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2023 GKS End-of-Year Celebration

-Over 200 GKS scholars join ambassadors and university officials for end-of-year event
-Distinguished institutions and employees will be awarded for showcasing their excellence and dedication, and scholars will stage special performances at the venue of close networking.

The Ministry of Education (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho) and the National Institute of International Education (President Ryoo Hyea-Sook) will convene the “2023 GKS End-of-Year Celebration” at the National Institute for International Education on December 21.

Korea’s flagship scholarship program, the Global Korea Scholarship (GKS), has fostered international understanding and academic excellence since 1967. Each year, it welcomes top talents from around the world to pursue degrees at Korean universities, currently supporting over 5,014 scholars (i.e. 1,000 undergraduates and 4,014 graduates).

The “GKS End-of-Year Celebration” commemorates the achievements of these students, recognizes key contributors to the program, and fosters connections between scholars, universities, and alumni. This year’s event, anticipated to draw over 200 attendees, will be an evening of recognition, performance, and connection. Ambassadors and diplomats from 14 foreign missions, university officials, and, of course, the talented GKS scholars themselves will come together for celebration.

The evening will unfold in two parts. The first half is dedicated to recognizing academic excellence through awards for outstanding students and institutions, inspiring alumni sharing their academic and career successes, and captivating performances by GKS scholars showcasing their diverse talents from folk dance to K-pop. The second part offers a warm atmosphere for socializing and building

bridges. Students from different countries will connect, while their respective embassy officials enjoy invaluable interaction with students from their home countries.

Among the celebrated scholars is Khadka Ashwin, a PhD student at Korea University and recipient of the prestigious Minister of Education Award for Academic Excellence. “This award is a testament to my hard work,” Ashwin shared, “and a reminder that the only limit to your goals is not putting effort into achieving them.”

Building on the GKS’s remarkable success, the Ministry of Education and the National Institute of International Education plan to expand the program and actively support scholars’ employment and integration in Korea, cultivating them into Korea-friendly, global leaders.

“We hope this event is a meaningful celebration of our scholars’ achievements and encouragement of their continued studies,” said President Ryoo, expressing the shared sentiment of the organizers.

Deputy Prime Minister Lee, in his congratulatory message, further encouraged the scholars, stating, “While studying abroad presents challenges, overcoming them will shape you into leaders in your fields.”

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