

A large group of graduates in black and orange regalia are captured in a moment of celebration, throwing their orange mortarboards into the air. The graduates are of various ages and are all smiling and looking upwards. The background is a brick building with a sign that reads "JONGNO CULTURE CENTER".

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2025-26 Academic Year Freshman Entrance Ceremony Held

Our university held the 2025-26 Academic Year Freshman Entrance Ceremony on August 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Auditorium C.

This year, a total of 82 new students joined our university community, including 69 freshmen and 13 transfer students across eight departments: Computer Science, Multimedia Studies, Information and Communication, Architecture, Food and Nutrition, Business Administration, Korean Language, and English Language.

In his congratulatory address, President Soon-Hoon Chung warmly welcomed the new students, saying, "I sincerely welcome you to the school of love. Since love is what saves a nation, I ask that each of you become a person who learns and practices love." His message resonated deeply with students and parents, making the occasion even more meaningful.

A special highlight of the event was the attendance of ten members of the **Namsan Rotary Club** of Korea, who celebrated the new beginning of the freshmen and offered words of encouragement. Their heartfelt participation provided a valuable opportunity to affirm international friendship and exchange.

A university official stated, "Through this entrance ceremony, we expect that the newly joined students will not only grow academically but also become individuals who embody the values of love and service."





Congratulatory Address at the 2025 Huree University Entrance Ceremony

August 26, 2025

By Vice Chairman **Chang-Woo Seo**

Distinguished President Soon-Hoon Chung, esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, professors, and staff members, it is a pleasure to greet you all today. Above all, I warmly welcome the new students who have now become part of the Huree University family. It is an honor to stand here with you on this meaningful occasion.

My relationship with Huree University began in 2017, when I first supported students from disadvantaged backgrounds by providing lunch stipends. Since 2021, I have been serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Alongside the leaders of Rotary District 3650 in Korea, of which I am a member, we founded a sponsorship group called **"Mongol Friends"** to support Huree students in their academic journey, ensuring that they can focus on their studies without hardship. This work continues to this day.

During my tenure as District Governor of Rotary District 3650 in Korea, Rotary International carried out service projects under the slogan *"Serve to Change Lives."* In other words, service not only transforms the lives of those who receive it but also brings transformation to the lives of those who give. Service is not a one-sided act—it is a mutual good that exerts positive influence on both sides. Rotary's spirit of service is rooted in love for humanity and care for others.

In this spirit, we brought together members who wished to support Huree University and formed *Mongol Friends*. Today, ten of those members have joined us to celebrate your matriculation and also the completion of the **Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik Memorial Sports Center**. I believe *Mongol Friends* will not only bring new opportunities for change to Huree students but will also serve as a momentum for transformation for its members who support you.

Looking back at world history, whenever a nation has overcome adversity and achieved great growth, there have always been outstanding human resources—talented individuals who were nurtured through education, who became the driving force of national development, and who rose to lead their people into the future.

Germany's "Miracle on the Rhine" and Korea's "Miracle on the Han River" are such examples. Universities nurtured the leaders of these economic miracles and fulfilled their historic mission of shaping the future of their nations. In this light, Mongolia—whose economy and industrial technology are still developing—has an even greater need for highly educated, capable individuals. Now is the time for Mongolia to raise the human resources who will bring about its own miracle. I sincerely hope that Huree University will continue to grow as a cradle of talent, raising the leaders who will shoulder Mongolia's future. For this mission, I pledge to continue supporting the advancement of Huree University.

May Huree University be a place where your imagination and creativity freely flourish, and may it be the foundation where you prepare not only for your own future but also for the future of Mongolia.

In particular, I hope that the freshmen entering today will dedicate themselves to their university life with the great aspiration of taking responsibility for both their own future and that of our nation. With the support and encouragement of Mongol Friends, we will do our utmost to assist you.

Finally, I would like to once again express my deep respect to President Soon-Hoon Chung and all faculty and staff members, and I applaud the bright future of all Huree students.

Thank you.

Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik Sports Center Opens... A New Cultural and Sports Space for Students and the Local Community

On August 26, immediately following the freshman entrance ceremony, our university held the opening ceremony for the newly constructed **Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik Sports Center** near Auditorium C.

The newly opened sports center measures **33.5 meters in length and 24 meters in width** and features a basketball court built to international standards. It is also equipped with **45 seats on the first floor and 72 seats on the second floor**, making it a versatile space where students, faculty, and members of the local community can come together during sporting events and various gatherings.

The interior of the center was designed with convenience and safety in mind. In addition to separate restrooms for men and women, a dedicated mechanical room has been installed to ensure the facility can be used without inconvenience.

In particular, the gymnasium was named the *Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik Sports Center* in honor of the father of **Vice Chairman Chang-Woo Seo** (Chairman of Papa John's Korea). A university official explained, *"The name of the center embodies the noble intention of passing down the spirit of education and love from generation to generation."*

With its official opening, the sports center is expected to serve not only as a venue for student athletic activities but also as a **multifunctional cultural space** that will host performances, events, and community programs, further strengthening ties between the university and the local community.



Chairman Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik





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Congratulatory Address at the Dedication of the Jeong-Am Seo Byung-Sik Memorial Sports Center

August 26, 2025

Vice Chairman **Chang-Woo Seo**

"A dream is not something you simply envision, but something you sustain."

Good day, everyone. It is a great pleasure to meet you all.

I am deeply honored that my father and I have been able to take part in the completion of the Jeong-Am Sports Center, which officially opens today.

Some of you may know that near the Zaisan Memorial in Ulaanbaatar, there is the **Dr. Lee Tae-joon Memorial Hall**. Dr. Lee Tae-joon was a Korean doctor who, in the 1910s and 1920s, simultaneously took part in Korea's independence movement while also providing medical service to the people of Mongolia.

When Dr. Lee was a student, about 120 years ago, Korea was going through a dark and hopeless period. During that time, foreign missionaries came to Korea, founded schools, and planted the tree of hope in a land of despair. One of them was Horace Underwood, who established Yonsei University, where Dr. Lee Tae-joon studied and became a doctor. Both President Soon-Hoon Jung, who is here today, and I are alumni of that same university.

Ladies and gentlemen, the love that Korea received 120 years ago has now taken root in Mongolia, growing into a great tree named **Huree University**. I believe Huree University is that tree of hope, nurturing the talented individuals who will design and pioneer Mongolia's future. I hope that this Jeong-Am Sports Center will help that tree grow even taller and stronger.

My father, Chairman **Seo Byung-Sik Jeong-Am**, was born in North Korea in 1928 and came south during the Korean War. Never forgetting his hometown of Yeonbaek in Hwanghae Province, he established the Yeonbaek Scholarship Foundation and the Jeong-Am Foundation, through which he has supported hundreds of students—and continues to do so today. He has long been a dedicated Rotarian and was the one who introduced me to Rotary, like a caring mentor and father.

If my father could be here to see this sports center with his own eyes, he would surely be overjoyed. Unfortunately, due to his age and health, he could not attend, so I stand here to express gratitude on his behalf. I truly hope that one day I will be able to bring him here in person. Finally, I would like to express my deepest respect to President Soon-Hoon Chung and all the faculty and staff who made this wonderful sports center possible, and I wish good fortune for the bright future of everyone gathered here today.

Thank you.