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Holistic Global Citizenship Education 2025

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This era of change we face in the 21st century calls on us to reconsider human purpose and values beyond mere competition in technology and speed.

In an age overflowing with knowledge and information, the power to shape the future stems from wise choices grounded in sound values.

Holistic Global Citizenship Education is not merely an educational program but a process that lays the foundation for each individual's life and drives sustainable change in communities and society as a whole.

In particular, the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect must serve not merely as personal virtues but as a solid foundation that sustains society, individual nations, and ultimately, the world.

Through education that advances from knowledge to wisdom and from achievement to accountability, UNAI Korea is committed to cultivating individuals, connecting communities, and preparing for the future with a steady, decisive resolve.

Chairman of UNAI Korea

Jung Keun Yu



VISION

Arise and Shine (Isaiah 60:1)

To cultivate global leaders equipped with intellectual excellence grounded in spirituality and character.

MISSION

We emphasize the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect, and through these values, provide education that equips individuals with the practical capacities to prepare for a sustainable future.



Total Operational Period
(Years)

→ 2012

13

→ 2025

Years of commitment.
Generations of impact.

Affiliated Institutions of UNAI Korea

Ban Ki-moon Institute for Global Education

Kim Young-Gil GRACE School

Holistic Global Citizenship Research Institute



Total Number of Program Participants

(Persons)

→ 2019

3,500

→ 2025

**From learning to impact. From values to change.
Educating minds. Empowering leaders. Transforming the future.**

UNAI Korea Education Programs

Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program (HGCP)

Holistic Global Citizenship Special Lecture Series

Growing Together: A Family Values Program

Holistic Global Citizenship Education Teacher Training Workshop

UNAI ASPIRE Korea Global Citizenship Education Outreach Program

ESG Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Team-Building Workshop for University Students

ESG Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Metaverse Program

Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Program for Pohang City Food Culture Innovation

Holistic Global Citizenship Education Initiative

1 Academic and Research Initiative

University Education Curriculum

Handong Global University's Kim Young-Gil GRACE School, operated in collaboration with UNAI Korea, provides the world's first Holistic Global Citizenship Education program through a structured curriculum. Based on the H.U.M.A.N. curriculum, the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School oversees a Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program that cultivates global leaders equipped with the values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect, as well as global leadership competencies (4Cs*).

Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program (12 lectures)

*4Cs : Compassion, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration



Primary and Secondary Education Curriculum

Beginning with "Growing Together: A Family Values Program," a Holistic Global Citizenship Education program for preschool and primary education learners, UNAI Korea develops and provides global citizenship education curricula and teacher guides tailored for age-specific stages of child development. These resources are structured for application across diverse educational settings, including formal school instruction, after-school programs, and alternative education environments.

Holistic Global Citizenship Education for Lower Elementary-Level Students
 Holistic Global Citizenship Education for Upper Elementary-Level Students (Under Development)



"New Learning": Leadership Education Curriculum

As a lifelong learning initiative, this practice-oriented leadership education program builds on the foundational values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect that are essential to holistic global leaders. Spanning multiple sectors, the curriculum develops leadership competencies for values-driven decision-making, positive influence, and the ability to drive sustainable change in real-world contexts.

Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Program for Pohang City Food Culture Innovation



Holistic Global Citizenship Research Institute

The Institute conducts scholarly research and publishes academic work examining the theoretical foundations and practical applications of Holistic Global Citizenship Education. It also identifies and supports leaders who embody and advance Holistic Global Citizenship values, recognizing their contributions through the Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award.

Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award (Academic Paper, Education, Medical Mission)



2 YOUTH Leadership Development Initiative

UNAI ASPIRE Korea

Centered on UNAI ASPIRE Korea, this initiative provides systematic support for student-led global leadership development and youth capacity-building. Programs include Good Will Sessions conducted across multiple countries, including Japan, Cambodia, and Armenia, alongside youth-driven SDG research, international exchanges, and advocacy campaigns. These experiences foster practical leadership, social responsibility, and field-based problem-solving competencies among emerging global leaders.

UNAI ASPIRE Korea University Student Good Will Session



Holistic Global Citizenship Education Initiative

3 Global Movement Initiative

Holistic Global Citizenship Week H.U.M.A.N. in Creation

Built around the World Wisdom Forum, this initiative represents a global movement advancing the practice of global citizenship through diverse formats, such as forums, lectures, workshops, and cultural performances. Moving beyond knowledge-centered discourse, it explores transformative global leadership that turns crisis into opportunity through applied wisdom. It also serves as a future-oriented platform that develops and expands Holistic Global Citizenship through the active participation of diverse members of society.



Holistic Global Citizenship Week H.U.M.A.N. in Creation

Holistic Global Citizenship Special Lecture Series H.U.M.A.N. in Creation

Through a distinguished lecture series convening globally recognized leaders and experts from diverse fields, this initiative shares forward-looking insights and the core values of Holistic Global Citizenship. It also serves as an intellectual forum that transcends the challenges of a rapidly changing era, offering forward-thinking direction for society and practical wisdom for action.



Holistic Global Citizenship Special Lecture Series H.U.M.A.N. in Creation

Vice Chair for Education, UNAI Headquarters

Leading the education initiatives of UN Academic Impact, which convenes more than 2,000 universities and academic institutions worldwide, this role advances educational directions aligned with emerging international agendas beyond the SDGs while promoting the principles of global cooperation and intellectual exchange.



UNAI Korea AT A GLANCE

13 Monthly Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

15 Key Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

Monthly Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

Jan | UNAI ASPIRE Korea 13th University Student Good Will Session
(Academic Seminar and Outreach in Japan)

Aug | UNAI ASPIRE Korea 14th University Student Good Will Session
(Academic Seminar and Outreach in Korea)

Mar | Kim Young-Gil GRACE School's Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program (HGCP) Program Orientation (130 participants)

Kim Young-Gil GRACE School's Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program (HGCP) Spring Semester (90 participants)

Sep | The 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week H.U.M.A.N. in Creation "Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together" (800 participants)

Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award (Academic Paper, Education, Medical Mission)

Kim Young-Gil GRACE School's Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program (HGCP) Fall Semester (70 participants)

May | The 15th Holistic Global Citizenship Special Lecture Series H.U.M.A.N. in Creation "From Insight to Impact: Advancing Holistic Global Citizenship"
(Professor Greg M. Allenby of the Ohio State University, 120 participants)

Oct | The 3rd Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Program for Pohang City Food Culture Innovation (Basic 8 weeks, 12 participants
Advanced 8 weeks, 7 participants)

Jun | Development of the Holistic Leadership Master's Program

Nov | The 16th Holistic Global Citizenship Special Lecture Series H.U.M.A.N. in Creation "Helping in Jesus' name"
(President Ron Wilcox of Samaritan's Purse, 40 participants)

Application for Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport approval for the Pohang City Global Enterprises Innovation Park project



Key Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

1

Kim Young-Gil GRACE School

Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program 2025

During both the first and second semesters of 2025, a total of ten H.U.M.A.N.-based Holistic Global Citizenship Education courses were offered, with more than 160 university students enrolled, including 70 international students. Through an integrated learning structure combining lectures, mentoring, and team-based projects, participants deepened their capacities in ethical decision-making, the contemporary application of a Christian worldview, collaboration and negotiation within global communities and the development sector, practical leadership competencies, and problem-solving skills across SDG-related fields. The program was designed to integrate theory with applied projects, enabling students to develop in a balanced manner their abilities to analyze, design, and implement responses to global issues. Through this process, participants broadened their perspectives on the world and themselves while deepening the scope and rigor of their thinking.



Period

First Semester (Mar. – Jun.)

Second Semester (Sep. – Dec.)

Participants

Approximately 160 participants

(as of 2025)

Cumulative enrollment: 1,214 participants

(including 330 international students)



Holistic Global Citizenship Certificate Program

Education Area	Courses Offered (First Semester)	Courses Offered (Second Semester)
H	Ethical Foundations : Honesty, Integrity and Responsibility	Ethical Global Leadership
U	Understanding the Global Times	Practicing Christian Global Leadership in a Pluralistic World
M	Participation and Empowerment in Practice	Promoting Sustainable Development and Prosperity for All
A	Capable and Responsible Leaders and Entrepreneurs	Capacity Building as Global Citizens
N	Our Future Survival with Sustainable Development	Networking and Partnerships in a Globalized World

* H: Honesty, Integrity, and Responsibility
 U: Universally Visible and Invisible Worldview
 M: Mutual Collaboration for Sustainable Prosperity
 A: Advancement of Capacity Building
 N: Networking for Future Survival

Key Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

2

The 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week H.U.M.A.N. in Creation

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

The 5th Holistic Global Citizenship Week was convened under the theme “Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together” in September 2025 at the Kim Young-Gil GRACE School of Handong Global University. Approximately 800 participants, including students, academics, government officials, business leaders, and citizens, gathered to collectively explore the direction of global leadership and a shared vision for the future in a rapidly changing era. Through a diverse range of sessions, including the World Wisdom Forum, the Global Leader’s Dialogue, and the ESG Holistic Global Citizenship Talks, discussions focused on the climate crisis, urban innovation, global partnerships, and ethical leadership. Participants reached a shared understanding that leadership grounded in creative insight and empathetic practice represents a core value for shaping the future. Ultimately, this initiative marked a significant milestone in the advancement of the Holistic Global Citizenship Movement.



Date

September 16, 2025

Participants

Approximately 800 participants (including students, academics, government officials, business leaders, and citizens)

Program

Session	Theme	Key Speakers
Opening Ceremony	Embracing Change, Inspiring Innovation: Build the Future Together	Ban Ki-moon , The 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations Kang-deok Lee , Mayor of Pohang Dosoung Choi , President of Handong Global University Jung Keun Yu , Chairman of UNAI Korea
World Wisdom Forum	Wisdom for an Age of Change: From Crisis to Opportunity	Ban Ki-moon , The 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations
Global Leader’s Dialogue	Cities Driving Change: The Role of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future	Kang-deok Lee , Mayor of Pohang Hubert Beroche , CEO of Urban AI Ryo Yamazaki , Managing Director of studio-L Philip Kim , Co-CEO of NIBC
ESG Holistic Global Citizenship STARTUP Talk	Beyond Regulatory Compliance: Structural Resilience and Innovation	Juncheol Lee , Representative Attorney of SURYUN ASIA, CEO of Groundbasic. Co., Ltd
ESG Holistic Global Citizenship NGO Talk	Global Partnership as Local Empowerment: A Long-Term Commitment for Meaningful Change	Ryan Seunghwan Kim , President of Grace & Mercy Foundation Asia
Green Campus Campaign	Zero Waste, Green Future	UNAI ASPIRE Korea
Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Booth for Pohang City Food Culture Innovation	Global Citizenship on the Table: Stories of Pohang’s Food Culture	HISBEANS Joo Hyo-sil’s Anggeum Story CAFFIEND Honey Works

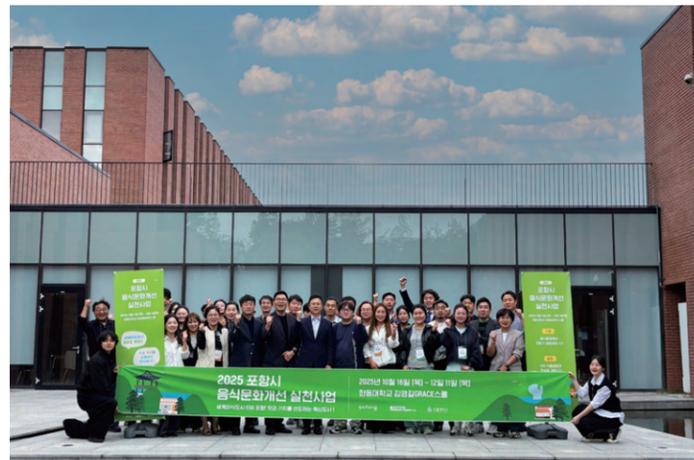
Key Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

3

“New Learning” :

The 3rd Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership Program for Pohang City Food Culture Innovation

The program manages a leadership course aimed at strengthening the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) capacities of leaders in Pohang City’s food service and food industries, while cultivating professionals capable of practicing sustainable management. In addition, through professional consulting and education in ESG and Global Citizenship, “New Learning” enhances the brand value of local food service and beverage industries and systematically develops talent across foundational and advanced tracks to drive sustainable food policy and establish a health-centered food culture.



Period
October 16 – December 11, 2025
(8week program)

Participants
Owners or executive-level leaders of food and beverage businesses based in Pohang City

Category	Foundational Track	Advanced Track
	Food Culture Improvement Specialists Training Program (Third Cohort)	ESG Food Management Advancement & Consulting Program (Second Cohort)
Program Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Sustainable Food and Beverage Industries - Strategies Linking Local Branding with Tourism - ESG Leadership in Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ESG Management Assessment and Innovation Model Design - Pohang Gastronomic Branding Strategy Workshop - Condensed Practical Training in ESG Sustainability Management Reporting

Curriculum Details

Week 1	Opening Session Seong-chan Son, Executive Director of UNAI Korea Hanjin Yi, Professor of Handong Global University
Week 2	ESG Brand Design for Pohang as a Global Gastronomy City Universal Design Consulting UD Cube
Week 3	Seongsu-dong Field Tour: Sustainable Local Branding Workshop Wonhee Kim, Consultant of MYSK
Week 4	Local Food and Spatial Branding: Tourism Experience Design Strategies David Lee, CEO of DDJ Project Dong-won Ryu, CEO of Writerr
	AI Marketing Seminar for Food Service Management Jason Ha, Director of Leverage Research Institute Eun-seon Jo, CEO of Metacuration
Week 5	ESG Management Innovation Leadership Workshop (1) So-young Yang, F&B Corporate Coaching Specialist
	ESG Brand Design Workshop (2) Esther Park, Director of Strategic Planning, Universal Design Consulting UD Cube
Week 6	The Common Good and Local Branding Juncheol Lee, Representative Attorney of SURYUN Asia, CEO of Groundbasic. Co., Ltd
Week 7	AI-Driven Data Utilization Strategies Jason Ha, Director of Leverage Research Institute
Week 8	ESG Storytelling Strategies Eun-seon Jo, CEO of Metacuration
	Program Completion Ceremony

Key Activities of UNAI Korea at a Glance, 2025

4

UNAI ASPIRE Korea University Student Good Will Sessions (13th-14th)

In 2025, UNAI ASPIRE Korea conducted the 13th-14th Good Will Sessions in Japan and Korea, with approximately 60 university students participating from both domestic and international institutions. Participants engaged in SDG-themed, field research-based team projects, as well as international exchange and cultural collaboration activities. Through these experiences, students were able to develop a deeper understanding of global issues and explore multicultural perspectives and collaborative problem-solving approaches through student-led campaigns and seminars. As a hands-on experiential education model that integrates theory with practice, the program provides meaningful opportunities for students to reflect on their roles and responsibilities as global citizens and to broaden their perspectives.



Period
February and September 2025

Participants
60 participants
(ASPIRE Korea 21, ASPIRE Japan 39)

Key Programs
Korea-Japan ASPIRE academic exchange
SDG projects with institutions and corporations
Local cultural exchange programs



5

Holistic Global Citizenship Research Institute The 1st Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award

In 2025, the 1st Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award honored recipients who have consistently embodied and implemented the values of Holistic Global Citizenship in both educational and real-world settings across the fields of academic research, teaching, and medical missions. Drawing on the philosophy espoused by the late Kim Young-Gil, the founding Chair of UNAI Korea and the founding President of Handong Global University, that education should not be merely a means of individual achievement but a collective practice for transforming the world. This award aims to recognize and encourage dedication and achievements that advance the values of Holistic Global Citizenship in creative and sustainable ways. Going forward, the Kim Young-Gil Holistic Global Citizenship Award will be conferred biennially, with its scope expanded to include the fields of diplomacy and international cooperation, thereby further broadening the application of Holistic Global Citizenship Leadership.

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



