite efforts spearheaded by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the UN, reductions in carbon emissions remain insufficient. He emphasized that “we must overcome the climate crisis through new policy instruments such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, and every nation must bear balanced and shared responsibility.”

Secretary-General Ban’s observation reflected the broader challenge of global cooperation in seeking a sustainable equilibrium between economic growth and environmental protection. He underscored the critical importance of infrastructure development and technological advancement in climate response, stressing “the urgency of building flexible and resilient infrastructure to prepare for climate-induced disasters.” He concluded that comprehensive disaster preparedness systems, climate adaptation infrastructure, and resilience-building efforts are ultimately key to human survival.

Sustainable Growth Through Women's Leadership

During the dialogue, **Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** highlighted that the meaningful participation of women as social and economic actors in the global community is essential for sustainable development. He also stressed that the international community must devote greater attention and investment to expanding educational and employment opportunities for women.

He pointed to tangible progress made during his tenure as UN Secretary-General, including the establishment of UN Women and the expansion of women's representation in senior leadership positions across the UN.

In recognition of these sustained efforts and commitments, the Asia Initiatives established the Ban Ki-moon Award for Women's Empowerment in 2017. Since then, the award has been presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing women's rights and empowerment.

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Political Ideology and International Order: Cooperation for Peace and Justice

The dialogue also addressed the current geopolitical climate and the tensions arising from ideological divisions. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon emphasized, "We must cooperate beyond ideology and conflict, like fellow sailors aboard the same vessel." He argued that building a just and peaceful world order must become the shared objective of the international community, ensuring that political ideology does not obstruct international cooperation.

A Message for the Future: Coexistence and Sustainability

Why should humanity cooperate in the face of climate change and global crises? In response to this question, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated, "Even at this very moment, we are connected to one another. Like drops of water, we sustain one another." He explained, "Because humans are interdependent beings, we can survive only through solidarity and cooperation." In closing, he emphasized that "the essence of global citizenship lies in living today with responsibility for future generations."

In Dialogue

Responding to the moderator's request for advice to young people aspiring to become global leaders, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged them to "take pride in their Korean identity while cultivating a global vision that extends beyond national boundaries." He outlined three essential qualities for global leadership—vision, passion, and compassion—and emphasized that genuine growth into global citizenship occurs only when these three attributes are harmoniously balanced.

He further stressed that young leaders must adopt the identity "I am a global citizen" and view the future through a global vision. He commended Handong Global University for cultivating such leaders through education aligned with international standards. Following the address, the session concluded with a meaningful moment when Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented autographed copies of his book to Handong Global University students.



“**Let us grow into global citizens who harmoniously embody vision, passion, and compassion.**”

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Participants remarked that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's address provided "a moment to reconsider what choices we must make for the future." They also described the session as "a meaningful opportunity that offered pathways of coexistence and cooperation from a long-term perspective, enabling those of us living in the present to envision more concretely a better and more sustainable tomorrow."



“ Envisioning a Sustainable Urban Future Through Collaboration Among Universities, Businesses, Cities, and Government ”

The Global Leader's Dialogue, convened under the theme “Cities Driving Change: The Role of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future,” featured four speakers: Kang-deok Lee, Mayor of Pohang City; Hubert Beroche, CEO of Urban AI; Ryo Yamazaki, Managing Director of studio-L; and Philip Kim, Co-CEO of NIBC. Drawing on their respective expertise and experience, the panelists discussed urban development, technology, community building, and innovation in public administration. The panel discussion offered multidimensional perspectives on the future of cities, the role of citizens, evolving models of urban governance, technological innovation, and community-led transformation.

Kang-deok Lee, Mayor of Pohang City, shared insights from his experience in municipal governance, the city's innovation initiatives, and Pohang's journey of growth alongside its local community. He introduced key municipal projects aimed at building urban spaces that enhance citizens' quality of life and emphasized that open communication with citizens has been the most critical driver of innovation as Pohang transforms from an industrial city to a “global innovation city.” He further noted that the city has been steadily advancing administrative transparency, strengthening linkages between local industries and future technologies, and implementing a comprehensive roadmap for environmentally sustainable policies. He concluded his speech by presenting concrete targets, including a commitment to reduce CO₂ emissions by 88% by 2025.



Hubert Beroche, CEO of Urban AI, presented a vision of the future shaped by the integration of cities and artificial intelligence. He explained that “Urban AI refers to the capacity of AI to fundamentally transform urban structure and operations through the use of urban big data.” The core concept involves the extension of AI beyond the digital realm to integrate with tangible urban elements, such as infrastructure, architecture, and environment, enabling cities themselves to become “intelligent.” He further explained that AI's role in designing urban experiences, rather than merely analyzing data, stems from its capacity to orchestrate complex urban systems by integrating and coordinating diverse components. Beroche concluded that “in the future, AI will contribute to safer cities, an improved quality of life for citizens, and healthier governance by helping cities to proactively detect and respond to urban challenges.”

Ryo Yamazaki, Managing Director of studio-L, presented exemplary cases of community design and civic self-governance drawn from his experiences in Japan. Through his work managing community projects, Yamazaki shared multiple instances where small changes initiated by citizen-led grassroots networks catalyzed transformative shifts across entire communities. He emphasized that a nuanced understanding of civic communities is a critical element in shaping the future of sustainable cities. He also offered a range of pragmatic concepts, including the demonstrated success of smartphone-based citizen engagement programs.



Philip Kim, Co-CEO of NIBC, introduced the “Pohang Global Corporate Innovation Park Project,” an initiative aimed at transforming Pohang into a world-class innovation city. He examined the role of corporations in urban innovation, emphasizing that urban development must extend beyond profit-seeking to foster mutual prosperity with local communities. To this end, Kim presented an innovative urban development model in which corporations and cities collaborate to strengthen both local communities and global competitiveness, while particularly highlighting the importance of sustainability, intergenerational cooperation, and global partnerships. He stressed that cultivating local talent and building robust innovation ecosystems are essential, stating that “growing together with local universities and creating an environment where talent can settle and thrive form the foundation of future innovation cities.” In closing, Kim expressed his hope that this collaborative project, bringing together government, universities, corporations, and international organizations, would serve as an innovative model for urban regeneration in regional cities across Korea. Participants resonated with this vision, noting that it offered a blueprint for sustainable urban development aligned with Pohang's ongoing transition toward a green and eco-friendly city.

UNAI ASPIRE Korea: Green Campus Campaign

Zero Waste Green Future



Global Citizenship on the Table: Stories of Pohang's Food Culture



Participating Partners

HISBEANS

Envisioning a world where everyone, including people with disabilities, works with dignity and joy

Joo Hyo-sil's Anggeum Story

Artisan Korean desserts lovingly crafted with Pohang rice

CAFFIEND

Savory desserts capturing Pohang's fresh seasonal taste and joy

Honey Works

Nature's sweet indulgence, provided by Korea's beekeepers

“ Beyond Regulatory Compliance: Structural Resilience and Innovation

Representative Attorney of SURYUN ASIA | **Juncheol Lee**
CEO of Groundbasic. Co., Ltd.

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Juncheol Lee, Representative Attorney of SURYUN Asia, CEO of Groundbasic. Co., Ltd., shared insights drawn from his experience as both a lawyer and a startup founder. Lee has encountered numerous cases where legal compliance alone cannot resolve underlying issues. Through his work assisting voice phishing victims and addressing credit transaction issues arising from complex market distribution systems, Lee came to recognize a recurring reality: “There are too many situations where following the law does not actually solve the issue.” This realization has driven him to pioneer innovative legal services that address these challenges at their root.

Recognizing that individual litigation cannot resolve certain systemic challenges, Lee ventured into new territory as an entrepreneur. In this role, he developed “Dwitbae,” an accounts receivable management service, and “Rebound,” a micro-debt recovery solution. Through these platforms, Lee has established data-driven transaction safety nets for small business owners while building sustainable repayment structures. He also outlined plans to expand the scope of legal services by digitizing data from Garak Market, applying AI technologies, and developing management systems in collaboration with government agencies.

Above all, however, the core message Lee sought to convey was his commitment to creating a “restorative society founded on honesty, integrity, and responsibility” through these initiatives. He concluded his presentation to enthusiastic applause, noting that the words of former President Kim Young-Gil, “the power to change the world lies in honesty and integrity,” remain his guiding principle.



“ Global Partnership as Local Empowerment: A Long-Term Commitment for Meaningful Change

Ryan Seunghwan Kim | President of Grace & Mercy Foundation Asia

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Ryan Seunghwan Kim is an international nonprofit management expert with extensive field experience in water, sanitation, and health initiatives across East African refugee communities. He currently leads support programs for nonprofit organizations throughout Asia. In his talk, delivered under the title “Global Partnership as Local Empowerment: A Long-Term Commitment for Meaningful Change,” Kim introduced three keywords—partnership, dignity, and long-term commitment—as core values for developing a deeper understanding of global community and global citizenship.

Kim stated that the starting point of global social contribution, often referred to as “development” or “humanitarian assistance,” can be identified as “aid,” the act of helping others. However, he emphasized that its essence lies not in unconditional giving but in balance and discernment attuned to context and timing, as well as in a deep understanding of recipients gained through careful listening. Only then, he explained, can genuine partnership be forged. He placed particular emphasis on “dignity” as the foundation of context-appropriate global cooperation, stressing that it is indispensable, grounded in the belief that all people are created in the image of God.

Following Kim’s talk, a robust question-and-answer session addressed diverse topics including frontline experiences in the social welfare field, the challenges of international development cooperation, the ethical use of AI technologies, and strategies for supporting self-reliance in developing countries. The session concluded with applause, as participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to engage with and learn from the speaker’s deep insights and expertise, shaped by extensive field experience.

The 1st Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award Ceremony



The Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award was established this year to honor the educational philosophy of the late Dr. Kim Young-Gil, founding president of Handong Global University. The award recognizes individuals who have advanced global citizenship in creative and sustainable approaches across the fields of research, education, and practice. This year marked the inaugural award ceremony held to acknowledge their dedication and celebrate their achievements. Presenting the awards, Jung Keun Yu, Chairman of UNAI Korea, noted, "This award aims to encourage researchers and practitioners who deepen and apply global citizenship across diverse fields." She further shared plans to expand the scope of the award to include diplomacy and to present it on a biennial basis, encouraging broader community engagement while congratulating the recipients.

This year, five recipients were selected across three categories: Academic Paper, Education, and Medical Mission. The list of awardees is as follows.

Award Recipients



Academic Paper Award

Suyeon Lee, Professor
Graduate School of Public Administration, Korea University

Ducksu Seo, Professor
Department of Spatial Environment System Engineering, Handong Global University



Education Award

Yeeun Ahn, Teacher
Handong International School

Gyeonghui Jo, Director of Academic Affairs
Big Forest Christian International School, Cambodia



Medical Mission Award

Seung Hoon Kim, Missionary in Cambodia
NIBC Mission

HISTORY of Holistic Global Citizenship Week



2021 1st Edition

“Holistic Global Citizenship Education: Overview of Methods and Goals”

By clarifying the concept and direction of holistic global citizenship education, the initiative marked its first step toward implementation across educational contexts globally.



2022 2nd Edition

“Values of Holistic Global Citizenship and ESG”

The initiative connects holistic global citizenship with ESG values, proposing collaborative agendas among academia, the government, the corporate sector, and civil society for advancing sustainability.

2024 4th Edition

“Uncertain Future, So We are Global Citizens”

With approximately 1,800 participants, the initiative created a platform for gathering collective wisdom to explore the complex crises facing global society and examine the values and responsibilities that holistic global citizens should pursue.



2023 3rd Edition

“How to Connect Holistic Global Citizenship Education to the Present and the Future?”

By examining the current state of holistic global citizenship education, the initiative charted its future vision and a concrete roadmap for moving forward.



2025 5th Edition

“Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together”

Amid the challenges of global crises, participants discussed the values of change, innovation, and cooperation. The inaugural Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award ceremony paid tribute to the late Dr. Kim Young-Gil's educational philosophy while exploring pathways for the holistic global citizenship movement to advance toward a better tomorrow.



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UNAI Korea Hosts the 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week: H.U.M.A.N. in Creation



UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea, Chairman Jung Keun Yu), an organization leading the advancement of global citizenship education, hosted Holistic Global Citizenship Week: H.U.M.A.N. in Creation on September 16 at Handong Global University's Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education and the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School. The event, under the theme of "Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Building the Future Together," featured a keynote address by Ban Ki-moon, the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations. Marking its fifth anniversary, Holistic Global Citizenship Week offered a rich array of programs, including the World Wisdom Forum, panel

discussions, distinguished lectures, workshops, and advocacy campaigns. Moving beyond issue-focused discussions, the event explored future-oriented directions grounded in the values of holistic global citizenship. The event was co-organized by UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea), the Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education (IGE), the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School, and Handong Global University, with sponsorship from Korea Zinc and Youngone. In his keynote address at the opening ceremony, Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, emphasized the severity of the climate crisis and the urgent need for international cooperation. He warned that the rapid rise in global temperatures driven by excessive fossil fuel use since industrialization now threatens human survival itself. "Although the Paris Climate Agreement marks its tenth anniversary, the 1.5-degree Celsius target is already under strain," Ban noted. "Greenhouse gas reduction and innovation by all nations are urgently needed. A sustainable future will be created through changes in individual lifestyles and technological innovation." In a subsequent vision message, Jung Keun Yu, Chairman of UNAI Korea, emphasized that "holistic global citizenship education should serve as a foundation not merely for accumulating knowledge, but for establishing right values and a strong sense of community. Individual practice must come together as a global movement." The inaugural Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award ceremony was also held during the opening ceremony. Established to honor the educational philosophy of the late Dr. Kim Young-Gil, founding president of Handong Global University, the award recognizes and encourages individuals who have advanced global citizenship through creative and sustainable approaches in research, education, and practice. The first Academic Paper Award recipients were Suyeon Lee, Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration, Korea University, and Ducksu Seo, Professor in the Department of Spatial Environment System Engineering at Handong Global University. The Education Award was presented to Yeeun Ahn, a teacher at Handong International School, and to Gyeonghui Jo, Director of Academic Affairs at Big Forest Christian International School in Cambodia. The Medical Mission Award was given to Seung Hoon Kim, a missionary in Cambodia affiliated with NIBC Mission. The award will be presented biennially.

The World Wisdom Forum featured an in-depth dialogue with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon under the theme "Wisdom for an Age of Change: From Crisis to Opportunity." Drawing on his experience with the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, he shared strategies for overcoming the climate crisis and encouraged students to embrace their responsibilities and roles as global citizens.

The Global Leader's Dialogue featured diverse presentations on "Cities Driving Change: The Role of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future." Kang-deok Lee, Mayor of Pohang, presented "Pohang's Great Transformation toward a Sustainable Green Eco-City," introducing the city's green transition initiatives. This was followed by a series of presentations from distinguished speakers: Hubert Beroche, CEO of Urban AI, presented "Navigate the Urban AI Revolution"; Ryo Yamazaki, Managing Director of studio-L, spoke on "No Community, No Life"; and Philip Kim, Co-CEO of NIBC, concluded the session with a presentation on the "Pohang Global Corporate Innovation Park." This session offered integrated perspectives on an AI-driven urban future and community-driven sustainability while sharing insights into Pohang's innovation strategy through its Pohang Global Corporate Innovation Park project. In the final session, the ESG Holistic Global Citizenship Talk highlighted success stories demonstrating how holistic global citizenship values intersect with corporate innovation and community partnerships in the startup and NGO sectors. Juncheol Lee, Representative Attorney of SURYUN Asia, presented "Beyond Regulatory Compliance: Structural Resilience and Innovation," while Ryan Seunghwan Kim, President of Grace & Mercy Foundation Asia, spoke on "Global Partnership as Local Empowerment: A Long-Term Commitment for Meaningful Change." A UNAI Korea representative stated, "We hope that the dialogue and wisdom shared during Holistic Global Citizenship Week will lead to small but meaningful changes in individual lives, and that these changes will come together as a holistic global citizenship movement shaping a better future for humanity."

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UN Academic Impact Korea Hosts "Holistic Global Citizenship Week"



UN Academic Impact Korea (UNAI Korea) announced on September 19th that it held Holistic Global Citizenship Week: H.U.M.A.N. in Creation on September 16th at the Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education and the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School of Handong Global University, under the theme "Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together." Marking its fifth year, Holistic Global Citizenship Week featured a wide range of programs (including forums, panel discussions, lectures, workshops, and advocacy campaigns) that moved beyond issue-driven debate to explore future directions grounded in holistic global citizenship. The event was co-organized by UN Academic Impact Korea, the Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education (IGE), the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School, and Handong Global University, with sponsorship from Korea Zinc and Youngone.

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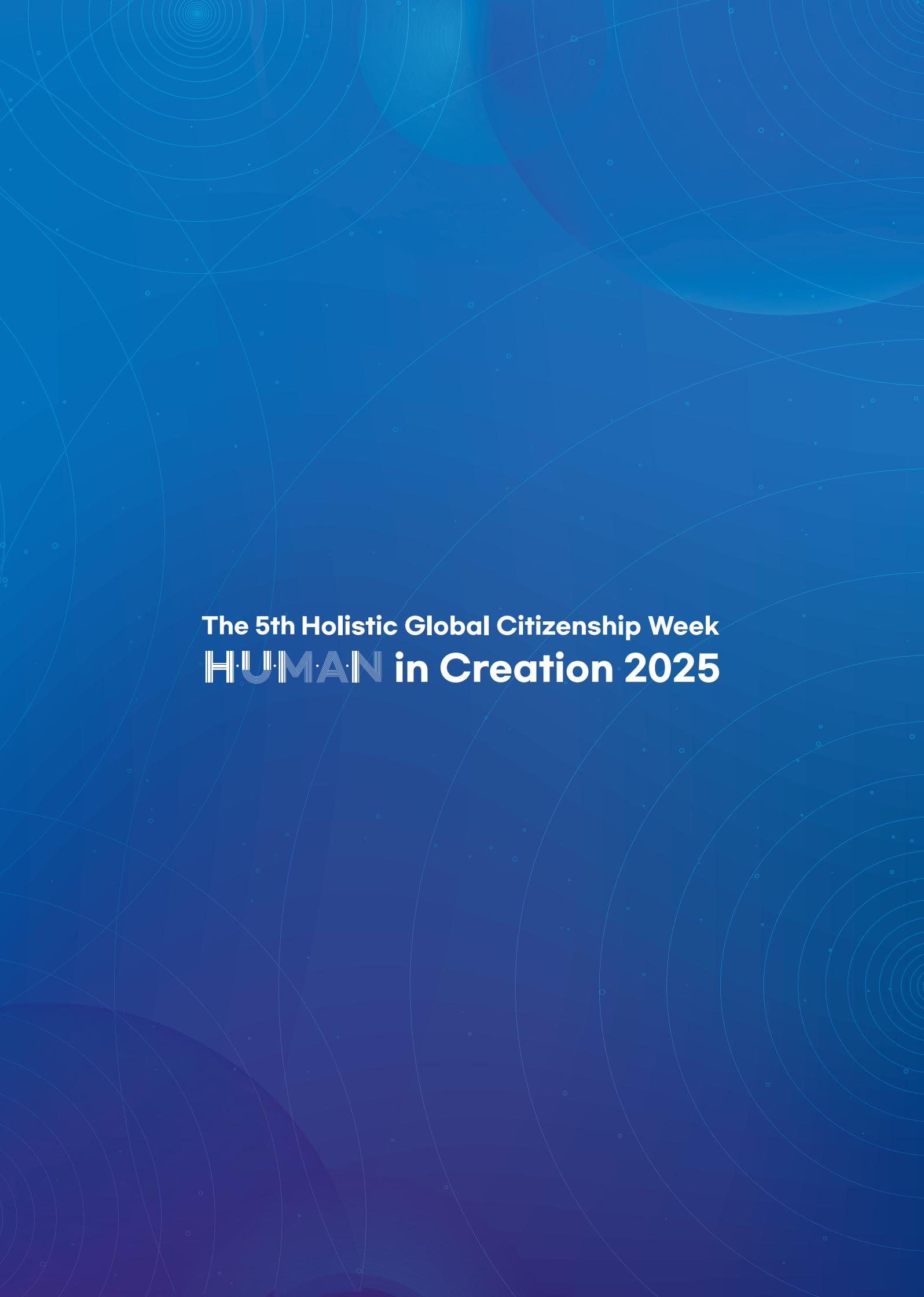
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