In an era of civilization’s grand transition, Yonsei University is returning to the basics by reinvigorating its commitment to education and research and emphasizing its social responsibilities. Guided by the founding spirit that commenced with service and devotion, Yonsei will prepare for the next 100 years by sharing and practicing the values of Christian Values, Creativity, and Connectivity.
Yonsei’s 133-year history of educational excellence began with the founding of Gwanghyewon, Korea’s first modern medical center and school, on April 10, 1885. Late 19th century missionaries like Underwood, Allen, and Avison foresaw that the future of this country rested on “nurturing talent through education.” Following their examples, Yonsei continually engages with Korean society through the fundamental values of challenge and creativity, communication and sympathy, sharing and caring, and serving and respect—while firmly rooting itself in the Christian tenets of “Truth and Freedom.”

Standing once again at history’s turning point, that of the fourth industrial revolution, Yonsei remembers the vision of our missionary founders as it embarks on an amazing journey of transformation and innovation. Since 2000, Yonsei has been realizing our visions for the next century, while continuing the mission handed down to us by our founders, through the values of 3C—Christian Values, Creativity and Connectivity—that form the basis of our educational philosophy.

In pace with the educational transformation that is happening in our campuses, Yonsei has established the Institute for Innovation in Higher Education and the Institute for Global Engagement and Empowerment, to prepare our students for the demands of future society and also to be reborn as an “engaged university” based on its Christian values of sharing and caring. By connecting intellectual, human and material resources, Yonsei continues to actively engage in understanding and solving global and local social problems.

Along with innovation in education, Yonsei is actively supporting faculty research, building a research environment that nurtures creativity and sustainable R&D. To this effect, Yonsei Frontier Lab has been established, especially to encourage collaborative research between Yonsei faculty and researcher from all over the world. Collaborative research is expected to rise dramatically in and among the areas of bio medicine, basic sciences, engineering, humanities, and social sciences, through the Collaborative Science Park, under development in the main Sinchon Campus in Seoul. Also, another collaborative research hub—Yonsei Science Park—is under way in the International Campus at Songdo, Incheon Metropolitan City, where university, industry, and private research institutions join to bring forth innovations in biotechnology, pharmacy, and green-energy (sustainable) development.

In pace with the educational transformation that is happening in our campuses, Yonsei will continue its proud tradition as a leading global university and will prepare with utmost diligence for the exciting and terrifying future that lies ahead.

Please join Yonsei University on its march to the future.

Yong Hak Kim
President
1885

Gwanghyewon, the beginning of Yonsei Medical School and the first modern medical institution

Mission Statement
Yonsei University is dedicated to educate 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)
From left, Dr. H. N. Allen (Founder of Gwanghyewon)
Dr. H. G. Underwood (Founder of Yonhi College)

Founding

Philosophy
Yonsei University embraces all fields of arts and sciences and serves to nurture leaders who will contribute to society both in Korea and abroad. Yonsei was founded on the ecumenical Christian spirit of “truth and freedom.”

The university holds true to this spirit as it strives to inherit the cultural legacy of humankind and lead in academic development through creativity and critical thinking. Yonsei will serve its neighbors with open hearts and contribute to the prosperity of humankind. With such missions, Yonseians will demonstrate their leadership to represent the spirit of Yonsei in the world.

Campuses

1978

Wonju Campus

4/22/3/90

4 Campuses / 22 Colleges / 3 Divisions / 90 Majors (Undergraduate)

Wongju Campus of Yonsei University was established and the Department of Public Health was founded.

Number of Courses
313,706

Number of Faculty
5,104

Number of International Students
4,656

2010

International Campus

Yonsei International Campus (YIC) in Songdo, Incheon established.

2011

International Campus

Residential College (RC) Education started.

Global Network

2015 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

Partner Universities
659

2017 QS World University Rankings
1

2017 University Social Responsibility Index Rankings
106

YONSEI, Leading the Way to the Future

Severance Hospital, Cancer Center, Gangnam Severance Hospital, Dental Hospital, Yorye Severance Hospital

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Driving Korean Industrialization and Democratization

In 1957, Severance Medical School, which practiced the love and devotion of God, and Yonhi College, which ushered in the modern age in Korea by guiding its national spirit, merged into Yonsei University (Yon for Yonhi + Sei for Severance). Yonsei contributed to Korea's economic growth and technological development through academic research, education, and innovation in administration. In the spirit of truth and freedom, Yonsei was also at the forefront of Korea's democratization movement and social engagement.

1885~

Yonsei University was the cradle of Korea's modernization, beginning with the founding of Gwanghyewon in 1885 and subsequently with the launch of Severance Hospital and Yonhi College. Despite the dark times of colonization and the Korean War, Yonsei helped to enlighten and heal the nation by championing modern higher education and modern medicine and bringing forth a new era in Korean history.

1957~

Yonsei University led Korea into a new era of modernization and democratization.

1900s~1940s

- 1920. 3 Shimson Hall was constructed
- 1923. 5 Cheonan Christian College was renamed as Yonhi College
- 1939. 9 Yon Jeon Times (Yonsei University's newspaper) published as a monthly newspaper (Korea's first university newspaper)
- 1949. 12 The Institute of East Asian Studies with the donations from Harvard -Yenching Institute

1950s

- 1957. 1 Yonhi College and Severance Medical College merged into Yonsei University
- 1959. 4 Korean Language Institute established
- 1962. 8 Yonsei Medical Center launched to operate the Medical School and Hospital
- 1965. 3 Museum opened
- 1969. 4 English Language Institute established
- 1970. 5 Yonsei University's School of Business Hall opened
- 1979. 12 Sangmyung Institute of Management opened

1960s~1970s

- 1970. 7 Cheonan Christian College became Cheonan Methodist College
- 1975. 7 Yonsei received a 15-year letter from the United Methodist Church
- 1977. 3 Yonsei University established
- 1981. 1 Yonsei University Student Daily and Student Newspaper published
- 1990. 1 Yonsei University opens the International Campus

1980s

- 1985. 4 Gwanghyewon, Korea's first modern hospital, was founded at a royal hospital
- 1989. 4 Dr. O.R. Avison opens Severance Union Medical College and Hospital

1990s

- 1991. 1 Research Affairs office established
- 1993. 9 Yonsei Medical College merged into Yonsei University
- 1994. 10 Yonsei Medical College merged into Yonsei University
- 1995. 4 Korean Language Institute established
- 1996. 10 World Campus, College of Health Science established
- 1999. 10 World Campus, College of Health Science established
- 2000. 5 Time capsule buried in front of Centennial Memorial Hall (Scheduled to be opened in the year 2085, Yonsei's 200th Anniversary)

2000s

- 2010. 3 International Campus Opening Ceremony
- 2012. 2 Yonsei Samsung Medical Center Regional Emergency Medical Center opened
- 2015. 2 Poet Yun, Dong-ju's 70th Memorial Ceremony
- 2016. 4 Joint Global Research Lab with Finansbank, ‘GRL-FP’ opened at the International Campus

2010~

Heading towards our Future, “Re-Enacting the Past”

The opening of the International Campus in 2002, coincided (not accidentally) with Yonsei University's diversification into new areas of research and education, and also with its advancements in global academic ranking. Yonsei will constantly re-enact its founding spirit of sharing and service by continued engagement with communities, local and global, and unswerving commitment to sustainable development.

2013~2014

- 2013. 1 World Campus Amphitheater selected as ‘Kangweondō Outstanding Architecture’
- 2013. 3 International Campus Residency College (IRC) Education started
- 2013. 5 Yonsei Medical Center, Avison Biomedical Research Center (AMRC), opened
- 2013. 9 Kangnam Severance Hospital 30 Year Celebration, Worju Campus 35 Year Celebration
- 2014. 4 Yonsei Cancer Center opened
- 2014. 11 Yonsei University sponsors the Korea Pavilion at Expo 2015

2015~2016

- 2015. 3 World Campus Amphitheater selected as ‘Kangweondō Outstanding Architecture’
- 2016. 4 Joint Global Research Lab with Finansbank, ‘GRL-FP’ opened at the International Campus
- 2016. 5 Yonsei MOCIC’s first Step toward attracting more than 20,000 global students enrolled
- 2017. 4 Yonsei’s 122nd Anniversary and 60th Anniversary of the official merging of Chosun Christian University and Severance Union Medical College

2017~2018

- 2017. 5 Yonsei University Technology Innovation Complex (YITC)
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- 2018. 2 The Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF) 2018

2019~2020

- 2019. 4 Yonsei University Technology Innovation Complex (YITC)
- 2020. 2 The Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF) 2018
- 2020. 6 ‘Y-Valley’ Opening of Creativity Space, just north of Pinson Hall

2021~

- 2021. 3 Yongin Dongbaek Severance Hospital opened
- 2021. 6 Yonsei University Technology Innovation Complex (YITC)
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NEW PARADIGM in EDUCATION

“Thanks to the Residential College (RC) program, I feel like I have grown intellectually and mentally while studying and living together with my peers. Particularly, I’m becoming more confident with a wide selection of the Active Learning curriculum where I can truly engage in learning.”

HYUNJIN YOU
Student, Economics, Underwood International College
Fostering Well-rounded Leaders of Tomorrow through Innovation in Teaching and Learning

**Well-rounded Education, Creative Education: RC**

To raise well-rounded students with both intellect and character, Yonsei University began Asia’s first Residential College Program in 2011, combining learning and living. Starting from 2014, all incoming freshman in the undergraduate program reside on the international campus for one year, taking regular and extracurricular courses, and receiving individual support from both faculty and staff. Outside the classroom, students conduct open discussions and engage in various activities that help them to learn about and to participate in research ethics, social engagement, culture & arts, and athletic activities. In the three-way academic advising system that links faculty, classroom dormitory, more than 3,800 first-year students from a variety of majors are learning to become future leaders who can communicate and empathize through community lifestyle.

In addition, Yonsei-Nexon | i-V Creative Platform was recently introduced as a training program to incubate creative innovators. It is an exceptional education program that helps students to challenge the world and to harness their creative ideas through collaboration and maximizing the advantages of the RC program where students from diverse backgrounds live and study together.

**Raising Warm-hearted Leaders through Experiential Learning**

To develop creative problem solving skills along with empathy, Yonsei University is shifting the educational focus to experiential learning instead of simple delivery of information. Yonsei is implementing a variety of customized learning programs with Community Based Learning (CBL), designed for the organic synchronization of education by developing Yonsei University is from multiple fields. Yonsei University is shifting the paradigm of education by developing programs to foster innovators with cool ideas and warm-hearted solutions.

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**Establishing an Ecosystem that Promotes Entrepreneurship**

Yonsei University has constructed a specialized environment to help students to start their own businesses. Y-Valley, an energetic library space in the first floor of the Academic Information Center (main library), is located at the heart of campus culture, where students are encouraged to hold lively discussions that lead to creative and innovative ideas that become the foundations for student start up businesses. Also, in 2017, AmorePacific and the School of Business began Yonsei Venture, Innovation & Startup Program (YVIP) to develop start-up innovation courses, conduct start-up competitions, and provide office space for student start ups, while expanding networks through collaboration with universities from abroad, arrangement of alumni mentoring groups, and hosting of global entrepreneurship conferences.

As of 2017, 32 start-up courses have been offered at Yonsei University, with 1,421 student enrollments, while 351 students are active in 49 student start up clubs. To further share Yonsei’s entrepreneurial culture with the local community, Seoul Start up Café was set up in the underground walkway in front of the main gate.

Creating a Digital Education Environment

As part of its Digital Conversion initiative, Yonsei University has been building a smart campus environment based on the advanced ICT, and equipping students to keep in stride with the fourth industrial revolution. Yonsei has partnered with some of Korea’s leading tech and digital media companies, such as Korea Telecom and CJ E&M. On a global scale, Yonsei is partnering with Adobe (with the help of SoftBank Korea) to co-develop Asia’s first digital media-based education curriculum, involving Adobe’s Creative Cloud and Experience Cloud platforms.

**Students learn basic concepts with MOOC (Pre-built Video Lectures) before coming to class in “Flipped Classrooms”** and, once they come to class, they are engaged in discussion of problem solving, and peer learning.
"My interest is in building a human-centered city by converging architectural engineering, information and communication engineering, and medicine. For example, I am interested in developing an optical green remodeling support system that would be the backbone of a zero energy building for a sustainable future, or in creating a carbon integrated management system for the city. Convergence research has become very important now, where new ideas emerge through interdisciplinary connections, beyond the scope of one academic discipline."

TAEHOON HONG
Underwood Distinguished Professor, Department of Architecture & Architectural Engineering, College of Engineering
Reinforcing International Joint Research

Yonsei University will be at the forefront to work beyond the boundaries between academic disciplines, to uphold new discoveries and inventions through connection, expansion, and convergence, thereby enriching the future of humanity.

As a first step, Yonsei begins the Young Researcher Supporting Program. The program provides research grants, dissertation incentives, administrative support, and research space so that aspiring postdoctoral researchers from all over the world can focus on research as a member of Yonsei and yield outstanding research results. In addition, international researchers will be supported with visa acquisition and residential support to help them adjust to Yonsei as well as Korea. The university also provides several other research support programs, including customized support for Yonsei’s institutions and professors to actively invite notable researchers from abroad, host joint workshops with overseas universities, and organize international conferences with overseas research institutions.

Facilitating Convergence Research

Yonsei University is pursuing the establishment of a Convergence Science Park that allows autonomous collaboration of multiple academic disciplines, encompassing medicine, life science and biotechnology, natural science, engineering, humanities, and social science. Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the merging of Yonhi College and Severance Medical School, Yonsei is building the Biomedical Science Complex that will pool the educational and research initiatives of the “university campus” (that is, the main, educational campus) and the neighboring YUHS (the medical campus), thereby fostering convergence research and the synergy of research results. The Biomedical Science Complex will connect Arison Biomedical Research Center, Allen Hall, Ludlow Building, Baryonic Treatment Center, and the Cardiovascular Hospital to the university campus. By linking YUHS, College of Medicine, College of Life Science and Biotechnology, College of Engineering, and College of Science all together, Yonsei University hopes to maximize the spatial advantage where all academic fields converge with creative ideas. The big data analysis and convergence will certainly enhance the quality of research and help improve medical service, thereby ultimately contributing to national health care.

Yonsei has created the Biomedical Science Complex to integrate medical education with Yonsei University Health System’s (YUHS) research.

Fortifying Convergence Research by Breaking the Barriers between Academic Disciplines

Yonsei University was opened to promote the globalization of research through joint research between Yonsei University and world-class researchers.
"Despite the very short history of Christianity, Korea’s history of revival has a unique enthusiasm. It was a great blessing for me to have studied at Yonsei, which was founded with Christian values. Based on the knowledge and spirituality I have gained through my studies at GIT, I would like to take the lead in spreading the love of God to my homeland Kenya and other countries."

GATTO ALEXANDER
Alumni, MA, Global Institute of Theology
Institute for Global Engagement and Empowerment (IGEE), Pursuing Sustainable Development of Humanity

 Universities are playing an increasingly active role in dealing with global issues that fall under the larger agenda of Sustainable Development, such as climate change, poverty, refugee problems, education, and gender inequality. Celebrating its 123rd anniversary in 2017, Yonsei University established the Institute for Global Engagement and Empowerment (IGEE), integrating various missions and volunteer services operating independently from each other within the university and the medical center. The opening of IGEE is a result of the University’s awareness of the need to pool all of its human and intellectual resources in engaging with global issues and promoting sustainable development. In recognition of his work at the United Nations for the past ten years towards assuring a better future for humanity, especially his determination to make sure that “No One [is] Left Behind,” Ki-moon was appointed Honorary Director of the IGEE. He presence at Yonsei is already galvanizing the community service and social engagement at Yonsei.

**Outreach Programs**

Yonsei University has been at the forefront of social engagement ever since its founding, and now its outreach programs center around two models. Yonsei Volunteer Center is currently undertaking a project that utilizes local community resources in improving the quality of life of underprivileged children, the disabled, and the elderly in five Asian countries (Vietnam, Nepal, Mongolia, Japan, Cambodia). Yonsei University Health System has always been “dedicated to a greater future.” Practicing Yonsei’s founding spirit of sharing and service, faculty and staff of YUHS have donated over 1.5 billion won to more than 800 patients through the “1% Sharing, 100% Hope” campaign. Also, since its first mission to Mongolia in 1993, YUHS has regularly been sending medical missions to areas with little or no access to basic medical service in developing countries—Mongolia, Kenya, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Ethiopia. In addition, by recommendation of missionaries serving abroad, the “Global Severance, Global Charity” project sponsors international patients in need of financial assistance.

**Serving the Community through Education**

In 2015, Yonsei University has established the Global Institute of Theology (GIT) in the International Campus. GIT provides international students from underdeveloped countries in Asia and Africa with the best theology program, along with full scholarship and living support. Much like the missionaries who came from abroad to establish the roots of the Christian church in Korea, GIT is leading the mission to revive the church around the world.

Yonsei also offers a diverse array of volunteer work related to education, including mentoring for children in underprivileged communities, mentoring for high school students to learn about and experience first-hand college academic majors, and other forms of mentoring such as Fellowship of Hope, Educamp, tutoring, and Dream-Start. A large percentage of Yonsei freshman volunteer their services to Youth (Yonsei-Incheon) Project, a mentoring program for Incheon students of primary to secondary age. Volunteers learn the value of sharing through their experiences and build a sense of self-worth, while their mentees find new purpose in their continued studies.

Furthermore, the Office of Admissions is offering information service to high school students in islands and remote rural areas to help them to better choose careers and colleges. The service also offers an experience program to let prospective students experience college-level academic classes. “Yonsei Academy Visits You” program will continue to expand opportunities to share information with underprivileged students.

Every Yonseian will share and serve, shining a light on the world with the spirit of optimism and a vision for a better future.
“Akarakaka! Ara-Ching! Ara-Cho! Ara-Ching-Ching Chochocho! Lalala Sisboomba! Yonsei Players Lopla! Hey Yonsei Yeah!” Cheering with the Akarakaka chant was an emotional experience and instilled in me a love for the University. I’m very proud and happy to be part of the passionate and enthusiastic Yonsei community. I am sure that Yonsei alumni who are realizing their dreams throughout society still carry the same passion.”

SEONHYE LEE
Student
Sport & Leisure, College of Sciences in Education
Culture of Harmony and Communication

Yonsei's culture of harmony and communication instills a sense of pride in our members. With “honor and respect,” Yonseians freely share and honor each other’s creative ideas and respect each other’s unique personalities. On Yonsei’s campuses, youthful energy fills the air with endless trains of cultural events organized by student unions and student clubs, and large-scale festivals such as the spring Muak Festival and the fall Yon-Ko Meet.

All members of the university carry the unique Yonsei identity that was handed down by its founders. Yonsei’s proud roots consist of the respect for human rights, the spirit of sacrifice and consideration, and the dedication that binds the community together.

Yonseians Who Lighted the Spirit of Yonsei

Beginning in 2016, Yonsei pays tribute to an alumnus who has personified Yonsei’s founding mottoes of truth and freedom, demonstrated leadership true to the tradition of “honor and respect,” and raised the honor of the university. Poet Yun, Dong-ju was selected as the first “Yonseian Who has Lighted the Spirit of Yonsei.” The second Yonseian honored in 2017 was Dr. Lee Tae-Joon, who practiced medicine and contributed to Korea’s independence struggle in Mongolia.

Yonsei Alumni and the Next Hundred Years

As the first academic institution of higher education in Korea, Yonsei has always walked side-by-side with the industrialization and democratization of the nation. Where history was made, numerous Yonseians have served the nation and practiced the spirit of sharing and service. The 300,000 alumni represent the pride of Yonsei and the source of Yonsei’s next hundred years. Yonsei University is in close communication with Yonsei alumni to instill a sense of fellowship between them and the university.

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni all share the culture of service and respect, valuing community beyond individual interests.

Sharing and Service: The DNA of Yonsei Spirit

“You shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). The word ‘truth’ is the gospel which tells us, through Jesus’ death and resurrection, all our sins have been forgiven and whoever truly gets to believe this with all his heart, he will be saved from death and have eternal life. Through my life I wish I can spread this truth and this purpose defines every little things in my life.”

J.Y. PARK
Singer-song Writer & Chairman of JYP Entertainment

Muak Festival is an annual festival organized by student unions and clubs, offering diverse programs: musical and dramatic performances, film festivals, exhibitions, and sports competitions. Yonsei’s cheering event, Akatsuka marks the finale of the festival, where over 20,000 Yonseians participate in the grand spectacle of the “blue wave.” It is the most sought after event of the year and instills great pride and a sense of tradition in our students. The fall Yon-Ko Meet is an annual competition between Yonsei and its rival Korea University, featuring five matches in baseball, basketball, ice hockey, rugby and soccer. The Yon-Ko Meet has a long tradition that goes hand in hand with the tradition of Korean sports and athletes. The competition test who is the better that year, but more importantly if it is an occasion for faculty, staff, students and alumni of both universities to connect and share their tradition and culture, as the fighting chants “Akatsuka” and “Ipse duni” of both universities fill the stadium.

The Yonseian honored in 2017 was Dr. Lee Tae Joon, known to Mongolians as the “God-sent doctor,” devoted his life to the betterment of health conditions in Mongolia and also to Korea’s independence. He entered the Severance Medical School and trained in medicine under Doctor Avison, and joined the Youth Student Association by recommendation of independence activist, Art Chang Ho. Lee was actively engaged in a wide range of movements including funding the anti-Japanese independence forces and anti-fascist activism. He was killed in 1921 by pro-Japanese Russian forces that had then occupied Mongolia. The university honored Lee Tae Joon for his life of sacrifice and service in 2017, as the “Yonseian Who has Lighted the Spirit of Yonsei.” A copper-plated sculptural relief in the Common’s Alumni Plaza has been installed in his honor.

Leaving the Way to the Future
Counting Stars at Night

Yun, Dong-ju

The sky a season passing through
Is full of autumn

It seems likely I can count
All the stars in autumn without worries.

It seems unlikely, however, that I can count all the stars
That are being engraved,
One or two at a time in my heart
Because morning comes all too soon,
Because tomorrow night is yet in store
Because my youth is not yet exhausted.

A memory for a star,
A love for a star, another star
A loneliness of a star,
A longing for a star,
A poem for a star,
Mother, mother a star reminds me of.

Mother, I give each star a beautiful name
And call each name, calling to mind
Names of grade school chums,
Chums I shared desks with:
Names of foreign girls Pai, Kyung or Ok:
Names of little girls, now mothers:
Names of poor neighbours:
Doves, puppies, rabbits, mules and deer.
Names of poets, among others,
Francis Jammes and Rainer Maria Rilke.

They are in such faraway places
Just like stars so far, so remote.

Mother!
And you are in Bukgando far, far away.

Longing for something, I wrote my name
On a hill with so many stars burning
And then buried it with dirt.

Indeed, an insect chirping all night does so
Because it bemoans its shameful name.

Yet, if winter’s gone
And spring comes to my stars,
Just as green turves will bloom on graves,
So the grasses on the hill where my name’s buried
Will grow thick as if to bragging about themselves.
Yun, Dong-ju (1917. 12. 30-1945. 2. 16), Korea’s most beloved poet, pondered human’s life and agony and anguished in the realities of his country, which was suffering under Japanese colonization. His contemplations and ideas are reflected in his poetry, and the beauty of his lyrics is yet to be surpassed by successive generations. After graduating Yonhi College, he went to Japan to study English, first to Rikkyo University in Tokyo and then to Doshisha University in Kyoto, where he was arrested by the Japanese police for alleged anti-Japanese. Yoon passed away in a prison in Fukuoka, half a year before Korea achieved independence. The poems he wrote during his years at Yonhi College contain a powerful sense of self-reflection and depict the gloomy age Japanese colonialism. *Counting the Stars at Night* is the most famous collection of poems written in this period.
Seoul, a City where Tradition and Cutting-edge Technology Coexists

The Korean peninsula totals 220,000 km², roughly the size of the United Kingdom. Since the division of South and North Korea in 1945, South Korea (Republic of Korea) has occupied the southern 100,000 km² of the peninsula. While North Korea embraced a hermit-like totalitarianism based on Communist ideology and is continually challenging the world with nuclear threats, South Korea has embarked on an entirely different political path, emerging from the grasp of military dictatorship into a democracy admired by many around the globe.

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is a lively city filled with cutting-edge technology and dynamic energy; together with a wide selection of shops, culture, food, and entertainment. With 10 million people living in the city, Seoul is a modern and colorful city competing with the best cities in the world: New York, London, and Tokyo. It boasts a network of historical sites such as Gyeongbok Palace, Changdeok Palace, Gwanganwamun and Insadong, that coexists with its cutting-edge image. Foreign tourists who visit Seoul are mesmerized by the beautiful view of Namsan and Han River, in the middle of the city, and also by the nightlife and safety of Seoul, a city that does not sleep.

The Main Campus in Sinchon is only 10 minutes away by bus or metro from the heart of Seoul and therefore boasts a location that is unsurpassed by other universities located in Seoul. Located at the heart of Korea, the campus of 30,000 students bares an immense potential for attracting world-class scholars and academic talent, and for convergence research in humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. Sinchon and the neighboring Hongdae area form an academic nexus of four universities—Yonsei, Ewha Womans, Sogang and Hongik—attracting not only college students and alumni but also high school students, and thus creating a young and lively atmosphere.

Yonsei is carrying out innovation in Songdo International City, raising future leaders through well-rounded, creative and experiential education.

Songdo International City, Incheon, the Hub-city of East Asia

Yonsei International Campus is located within Songdo International City, a planned city that literally rose out of the sea, as a result of the world’s largest private city development project since 2001 propelled by a collaborative partnership of New York-based Gale International, Korea-based POSCO E&C, and public-sector partner Incheon Metropolitan. Designated an Incheon Free Economic Zone, Songdo International City is close to Incheon International Airport and is thus easy to access from neighboring Asian countries such as China, Hong Kong, and Japan. One-third of the world’s population can reach Incheon International Airport within just three and a half hours: an hour and a half from Shanghai, two hours from Tokyo, three and a half hours from Hong Kong. Incheon Bridge, the longest bridge in Korea, connects Incheon International Airport with Songdo International City, and from there the expressway leads to Central Gangnam in Seoul, a mere 45-minute drive.

Facing Yonsei International Campus, SUNY, George Mason University, University of Utah, and Ghent University have opened their international campuses in the International Global Campus site. Nearby are other major educational institutions, such as Incheon National University, Inha University (planned for 2020), and Chadwick International School (primary to high school) have made their homes. This creates a youthful and academic atmosphere, and science chapters of academia industry collaborative institutes are being developed around Yonsei University’s School of Pharmacy.

“The heart of Seoul and therefore boasts a democracy admired by many around the globe.”

MICHAEL HOPE
Assistant Professor of Asian History, Underwood International College

YONSEI, Leading the Way to the Future
PyeongChang, where the sky and the land meet. Yonsei’s excellent medical staff provided all medical support for the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

At the 123rd IOC Session on July 6, 2011, on its third consecutive bidding, the small town of PyeongChang, Gangwon-do, was finally named the host city for the 2018 Winter Olympics. The 23rd Winter Olympics was held for 17 days in February 2018 (9 to 25) at PyeongChang, thirty years after the 1988 Seoul Olympics. The opening and closing ceremonies and most of the snow sports competitions were held in PyeongChang, while Gangneung hosted ice sports and Jeongseon hosted alpine skiing.

Yonsei University Wonju Severance Christian Hospital, located within an hour from the PyeongChang Winter Olympics Stadium, was designated the official hospital for the 2018 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, on the basis of its excellent medical professionals and its newly built network of medical facilities, including extension facilities, such as the outpatient center and the regional trauma center. Wonju Severance Christian Hospital provided extensive and intensive medical support for the athletic quarters, clinical operations, the International Broadcasting Center, and the Main Press Center.

Yonsei University looks forward to the future.

While the industrial society demanded people with knowledge, the future demands warm-hearted people with principles.

To cultivate such values, Yonsei is creating innovation through all areas, encompassing education, research, and global engagement, while breaking conventional norms and common frames.

Nurturing sustainable development of people, society, and humanity, the journey of Yonsei’s future “re-enacting of the past” continues.