

**SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2014 SEOUL SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**



Travel safely; we look forward to seeing you in Seoul!

Welcome to Santa Clara Law School's 2014 Seoul Summer Internship program.

Professor Philip Jimenez will be directing the Seoul program, arriving on June 25 and leaving Seoul on July 3rd. Professor Jimenez may be reached via e mail pjimenez@scu.edu. Although we have included his phone number, this is the contact number on the Santa Clara University campus, and therefore only good until May 25th or so:

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Once in Seoul, we will give you local contact information, including a local phone number.

As you know, our internship program commences on Saturday, June 28th. We will hold an orientation on that day, four hours of introduction to the Korean Legal System; attendance is very important for understanding of the system, and a successful internship. Later in the evening, we will host a reception so that you can meet your internship supervisors. You will be advised of venue for these events while we are in Tokyo; we will meet with the Seoul group for dinner while there.

As you already know, internship will continue through July 25th. If you wish to stay on for a short time afterwards, please discuss with your supervisor when you arrive for work on the 30th. If you have signed on for an additional unit of work, please confer with your supervisor to confirm.

Your resumes have been circulated and some firms have made their choices. By separate mail, we will advise those whose internships are currently settled; others will be advised in due course. Everyone will be placed, but it sometimes takes time to finalize arrangements.

GETTING ORIENTED

Arriving in Seoul. You will likely arrive at the Incheon Airport, rated one of the best airports in the world. You will very quickly pass through immigration and customs. You will then need to figure out how to get to your accommodation. You can certainly get assistance at the airport, but if you would like to review your options ahead of time, you will find this site helpful. http://asiaenglish.visitkorea.or.kr/ena/GK/GK_EN_2_2_2_3.jsp



The ride from Incheon Airport to downtown Seoul is about an hour-and-half, or longer during rush hour. To get to downtown Seoul, you will either take a Limousine Bus, a Taxi, or the Airport Railroad Express. The Limousine Bus (Standard or KAL Deluxe) is probably your best bet; the Deluxe Limousine Bus (KAL) goes only to major hotels, while the Standard Limousine Bus stops at various locations along the way. These limousine buses are available immediately outside the terminal, and you will locate them easily upon arrival. Taxis from the airport are very expensive, and for that reason we don't recommend that you use a taxi to and from the airport, unless you can share the ride and divide the fare.

About and Around in Seoul

Taxis are relatively inexpensive in Seoul. However, it may take 45 minutes or so to get from North Seoul to Gangnam, or south of the Han River, which divides the north from the south city. (It is important to keep this in mind when looking for hotels during the course of internship period; some of your internship placements may be in the Gangnam. Area).

Seoul has an extensive subway system. <http://www.aroundseoul.com/images/seoulSubwayMap.gif>



THINGS TO DO AND SEE

Seoul is the seat of the government of South Korea. It is a bustling city – modern, while retaining some of the old charm of days gone by. However, here are some additional things for you to consider seeing and doing in Seoul.

[http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Asia/South Korea/Soul tukpyolsi/Seoul-1058426/Things_To_Do-Seoul-TG-C-1.html](http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Asia/South+Korea/Soul+tukpyolsi/Seoul-1058426/Things_To_Do-Seoul-TG-C-1.html)

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Money Matters

Cash reigns supreme. Although credit cards are widely accepted, you may often find establishments that do not accept them. It is a good idea to bring along Traveler's Checks, which can easily be cashed at banks. Use of ATM cards may be limited, and you may find it frustrating if you are depending on your ATM card to withdraw cash. I have an account at Citibank and there is no problem getting cash from their ATM's in Seoul. Personal checks are virtually useless in South Korea.

Summer Weather and What to Wear

Expect it to be hot, humid and rainy during the summer in Seoul. Bring an umbrella and/or rain jacket, and comfortable shoes, but err the side of more formal clothing. For example, shorts and sleeveless t-shirts or tank tops will be frowned upon. Your firm will expect that you will dress conservatively and in professional attire. A business suit is mandatory unless your employer specifically indicates otherwise.

Cell Phones, Laptops

Cell phones and SIM cards can be easily rented in Seoul. In fact, you can do so at the airport, although it is probably cheaper to rent them downtown. Laptops are a good idea, though not mandatory.

Business Cards

Students are encouraged to bring along some business cards with your contact information. It is quite customary to exchange business cards in Seoul. (Name, contact, law school, graduation date)

Gifts

Gifts and small tokens of appreciation are frequently exchanged, and it is a good idea to bring along some small items for your key contacts in Seoul. Employers and administrative staff would appreciate receiving a small token from you, perhaps something with your Law School logo – needn't be expensive.

Important Documents

As always, when traveling overseas make sure you keep a copy of your travel documents (including passport) in a safe place, and separate from the actual documents.

Your Program Hosts,

Philip J. Jimenez, Professor of Law

Kim, Moon Hwan, President and Professor Emeritus, Kookmin University

Hong, Yoo-suk (Shane), Legal Director, Oracle, Korea

