

[General information]

Call for Partners

"2025 Korean ASPnet Exchange Project"

1. Overview

Since the publication by UNESCO of "Reimagining Our Futures Together: A New Social Contract for Education" in 2021, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) has been working with Korean ASPnet Schools to implement the report's key recommendations. This year, KNCU will create a platform for these schools to innovate educational ideas, aligning with the report.

As of 2025, there are 465 ASPnet schools in the Republic of Korea and many of them are seeking partners for international exchange. "2025 Korean ASPnet Exchange Project" aims to match approximately 20 Korean ASPnet schools with 20 non-Korean schools/institutions for a variety of creative educational international exchanges, focusing on five fields derived from UNESCO's 2021 report: 1) Climate Change, 2) Digital and Artificial Intelligence, 3) Human Rights and Diversity, 4) Cultural Heritage, and 5) Career Paths and Jobs.

KNCU welcomes potential participants to be engaged in a collaborative exploration of the futures of education.

2. Objectives and Expected Results

- 1) Pairing of Korean ASPnet schools with non-Korean schools/educational institutions
- 2) Enabling participants to explore creative international school/student exchanges
- 3) Enabling participants to experience the joy of cooperation and solidarity by co-developing innovative educational experiments as Laboratories of Ideas

3. Roles of each party

- 1) Korean National Commission for UNESCO: recruitment of participants, communication with ASPnet National Coordinators
- 2) ASPnet National Coordinator: communication with schools and educational institutions in their country, information sharing with KNCU
- 3) Non-Korean schools and educational institutions: submitting an online application if interested in an exchange with a Korean school, direct discussion and international exchange with Korean school(s) (if selected)
- 4) Korean ASPnet schools: selection of their international partner(s), direct discussion and exchange with international partner(s)

4. Participants

- 1) Korean: Approximately 20 ASPnet schools including Primary, Lower Secondary (Middle School), Upper Secondary (High School), and Special Education Schools (*Currently in the recruitment process)
- 2) Non-Korean: Approximately 20 schools worldwide (*Note: International participant schools do not necessarily have to be ASPnet members. The project is open to all schools/educational institutions that are interested in an international exchange with a Korean school regarding the below-mentioned fields.)

5. Suggested field(s) of international exchange

- 1) Climate Change
- 2) Digital and Artificial Intelligence
- 3) Human Rights and Diversity
- 4) Cultural Heritage
- 5) Career Paths and Jobs

6. Expected Timeline

- 1) Call for partners: 10 March 2025
- 2) Receipt of applications from international partner schools: by 4 April 2025
- 3) Review and contact from Korean Schools: 7-25 April 2025
- 4) Matching completion: 30 April 2025
- 5) Discussion and implementation of the international exchange: May ~ November 2025 (and after, if mutually agreed among the participants)

7. Working language: English

8. Financial support: None (Each school bears all its own expenses.)

9. How to apply

- 1) Submission of online application: <https://forms.gle/utTLpFNKZ2Cikxsk8>
- 2) Submission deadline: 4 April 2025

10. Process for pairing schools

Non-Korean schools that are interested in an exchange should submit their application using the online form by 4 April 2025. In the meantime, KNCU will recruit 20 Korean ASPnet schools seeking an exchange. From 7 to 25 April, the 20 Korean schools will, together with KNCU, review all the applications received from non-Korean schools and will contact the partners that best match their conditions for exchange. The partners will be decided by 30 April 2025, and will be directly contacted by the Korean schools via email.

11. Notes for the non-Korean partner school applicants

- 1) Please check your email box (including your spam box) regularly in April to ensure that the Korean schools can contact you successfully during the matching period.
- 2) If an applicant does not receive any email from a Korean school by the end of April, this means that, unfortunately, no suitable match has been found among the Korean schools. If discussions with a Korean school within the April matching period do not lead to cooperation, it means that no match for an exchange has been made with that school. In either such case, if you wish, KNCU can share your application with all schools that are members of Korean ASPnet. However, please note that this may not guarantee a successful matching. Please also note that KNCU cannot do any more to find partners in this case.
- 3) All requests for international exchange with Korean ASPnet schools in 2025 must be submitted by 4 April 2025.

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