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MOE Hosts ASEAN Global Korea Scholarship Alumni Peace Road

□ Hosted by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Yoo Eun-hae) and organized by the National Institute for International Education (President, Kim Young-gon), the **ASEAN Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) Alumni Peace Road** will be held as a special event of the 2019 ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit at Pukyong National University, Busan, on Monday, November 25th.

*What is Global Korea Scholarship (GKS)?

The GKS program is a Korean government scholarship initiated in 1967, with an aim to provide international students with opportunities to pursue their undergraduate and graduate studies in Korea, which would enhance people-to-people exchanges and deepen mutual friendship between Korea and participating countries.

- In this event, about 200 GKS alumni and students will gather together from ASEAN countries, one of Korea's imperative partner due to its infinite potential in education, culture, economics, and security.
- □ In particular, GKS alumni and students will take part in various programs which will further promote the cooperation between Korea and ASEAN countries, including the ASEAN GKS Alumni Talk Concert as well as discuss on the theme," ASEAN-Republic of Korea 3P*: Partnership for Peace, Prosperity for People"
 - * 3P: People, Prosperity, Peace
- ☐ The Korean government has invited almost ten thousand students from 156 countries, and about 3,000 GKS students are currently studying in Korean universities.
 - * Total 1,962 ASEAN GKS students ('67~'19)
- GKS alumni are serving as imperative figures around the world as professors, entrepreneurs, and public officials, contributing to deepening relations with Korea.
- □ The Ministry of Education plans to increase the number of invited GKS students from 1,900 students in 2019 to 2,400 students in 2020, in a bid to expand people-to-people exchanges with ASEN countries.
 - * Degree course: 873 students ('19) to 1,300 students (expected in '20)
 - * Short-term course: 1,033 students ('19) to 1,100 students (expected in '20)
- The Ministry also expects to increase stipends for GKS scholars so they can concentrate on their studies, and facilitate more alumni networks and activities.
- □ Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Yoo Eun-hae will address, "The power of education was the most important factor in transitioning Korea from an aid recipient to a donor country. The Ministry of Education will continue to share its educational experiences and promote peace and prosperity together with ASEAN countries."

