

YONSEI UNIVERSITY



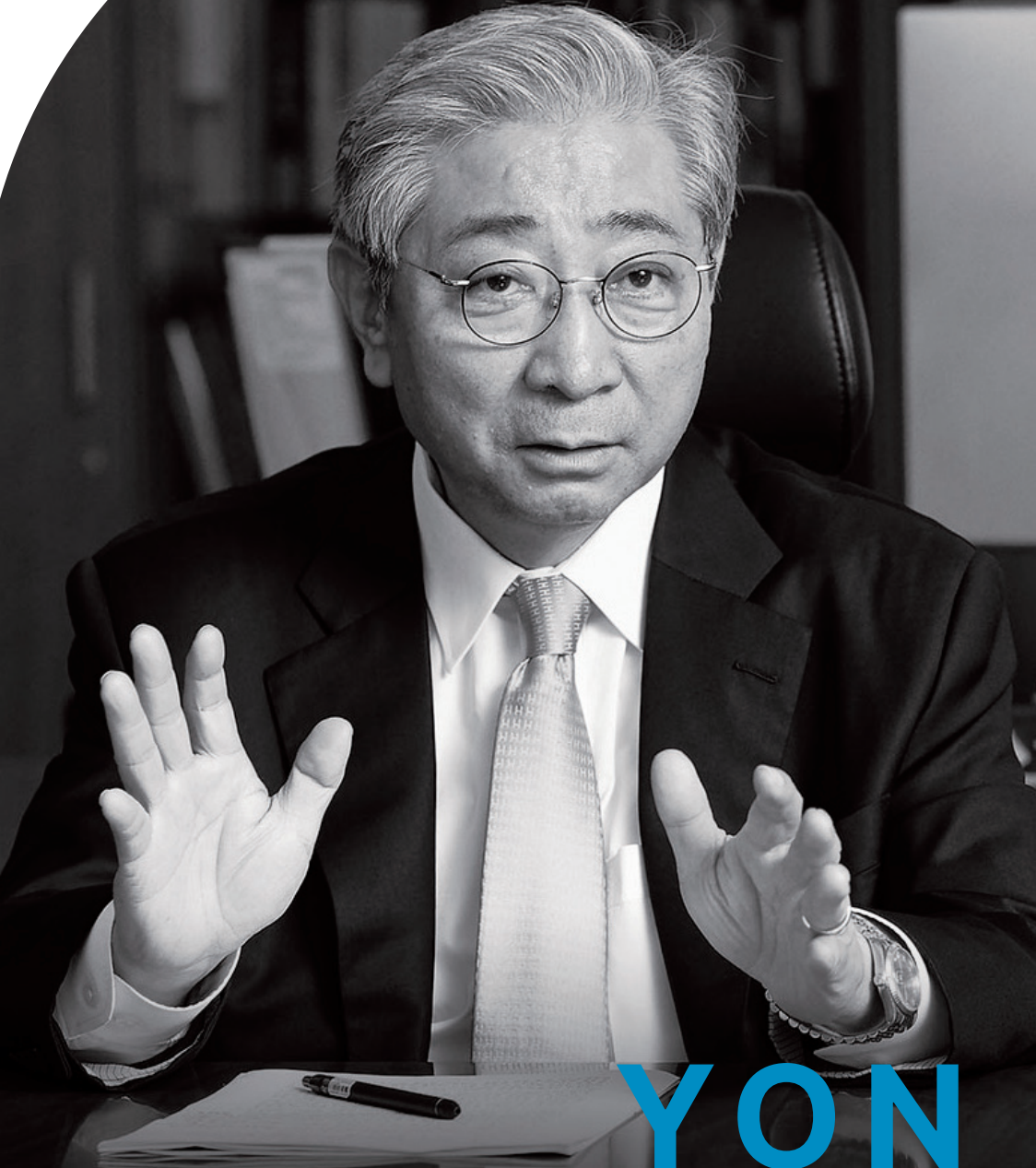
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Yonsei University has consistently followed a righteous path through the twists and turns of Korea's modern history. As a distinguished global academic institution, Yonsei has made significant contributions to Korean society and humanity. Building on this prestigious tradition, we aim to advance into a new era of Yonsei, thereby opening the gateway to the future with what makes us uniquely YONSEI.

In the age of "Big Blur," we are witnessing the collapse of boundaries between academia and industry. We are confronting the dual challenges of digital transformation and energy transition on the fiercely competitive battlefield of innovation. Terms like creativity, consilience, and convergence have long been established as key concepts in our society. The harsh reality that we will be left behind if we do not innovate is now upon us.

For 140 years, Yonsei's enduring calling has been to nurture talents who drive innovation and change. We will continue to build on this foundation to cultivate individuals who proactively address the challenges of global society while upholding the values of coexistence. We will enhance programs that foster creative, future-focused talents, such as the "Student-Designed Semester," enabling students to freely explore academia and develop as independent agents of the future society.

Yonsei's key asset is an optimal campus in which we can engage with diverse academic disciplines. We aim to unify Yonsei's academic strengths to address: the meaning and quality of a healthy life in an aging society; redefine human dignity and ethics in the era of artificial intelligence; implement ecological practices to confront climate crises; and consolidate efforts to resolve international conflicts and societal challenges. This interdisciplinary research initiative is grounded in a humanistic understanding of humanity and nature embedded in Yonsei spirit. With a focus on future sustainability, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and renewable energy, Yonsei will strive to enhance our global research competitiveness.

The new Yonsei era will be realized through "Empowering Yonsei," grounded in the principles of "governance centered on respect and communication." Strengthening the pride of the Yonsei community through the autonomous and responsible operation of each unit is the first step towards cultivating Yonsei-ness, "being Yonsei in spirit and action". Creating a vibrant campus where all Yonseians can pursue their studies, research, and personal growth to their hearts' content will be the key for Yonsei to leap forward into a future beyond boundaries. We invite you to join us on this journey.

20th President of Yonsei University  
**Dong-Sup Yoon**

# The Spirit of Truth and Freedom. The Founding Spirit and Ideals of Yonsei.

140 Years of Yonsei's Heritage and Legacy

## Truth & Freedom



### Vision

Yonsei University is dedicated to educating future leaders of our society in the spirit of Christianity, fostering a strong and lasting commitment to the principles of truth and freedom. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples, then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." [John 8:31-32]

### Mission Statement

Yonsei University serves as the "alma mater" of all arts and sciences, nurturing leaders who will contribute to the Korean and international society in the ecumenical spirit of Christian teaching epitomized in its motto of "truth and freedom." Yonseians will inherit humanity's cultural legacy and lead academic development through creativity and critical thinking. We will also serve others with an open heart, and contribute to the prosperity of humankind. With these missions, we Yonseians will demonstrate our leadership to bring the Yonsei spirit to the global stage.



# Pursuing Truth and Freedom, Unleashing Human Potential.

Fostering Innovators to Make a Positive Impact on the World.



### EDUCATION

Foster a learning environment that promotes the pursuit of truth through self-directed learning and transformative experiences.

### PARTNERSHIP

Establish a collaborative ecosystem with local communities and industries to drive societal progress.

### RESEARCH

Generate future knowledge and value to address the challenges humanity and Earth face.

### GLOBAL

Enhance global capabilities and broaden our impact.

### DEVOTION

Serve society through the practice of Christian values and the Yonsei spirit.

### GOVERNANCE

Cultivate the Yonsei spirit by building trust and confidence within the community.

## Yonsei's journey has left a lasting mark on the history of innovation in Korean society.

Yonsei, which began as Gwanghyewon, Korea's first modern hospital, was founded through the dedication of visionaries, who recognized the value of education, and the generosity of Severance, who donated to a distant, unnamed country in the East. For the past 140 years, Yonsei has contributed to the advancement of Korean society and the shared prosperity of humanity, cultivating intellectuals and leaders grounded in academic excellence and the Christian spirit.

### 1885.04

Gwanghyewon, Korea's first modern hospital, was founded as a royal hospital.



### 1886.03

Chejungwon opened as Korea's first medical school.

### 1904.09

With a donation from Mr. L. H. Severance, the hospital was reconstructed, and the establishment of the medical college was finalized.



### 1908.06

The first seven graduates received the first-ever medical doctors' licenses issued by the Korean government.

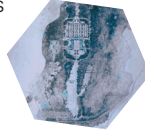


### 1915.04

Chosen Christian College was established.

### 1917.04

Chosen Christian College was accredited as Yonhi College, a private institution.



### 1919.03

The first class of Yonhi College graduated.

### 1946.08

Yonhi College was officially recognized as a university, with four colleges and 11 departments.

### 1947.08

Severance Medical College was approved.

### 1957.01

Yonhi University and Severance Medical College merged to form Yonsei University.



### 1958.03

Yonsei University held its first commencement ceremony.

### 1959.04

The Korean Language Institute was established.

### 1960.04

Over 3,000 Yonsei students participated in the April 19 Revolution.



### 1962.06

Severance Hospital was newly built on Sinchon Campus.



### 1978.10

Wonju Campus was established.



### 1981.06

Underwood Hall, Stimson Hall, and Appenzeller Hall were designated as historic sites.

### 1985.05

Yonsei celebrated its 100th anniversary.

### 1986.11

The Graduate School of International Studies was established.

### 1987.06

Yonsei students participated in the June Democratic Uprising.



### 2005.02

Underwood International College was established.

### 2005.05

Severance New Hospital was completed.



### 2010.03

International Campus was opened.



### 2011.03

Residential College (RC) education began at International Campus.

### 2015.01

Global Leaders College was established.

### 2019.12

Pinson Hall was designated as a National Registered Cultural Heritage No. 770.

### 2021.04

Underwood Memorial House was designated as a National Registered Cultural Heritage.

### 2022.11

The Pareun Edition of Samguk Yusa, was listed as a UNESCO Memory of the World.

### 2023.04

Korea's first heavy ion radiotherapy for cancer patients was initiated.

### 2024.06

Yonsei was ranked 56th in the QS World University Rankings 2025.

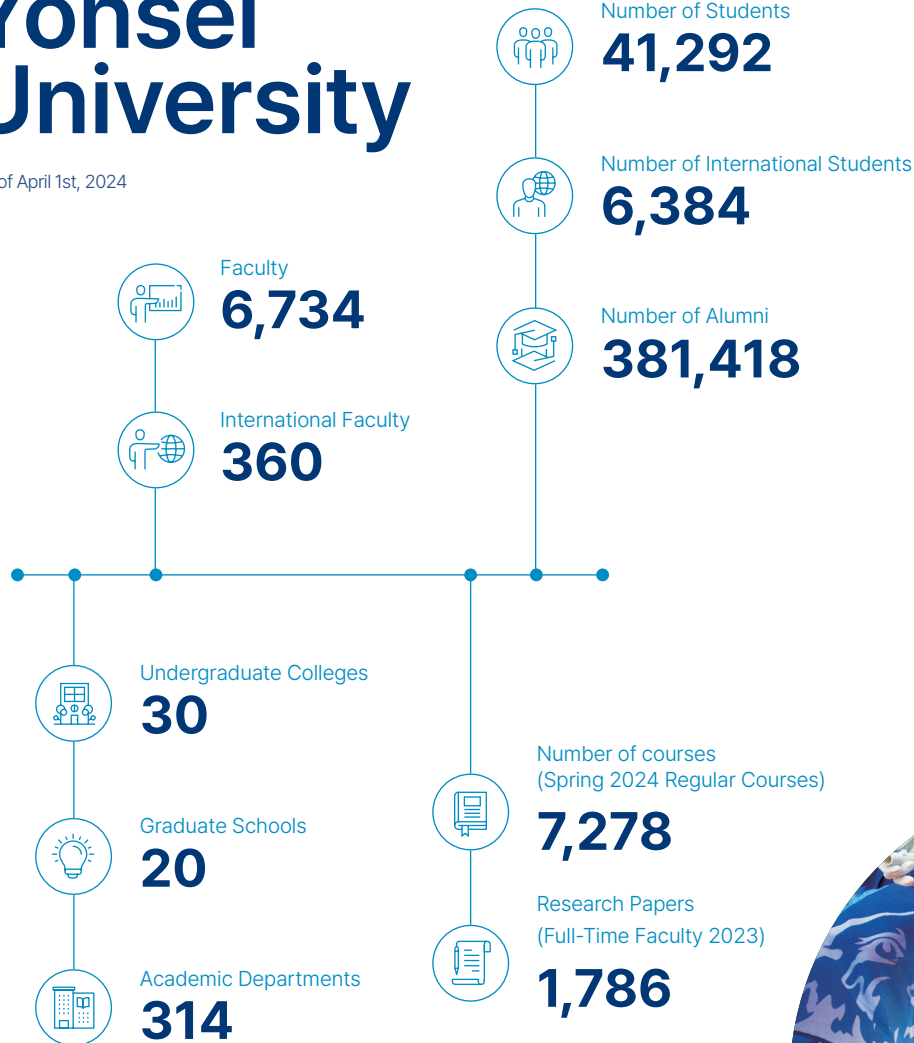
### 2024.11

Korea's first quantum computer was installed.



# Overview of Yonsei University

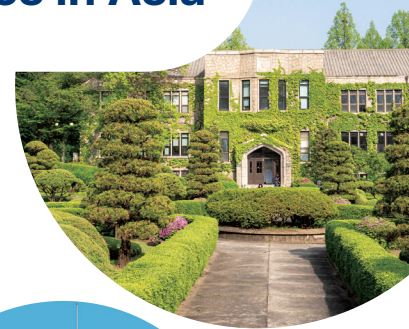
\*As of April 1st, 2024



QS World University Rankings 2025:  
56th globally

**1st among private Universities in Asia**

THE Impact Ranking 2024: 11th globally  
**1st in Korea**



Research Centers  
**175**



Global Exchange  
Partner Universities (2023)  
**845**



Dormitory Capacity  
**14,292**



Research Funding (2023)

**KRW 533.3 billion**

Scholarships  
(2024 Fiscal Year)

**KRW 144.2 billion**



## Underwood International College (UIC)

### Undergraduate

Underwood International College is a highly selective, English-language, four-year liberal arts institution, which combines the intimate, elite learning environment of liberal arts college with the faculty and resources of Korea's leading private research university. UIC students can choose from a comprehensive array of classes conducted in English and taught by a distinguished group of international and Korean scholars. With more than 3,400 students from over 80 countries, UIC is emerging as a globally renowned liberal arts college. UIC students are equipped to tackle the complex challenges of the twentyfirst century through its humanities-based, interdisciplinary Common Curriculum and its 16 majors in three divisions: Underwood Division (UD), Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Division (HASSD), and Integrated Science and Engineering Division (ISED).

### Graduate

UIC offers two graduate programs in English on Songdo International Campus. The Department of Innovation focuses on research and education centered on humanitarian issues, integrating social, technological, and design innovations. The Department of Innovative Science and Engineering promotes innovation in science, technology, and education.



## Global Leaders College (GLC)

GLC has grown into a beacon of academic excellence, now offering two divisions and five majors to a diverse student body of 1,200 from 40 countries. Renowned for its innovative, student-centered approach, GLC provides a unique program tailored for those new to Korean education, equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed in a globalized world. With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary learning, internships, and hands-on experiences, GLC encourages double majors and minors, offering comprehensive support for students' growth as global leaders. Rooted in Yonsei University's legacy of excellence, GLC is dedicated to shaping forward-thinking individuals ready to excel on the international stage.



# EDUCATION

## Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS)

The Graduate School of International Studies at Yonsei University was established in 1987 as a pioneer of professional studies programs in Korea. The founding mission of Yonsei GSIS was to meet the growing global demand for international academic institutions and to train individuals as global experts. Yonsei GSIS offers five Master's Degree programs: Korean Studies, International Cooperation, International Trade, Finance, and Management, Global Citizenship and Cooperation, and Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development. It also offers five Doctoral Degree programs: Korean Studies, International Cooperation, International Trade and Finance, International Management, and Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development.



## Global MBA (GMBA)

The Yonsei Global MBA (GMBA) is a full-time, 18-month program in English, designed to develop future global business leaders. The program offers a customized curriculum and exceptional student support services, including a dedicated Career Development Center. With a diverse community comprising 60% international students and 50% female participants, the GMBA offers a global learning experience. Students also have the opportunity to pursue dual degrees and participate in exchange programs, all within the vibrant setting of Seoul, a pivotal gateway to Asia.



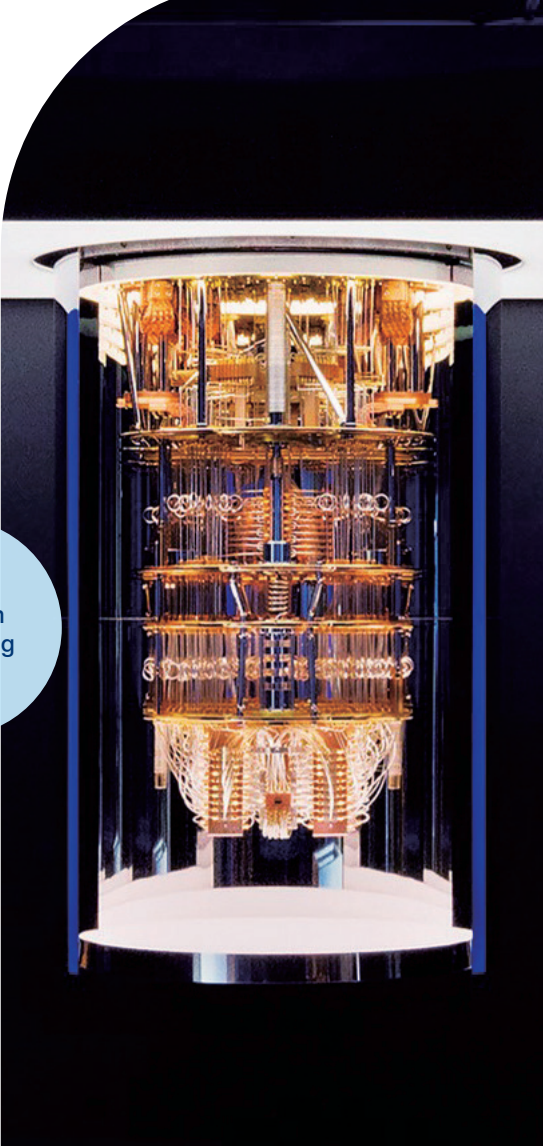
## Korean Language Institute (KLI)

The Korean Language Institute provides variety of Korean Language courses tailored to different learning purposes and durations. Students can choose from the Regular program to short-term program such as Summer Special program, 3-week program. Established in 1959 to teach the Korean languages and Korean cultures, KLI offers four terms each year, with more than 2,000 students enrolled per term.





Quantum Computing



### Establishing the ecosystem for quantum computing, a core technology for future research

Quantum computing, based on the principles of quantum mechanics, enables extraordinarily fast information processing and can solve problems that are beyond the capabilities of existing supercomputers. In collaboration with IBM, Yonsei has installed the 'IBM Quantum System One' on International Campus. As a member of the global 'IBM Quantum Network' community, Yonsei is equipped with a world-class research foundation to advance quantum computing and explore interdisciplinary applications.

### RESEARCH

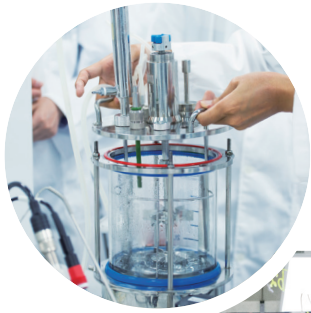


### Supporting researchers

Yonsei University operates various research promotion programs to foster an environment conducive to high-quality research. These programs include the Yonsei Future-Leading Research Initiative, the Seed Money Program to strengthen national R&D and industry-academia cooperation, support for internal academic journals, research funding for the humanities and social sciences, and a quantum computing research challenge initiative. Through these initiatives, Yonsei is cultivating a culture that enables researchers to fully dedicate themselves to their research.

### International collaboration hub, Yonsei Frontier Lab (YFL)

YFL is an open network lab, facilitating collaborative research between Yonsei researchers and outstanding global researchers. Through active international partnerships, YFL aims to expand Yonsei's research achievements and enhance its international reputation. YFL also supports joint research with global institutions, strategic partnerships, and largescale international academic conferences.



# RESEARCH



## Training Industry-Academia Cooperation Talents for Future Social Needs, K-NIBRT Project Group

K-NIBRT is a national project aimed at training specialists in bioprocessing. As a global bio-specialized talent training institution, K-NIBRT has introduced Ireland's NIBRT (National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training) educational system to Korea. Based on the construction of practical training spaces, equipment setup, and consulting for the introduction of educational programs, the K-NIBRT project group operates GMP-compliant facilities and equipment and provides advanced practical training for the full bioprocess (cultivation, purification, formulation, analysis) to meet the industry's demands. Additionally, it conducts joint research in process outsourcing.



## Strengthening the base of Industry-Academia Collaboration, MakerSpace

MakerSpace i7 is a dedicated space for creation and entrepreneurship, equipped with advanced digital tools to transform ideas into reality and supports the launch manufacturing startups. As the first and only professional MakerSpace in the Incheon region, i7 fosters successful examples of convergence technology and plays a central role in creating new industries and attracting startup investments.



# PARTNERSHIP

K-NIBRT



## Establishing Yonsei Science Park (YSP)

Yonsei University is developing the Yonsei Science Park (YSP) to create a global innovation cluster that integrates industry, academia, research, healthcare, and government on its International Campus. Leveraging Yonsei's outstanding educational and research capabilities, robust startup ecosystem, Korea's first and the world's fifth universal quantum computer, and the world-class medical expertise and bioinfrastructure of Songdo Severance, Yonsei aims to generate research breakthroughs and drive commercialization through close industry collaboration. This creates virtuous cycle of innovation, with outcomes reinvested into education and research, positioning Yonsei as a leading international hub for education, research, and industrialization.



### On-Site Education Enhanced by Yonsei Social Impact Initiatives, Institute for Higher Education Innovation (IHEI)

The Institute for Higher Education Innovation operates an on-site education curriculum equipped with a comprehensive student support system to nurture future talents contributing to addressing societal issues. Notable projects include 'OnDo,' which developed low-volume liquid measuring and dosing tools for visually impaired parents, 'Wave,' which is conducting continuous missing child campaigns using conscious consumption. In addition, programs such as Social Service, Social Innovation Externships, and Social Participation Plus enable students to practice leadership through service. To date, 126 students who have completed social innovation activities have been certified as Yonsei Social Innovators.



### Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment (IGEE): Leading Global Citizenship

To fulfill its responsibility as a higher education institution in contributing to society and sustainable development beyond the traditional pursuit of academic knowledge, Yonsei University established the Institute for Global Engagement & Empowerment (IGEE) in 2017, under the leadership of Honorary Director Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. IGEE hosts the Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF), connects institutions supporting sustainable development goals (SDGs) domestically and internationally, and leads various educational and service activities to nurture global citizens.

# DEVOTION

## Yonsei University Health System: Beyond Borders, Building Lives through Treatment and Mission

Yonsei University Health System actively supports the medical expenses of economically disadvantaged patients and operates various social adaptation and rehabilitation programs to help them fully reintegrate into society after treatment, ensuring holistic care. Yonsei medical staff donate 1% of their base salary to fund financial aid to low-income patients in underserved medical areas. Through the 'Global Severance, Global Charity' initiative, patients from abroad who lack access to treatment due to poverty and limited local medical resources are invited to Severance for care. Another initiative is the 'Severance-KT Dream Classroom,' a rehabilitation program for children and adolescents with hearing impairments, not only in Korea but also in Cambodia. At the Dream Classroom in Cambodia, the Yonsei otolaryngology team performs on-site cochlear implant surgeries, offering the gift of hearing to these children.



## Yonsei International Summer School (YISS)

Established in 1985 as Korea's first international summer program, Yonsei International Summer School (YISS) has steadily grown, attracting over 2,400 students from 77 countries worldwide annually, marking the highest cumulative participation both domestically and historically. During the summer, students can earn academic credits through a diverse range of high-quality courses offered at YISS. Additionally, they can gain valuable internship experience at companies and research institutes in Korea.

Beyond academic achievements, students can deepen their understanding of Korean culture through extracurricular activities such as Korean cooking classes, Taekwondo, KPop dance, and DMZ tours.



## Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY)

Winter Abroad at Yonsei (WAY), recognized as one of the most successful winter international education programs globally, was initiated by Yonsei University in 2013 as Korea's first winter program. Over the past decade, it has expanded in scale and popularity, with over 1,200 students from more than 30 countries annually, marking the highest numbers of participating countries and students both domestically and historically. Held over three weeks each winter on Sinchon campus, WAY offers students a wide range of opportunities starting with student orientation, followed by diverse courses, various field trips, and experiential activities such as ski trips, Korean cooking classes, and DMZ tours.



# GLOBAL

## Exchange/Visiting Student Programs

Yonsei University's Exchange/Visiting Student Programs provide opportunities for students to study for a year or a semester in Korea's top university located in the heart of Seoul, the vibrant capital city of Korea. In addition to pursuing academic excellence, international students experience a beautiful, culturally rich environment and share lasting memories while experiencing Korean culture through participation in various Yonsei clubs and activities tailored for international students.



## Global One-Stop Service Center (GOSC)

The Global One-Stop Service Center at Yonsei University provides comprehensive services to ensure the successful integration and continuous support of international students and faculty. The center offers a wide range of services, including visa issuance and management, health insurance and enrollment guidance, as well as essential information related to academic and campus life. In addition, the center operates various programs to assist International students and faculty in adjusting to life in Korea, including developing and managing social media platforms for international students, providing services through the Global Service Desk, and supporting the daily lives and research activities of foreign students and researchers at Yonsei.



# MULTICAMPUS

# ONE YONSEI



## Sinchon Campus

A place of innovation that upholds the tradition and heritage of the Yonsei Spirit

## Mirae Campus

An independent campus with strong interdisciplinary research and education

## International Campus

The center of innovative global education

## Yonsei University Health System

Northeast Asia's medical hub with global competitiveness



# YONSEI CAMPUS LIFE

Students at Yonsei University experience a world-class education designed to cultivate global leaders, set against the scenic backdrop of Yonsei's beautiful campus in the heart of Seoul.

As a historic landmark where tradition meets cutting-edge technology, Yonsei University's Sinchon Campus offers students a unique learning environment enriched by its central location within the political, economic, social, and cultural heart of Korean society. The campus serves as a hub for communication and collaboration, attracting scholars and experts from across the globe.



In this vibrant setting, Yonsei students enjoy a lively campus life throughout the four seasons: the radiant blossoms of Underwood Courtyard in spring, the lush greenery of Cheongsongdae Park in summer, the brilliant fall foliage along scenic trails, and the serene snowscapes of Baekyang Road in winter. Each season presents students with opportunities for growth, broadening their horizons, and deepening their understanding of Korean society through a variety of classes and experiential programs. Alongside their studies, students immerse themselves in cultural and recreational activities, making their Yonsei experience one of both academic excellence and personal growth.



## Global One-Stop Service Center

Established in September 2022, the Global One-Stop Service Center (GOSC) provides comprehensive support services to enhance the student life and settlement experience of foreign students and faculty at Yonsei.

### Global Service Desk & Global Lounge

The Global Service Desk offers in-person information services to international students in English and Chinese. Located at the Baekyang Nuri Global Lounge, a place for interaction for Yonsei's international students, the Global Service Desk provides easy access to the international services of Yonsei. The Global Lounge also hosts many global events and networking programs.

### Online Information System for International Community



The Global One-Stop Service Center shares useful information on student life and settlement in Korea through various online platforms : Webpage, SNS & Youtube Platform.

### Cultural Exchange and Aptitude Programs for International Students

The Global One-Stop Service Center hosts a variety of extra-curricular programs to support international students in academics, campus life, skill-building and career development.



## International Student Club Support & Hosting Global Events

### Supporting International Student Club Activity

The Global One-Stop Service Center supports various on-campus international student clubs to encourage networking and interaction within the Yonsei's community.

### Hosting 'Global Day'

'Global Day' is a cultural event introducing the cultural aspects of a designated country. Every semester, the Global One-Stop Service Center holds 'Global Day' with 'Yonsei Global', a student union affiliated to the Office of International Affairs. In collaboration with embassies, cultural centers and related businesses, Global Day offers a variety of activity booths, providing Yonsei students and faculty with hands-on experiences to learn about and enjoy diverse cultures from around the world.



# SINCHON CAMPUS



Scan the QR code to access the campus map.



All members of Yonsei University embody a unique identity, Yonsei-ness, rooted in the university's founding spirit of "truth and freedom." The values of human rights, sacrifice and care, and a commitment to community form the proud foundation of Yonsei-ness. With a strong culture of coexistence and dedication, Yonsei students, faculty, staff, and alumni uphold the values of the community over individual interests, fostering a harmonious campus environment where intellect and compassion intersect.



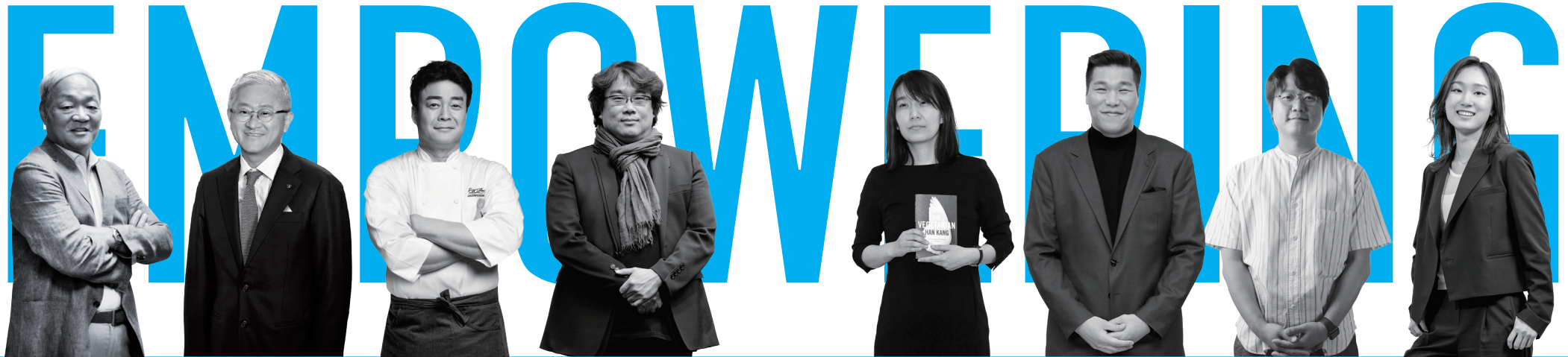
## YONSEI SPIRIT AND CULTURE

Annual traditions such as the Muak Festival, the cheering event 'Akaraka,' and the fall 'Yon-Ko Games' serve as highlights, reflecting Yonsei's spirit and fostering unity. Yonsei's proud legacy of collective spirit and open communication continues to nurture creative thinking, individuality, and a deep sense of pride in being part of the Yonsei community.

The Power of Yonsei's Century-Long Legacy

# YONSEI ALUMNI Shining around the world

With 140 years of history, Yonsei University has evolved into a global educational institution with a profound influence across various fields. Yonsei alumni, grounded in the spirit of truth and freedom, have made significant contributions to Korea's economic development, democratization, and the pursuit of social justice, and their dedication is deeply embedded in Yonsei's history. In 2024, Yonsei alumni continue to excel across various sectors, upholding the values of "Yonsei-ness" and contributing to societal progress and the common good of humanity.



## Noh Sung-hoon

Professor of Gastrointestinal Surgery at Gangnam Severance Hospital (Medicine, '72)

A world-renowned surgeon specialized in gastric cancer treatment and research. Known as "Dr. Monster," he has performed the most gastric cancer surgeries in the world, leading the advancement of Korean healthcare.

## Seo Kyung-bae

Chairman of Amorepacific (Business, '81)

A dedicated entrepreneur known for his perseverance, who transformed Amorepacific into a global company. Recognized as a "studying CEO," he integrates insights from reading and field experience into his management approach.

## Baek Jong-won

CEO of The Born Korea (Social Welfare, '85)

A prominent culinary entrepreneur in Korea. He has contributed to the popularization of Korean cuisine and the advancement of the food service industry through various TV programs like Culinary Class Wars, Mr. Baek the Homemade Food Master and Baek's Alley Restaurant.

## Bong Joon-ho

Film Director (Sociology, '88)

A filmmaker who creates unique film genres blending profound social themes with artistry and entertainment. His film Parasite won several major international awards, marking a historic milestone in the 100-year history of Korean cinema.

## Han Kang

Novelist (Korean Literature, '89)

The first Korean to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. She has elevated the global status of Korean literature with internationally acclaimed works such as The Vegetarian, Human Acts, and I Will Not Say Goodbye.

## Seo Jang-hoon

Former Basketball Player (Sports Science, '93)

Widely regarded as the greatest basketball player in Korea's history, holding the record as the first to achieve 10,000 points and 5,000 rebounds in professional basketball. After retirement, he has been active in various entertainment programs and continues his philanthropy through donations and charitable work.

## Na Young-seok

Producer (Public Administration, '94)

Known as the "Midas Touch of Entertainment," he has created hit shows like Grandpas Over Flowers, New Journey to the West, Youn's Kitchen, Three Meals a Day, and The Dictionary of Useless Knowledge, all widely popular and acclaimed.

## Choi Min-jeong

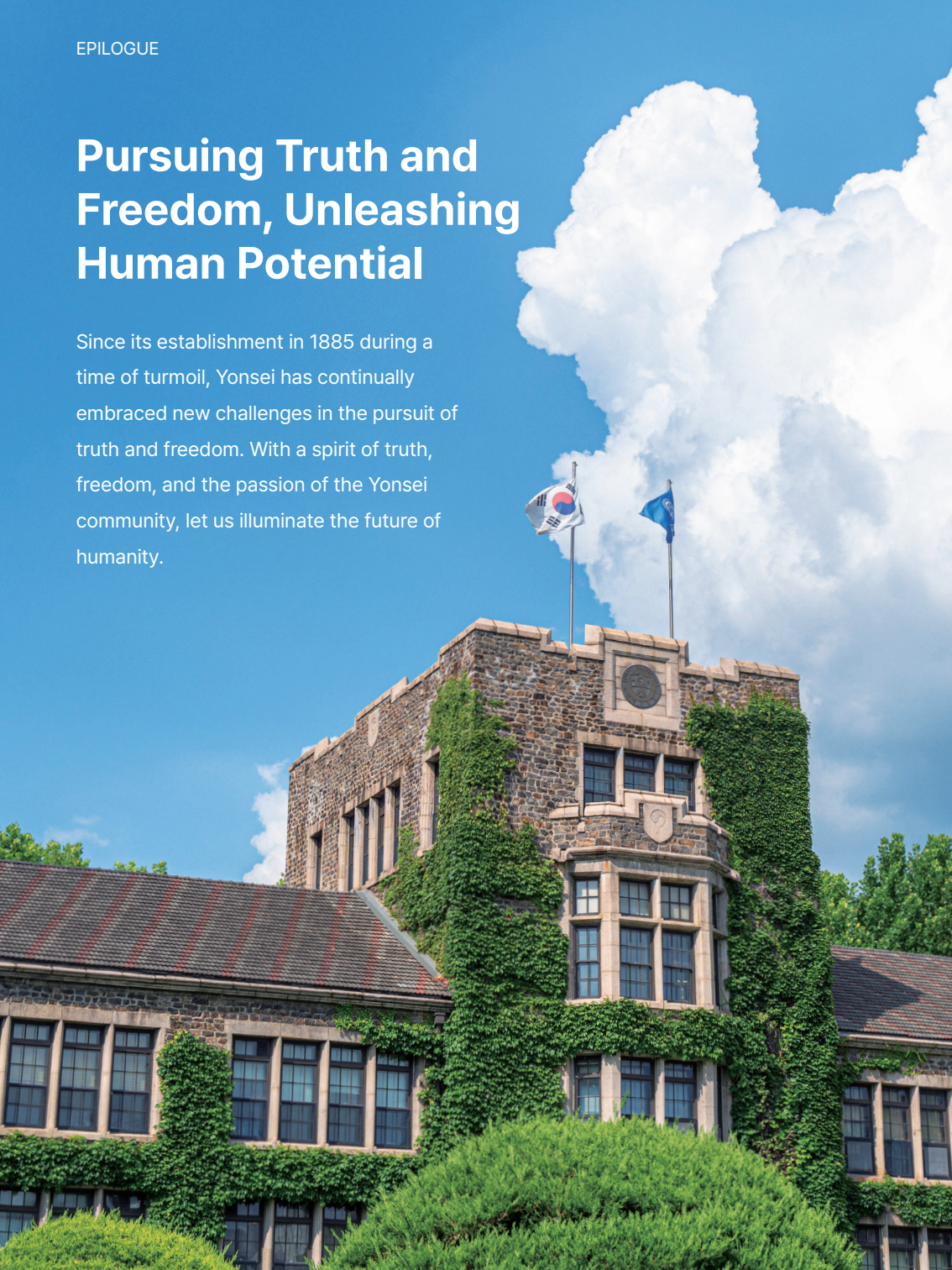
Short Track Speed Skater (Sports Applied Industry, '17)

A world-class short-track speed skater and Olympic gold medalist at the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics and the 2022 Beijing Olympics. She continues to make history for Korea in short-track speed skating with her exceptional speed and mental resilience.



# Pursuing Truth and Freedom, Unleashing Human Potential

Since its establishment in 1885 during a time of turmoil, Yonsei has continually embraced new challenges in the pursuit of truth and freedom. With a spirit of truth, freedom, and the passion of the Yonsei community, let us illuminate the future of humanity.



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