



[Meaningful Meeting with a Korean Local Government] is a special corner to introduce local governments in Korea that wish to explore or expand relations with foreign local governments.

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Adds good values to urban life

Gwangjin-gu, Seoul Metropolitan City

Nestled in the eastern part of Seoul, Gwangjin-gu has long been a transport hub as well as a place that draws products and culture from different areas together. Continuously upgrading sustainability and livability, we wish to expand networks with other global cities which will cooperate to leverage the city's core values.

Written by Gwangjin-gu, Seoul Metropolitan City

Overview of Gwangjin-gu

Area | 17.08km² (2.8% of Seoul Metropolitan Government)

Population | 351,699

Foreign population | 20,603 / China> Vietnam> Mongolia> USA> Uzbekistan> Japan (in descending order)

Major facilities | 51 public and affiliated entities (Gwangjin-gu Office, police stations, post offices), 50 schools (3 colleges), 553 medical institutions, and 477 welfare centers

Number of civil servants | 1,200

Budget | KRW 610 billion (2021)

Sisterhood | Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (since November 2001) and Eregli, Konya, Turkey (since February 2001)

01 Vibrant green district in the city

As one of the 25 districts of Seoul, Gwangjin-gu is renowned for its harmony of scenic hills, mountains, and the Han River.

Gwangjin-gu is home to Seoul Children's Grand Park, the world's largest children's park that comprises a zoo, a botanical garden, playgrounds, and gardens; Ttukseom Recreation Area, a cultural park along the Han River; and Acha Mountain, which offers the first sight of sunrise in Seoul. Embracing various types of urban green spaces, it boasts nature-culture interlinkage and sustainability.

02 District with a sustainable future

Three distinctive colleges and Yes24 Live Hall, a concert hall accommodating up to 2,300 guests, are also located here.

Playing a vital role in the healthcare industry, the National Center for Mental Health and Konkuk University Hospital are committed to helping people improve their physical and mental health especially during the COVID-19 outbreak.

To build sustainability, we are making many diverse attempts including a green city program which aims to make Gwangjin-gu a low-carbon, eco-friendly, and resources-saving district and a future-oriented smart city masterplan.

03 Vision for International Relations

Working in urban development, we have cherished and cultivated sustainable values, which encompass nature, culture, environment, and mental health, and hope to look for partners with a common interest and purpose in the following fields:

① Environment and urban planning

Fostering collaboration with relevant departments, exchanging experience and expertise in environmental challenges, such as urban regeneration and water resources management

② Economy

Providing best practices for boosting the social economy and job creation at a local level. Holding events or exhibitions to facilitate the sales of local specialties in both regions

③ Culture, sports, and tourism

Promoting each other's culture, sports, tourism, and festivals in multiple ways. Arranging mutual visits. Encouraging relationships between private sectors, including friendly matches

④ Education and medical service

Sharing ideas to benefit residents from all walks of life—youth exchanges and medical assistance for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups



<Photo 1> Ttukseom Recreation Area

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we intend to develop non-contact, cooperative projects through video conferences and are to prepare for the post-pandemic era.