

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

YEOSU ACADEMY

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APPLICATION

7 JULY – 10 AUGUST 2025

Photo : Geomundo Island, located in Yeosu, Republic of Korea, is known for its natural beauty and historical significance.

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The Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea is a key initiative under the **Yeosu Project**, which carries forward the legacy of **EXPO 2012 Yeosu Korea** and the principles of the **Yeosu Declaration**. The Academy is designed to provide education and training on ocean affairs to participants from developing countries, helping them address pressing maritime challenges.

This intensive two-week program is tailored for government officials, researchers, and other professionals involved in ocean policy-making, as well as professors and graduate students from developing countries who are interested in ocean governance. In addition to capacity-building, the Academy seeks to foster a global network of experts and scholars in the field of ocean affairs, promoting international cooperation and the development of intergovernmental policies.

Through this program, participants gain a comprehensive understanding of the modern law of the sea and are exposed to key international and regional issues concerning the ocean.



Application

- ✓ The Yeosu Academy welcomes applications from individuals from developing countries who are involved in maritime-related fields, including;
 - Government officials, researchers and professionals working in maritime-related organizations; and
 - professors or graduate students with an interest in ocean affairs and/or the law of the sea.
- ✓ The application period is from **7 July to 10 August 2025**.
- ✓ Prospective applicants must submit their applications through the online application system at;
 - <http://www.yeosuacademy.com/join/application.php>
- ✓ Please carefully read the guide to apply on the Academy webpage and ensure that all required documents are submitted.
- ✓ Acceptances will be made on a rolling basis.
 - As there are many applicants, early application is strongly recommended.



Financial Support and Accommodation

- ✓ All participants will be assigned to share a twin room with another participant. Participants who wish to stay in a single-occupancy room must notify the secretariat in advance and will be required to pay an additional fee.
- ✓ Breakfast, refreshments during the Academy courses will be provided to all participants.
- ✓ There are no registration or tuition fees for courses at the Yeosu Academy.

Program

- ✓ Courses will be held in seminar rooms at Yeosu Youth Maritime Education Institute.
- ✓ The program of the Yeosu Academy is made up of two parts. The first week provides an overview of the basic concepts of the law of the sea and ocean policy. The second week focuses on the implementation of the international law of the sea and other related practical issues based on the prior week's study.



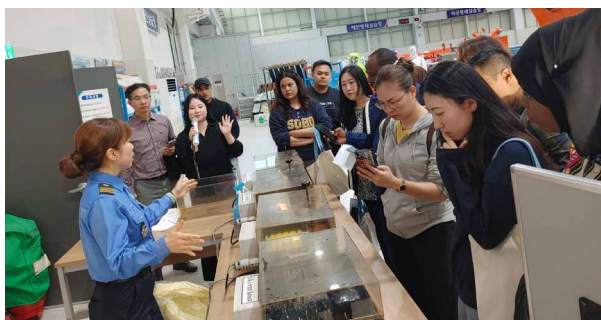
- ✓ The workshops will offer a comprehensive understanding of the international law of the sea.
- ✓ Program (draft)
 - **1st Week: Basics of the Law of the Sea and Policy**
History of the Law of the Sea, Territorial Sea, Archipelagic Waters, Baselines, EEZ, Continental Shelf, High Seas, Deep Seabed, Freedom of Navigation, Maritime Security, Marine Scientific Research, Marine Environment Protection, Marine Debris, and Coastal Management
 - **2nd Week: Practical Issues**
Fisheries, Maritime Boundary Delimitation, Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf, Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, Climate Change and the Law of the Sea, Polar Regions and the Law of the Sea, Piracy and Dispute Settlement
 - **Workshops** One workshop per week (Weeks 1 & 2)

Lecturers

- ✓ The Twelfth Session of the Yeosu Academy features a distinguished faculty, including renowned scholars, judges, senior officials from international organizations, and other leading professionals in the field of ocean affairs.
- ✓ A full list of lecturers, along with their biographies, will be updated on our website. For more information, please visit: <http://www.yeosuacademy.com>

Graduation & Field Trips

- ✓ During the graduation ceremony, all participants who successfully pass examinations will be awarded diplomas.
- ✓ Field trips will be arranged to enjoy the scenic beauty of Yeosu and its surrounding areas, and to visit maritime-affiliated agencies including the Korea Coast Guard Training Institute, understanding the law of the sea enforcement in practice.
- ✓ Participants will also have opportunities to network with lecturers and fellow attendees through various events and social functions.



Visas

- ✓ Please check in advance whether you are eligible to enter Korea without a visa and review any other entry requirements that may apply prior to your departure.
 - An invitation letter can be issued upon request for visa application purposes.
 - The Yeosu Academy does not provide any identity or financial guarantees for participants.

Secretariat

- ✓ Korea Maritime Institute serves as the Secretariat of the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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Travel

- ✓ Transportation from Incheon International Airport to the accommodation in Yeosu will be provided. Specific pickup schedules will be communicated to each participant individually in due course.



Invitation to the 2025 GORC

- ✓ All participants of the Yeosu Academy are cordially invited to attend the 2025 Global Ocean Regime Conference (GORC).
- ✓ The GORC is an annual international conference on the law of the sea, hosted by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and organized by the Korea Maritime Institute (KMI).
- ✓ The 2025 GORC will take place on 3-4 November 2025 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- ✓ Additional details for the 2025 GORC will be shared at a later stage.