2022 SNUAC-Doshisha Joint Workshop

RIVER CULTURE CULTIVATION OF SOCIAL COOPERATIVE HANGANG

- COMBINING CULTURE AND TOURISM IN ECOLOGY

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1. Social Cooperative Hangang



About Us







Members: 642 Employees : 11 (as of Aug 22)

Budget : 3.1 **billion Korean** Won (2021)

Number of volunteers : about 8,000 (2019 ~ 2021)





Mission Statement

By recovering ecology and restoring authentic culture of Hangang, we bring the values of ecology and culture to people.

History in brief

- Aug 25, 2018: Launching ceremony
- Nov 2018: Registered as Social Cooperative
- Feb 2019: Signed MoU with Hangang Business Headquarter, Seoul Metropolitan Government
- Mar 2019: Signed MoU with Citizen's Alliance for Noeul Park
- May 2019 : Organizing Saetgang Forum
- May 2019: Opened branch office in Goyang city
- June 2019: Designated as Donation Organization by Ministry of Planning & Finance
- Aug. 2019: Designated as prospective Social Enterprise (Ministry of Environment)



History in brief (Continue)

- Apr. 2020 : Designated as consignment business entity for Saetgang Ecological Park (Seoul **Metropolitan Government**)
- May 2020 : Opened branch office in Yeoju city
- May 2020 : Research project on river culture activation (Ministry of Environment)
- Jan. 2021 : Established Otters Conservation Network
- Mar. 2021 : Signed MoU with Friends of Nature
- Jun. 2021 : Signed Mou with Seoul Metropolitan Government & Hyundai Motors Group about <Environmental Friendly Renovation and Activation of Saetgang Ecological Park>
- Apr. 2022 : Renewal of consignment operation contract for Saetgang Ecological Park
- Apr. 2022 : Signed MoU with Seoul Youngdeungpo Welfare Center for the disabled

Business Area

Restoration of river ecology : management of Saetgang Eco Park, Protection of otters, wetland conservation activities, etc.

River culture activation : building up Yeoju river culture center, Han river trail trekking, riverside camping, Han river roaming theatre, etc.

Citizens' science / campaigns : ecological monitoring by citizen scientists, R&D on civil management of commons, policy research about river culture activation, etc.





Goals – a. Governance





Governance model

- MoU of 3 parties : Seoul Metropolitan Government / Hyundai Motors Group / **Social Cooperative Hangang**
- Signed date : June 23, 2021
- MoU title : Environmental friendly renovation and activation of Saetgang **Ecological Park**
- MoU period : 10 years
- Donation by Hyundai Motors based on this MoU : 4.5 billion Korean Won
- Saetgang Ecological Park Steering Committee
- . Major stakeholders participates in the steering committee.

Goals – b. Ecological and Cultural Lifestyle



Away from Corona, Close to nature



Goals – c. Ecological Welfare



Saetgang Ecological Park (April 2021)

Saetgang Ecological Park Center remodeling plan

2. Ecological activities



2-1 Enhancing bio-diversity

- Tree planting activities
- Controlling alien species
- Wild lives research and conservation activity







2-2. Conservation of otters

Summary : Otters are back! As ecological system of Saetgang is getting better, otters came back to live in Saetgang park.

- In 2020 : otters monitoring activity
- Jan 2021 : Established Hangang Otters Conservation network
- Jan 2021 : Press conference about otters found in Han river
- Jan 2021 ~ present : Otters' sisters activity
- Jun 2021 : Otters are found at Saetgang Ecological Park
- Until today : Otters habitat protection activity, campaigns, events

such as otters painting festival

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Campaigns





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2-3. Ecological monitoring

Summary: We educate citizen scientists and volunteers to do ecological monitoring. Along with regular monitoring by professionals, we operate citizens' monitoring.

- Monitoring by professionals
- Education courses for citizens : school for 'otter sisters', school for citizen scientists, etc





3. Combining culture and tourism with Ecology

Why does Hangang combine culture and tourism with ecology?





4. What is River Culture?

- 'River Culture' means everything of environmental, spiritual, materialistic, academic, and emotional features such as river related naturality, community life style, way of living, values, etc.
- > River oriented
- > Utilizing the special features of the space(river) -
- > Community build-up
- > Sustainability
- > Local culture boom-up

4-1. River Culture plan in Korea

- 'River Culture Activation' is one of 25 goals stated in Korea First National Water Management Plan (2021~2030).
- > The concept of 'river culture' based on space features and local community should be defined legally.
- > The activation plan of river culture should consider tradition and history of each local area. -Based on these things, activation plan should be set. (2021~2023)

5 Cultural activities - Forest of Humanities

Summary: Humanities school provides with various programs combining ecology, humanities, and arts.

- Humanities program such as writing, philosophy, and literature.
- Photo exhibition in the forest
- Poems recital in the forest
- Film festival



Saetgang Forest School

- Forest healing programs
- Walking program reading poems
- Book concert, etc.



















6. Tourism – Voluntour, ESG tour

Purpose : Hangang aims to restore river ecosystem and provides various experiences on river and riverside.

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6-1. Voluntour

Concept : Volunteering + Tour

- Tour program with volunteering activities
- For example, plogging tour, tree planting tour, etc
- We organized river trash picking tour doing kayak riding

** Voluntour program for foreign tourists is going to begin from next month.

https://youtu.be/VIPcVaCQA4s



6-2. ESG Tour

Purpose : ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) is the essential goal for global and domestic enterprises. Hangang provides ESG group tour for companies or organizations.

- River trekking program for K Water (state owned company). Joint tour of K water employees and citizens is a governance program of K water.
- We are going to offer tree planting tour program to companies so that they can achieve the goal of 'carbon neutrality'.

7. Vision of Social Cooperative Hangang

- Platform for river ecology & culture
- Citizens' change and participation
- Governance
- Climate action and ESG achievement
- Building up communities.



Thank you!

