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Traces of Saemaul Undong

2020~Present

2010

2000

1990

1980

1970

1970. 04. 22.
Proposed the 'Growth of Saemaul Undong'

1972. 01. 14.
Opening of the elite farmer training center & provided Saemaul Training

1972. 03. 07.
Establishment of 'Saemaul Undong Central Council'
(A Presidential decree No. 6104)

1972. 04. 02.
Written & Composed the Saemaul Song

1973.
Implementation of Saemaul Training for Foreigners

1973. 11. 22.
Opening of the 1st National Saemaul Leadership Conference

1976. 11. 10.
Establishment of Central council for Saemaul Undong as a private organization

1977.02.21
Establishment of promotion headquarters for Saemaul Undong in factory level

1980. 09. 11.
Establishment of Saemaul Male Leader's Central Association & Saemaul Female Leaders' Central Association

1980. 12. 01.
Establishment of the Saemaul Undong Central Headquarter
(Current Korea Saemaul Undong Center)

1980. 12. 13.
Legislation of Saemaul Undong Organization Promotion Act
(Act No. 3269)

1981. 10. 01.
Joining of membership of the Saemaul library Central Association

1983. 04. 26.
Opening of the Saemaul Museum

1984. 02. 11.
Joining of membership of the Korean federation of community credit cooperatives

1990. 10.
Development of New Order · New Life Practice Movement
- Thrift and saving, cleanliness, recover morality, habituation of reading

1997. 03. 29.
「3 Million Saemaul Family Savings Campaign」 for the revitalization of economy
- Achieved total of 5.3 trillion KRW saving deposit

1997. 11. 24.
Gathering Gold Campaign('Aeguk Garakji Mougi') to overcome IMF crisis
- Gathering household gold rings with patriotism

1997.
Culture exchange and farming Project with Horol county, Yonhae-ju
(with National self-governing council of Russian-Koreans, Ussuriysk)

1999. 07. 16
Implementation of the National Undong for the Civil Social Safety Net

2000. 04. 10.
NGO registration of the UN DIP

2000.07.20.
Sent 'reunification handcarts' to North Korea (23,000 units)

2002. 07. 23.
NGO Member Registration of UN ECOSOC

2002.
Promotion of regional development projects with local authorities from 7 countries such as Vietnam, Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo

2009.
Starting of promotion to globalize the Saemaul Undong with Ministry of the Interior and Safety

2010. 10. 08.
Visiting of the President Thein Sein from Myanmar

2011. 03. 08.
Establishment of Saemaul Day(2011.04.22.)
(Revision of the Saemaul Undong organization promotion act, Act No. 10438)

2011. 12. 27.
Records related to the Saemaul Undongs (total of 3,015 items) have become the 6th nation's designated record materials

2013. 02. 01.
Visiting of the President Joyce Banda from Malawi

2013. 05. 31.
Visiting of the President Yoweri Museveni from Uganda

2013. 06. 18.
UNESCO Memory of the World registration (22,084 cases)

2014. 08. 11.
Visiting of the King Letsie III from the Kingdom of Lesotho

2014. 10. 21.
Hosted the 1st Global Saemaul Leadership Forum(GSLF) 2014

2014. 12. 14.
Visiting of the Prime Minister Hun Sen from Cambodia

2016. 10. 19.
Foundation of the Saemaul Undong Global League(SGL) (with 33 countries)

2018.
Promotion of Saemaul model project for Oceania Continent

2019.
Promotion of Saemaul model project for Central and South America continent

2020~
Promotion of On-Site Training of Global Saemaul Undong (total of 1,836 participants from 10 countries, as of 2022. 12.)

2020. 04. 22.
50th anniversary of the Saemaul Undong(Commemorative ceremony was held on the 25th of June, 2020)

2021~
Promotion of Local Training of Global Saemaul Undong (total of 644 participants from 5 countries, as of 2022. 12.)

2022. 05. 13.
Launching ceremony of the National Federation of University Saemaul Clubs(62 universities)

2022. 10. 25.
Visiting of the Prime Minister from Tanzania

"Again Saemaul Undong, To the World and Beyond"

Korea was once one of the most poorest countries in the world. It was the Saemaul Undong which worked as the driving force in Korea's remarkable development and led us to stand up and overcome the ruins of the dark colonial period and also the terrible Korean War.

The Saemaul spirit of diligence, self-help, and cooperation had absorbed into every corner of Korea's communities and let us to achieve the Han River's miracle in shortest time which is unprecedented in the world.

Now we intend to share our experiences to eradicate global poverty and to make this world a better place where all can live together.

In the future, Saemaul Undong, under the flag of 'Again Saemaul Undong, To the World and Beyond', will try our best effort to overcome the climate crisis that threatens the lives of mankind, the horrors of war and terrorism, energy and food crisis. We will strive for the common prosperity of the global community.

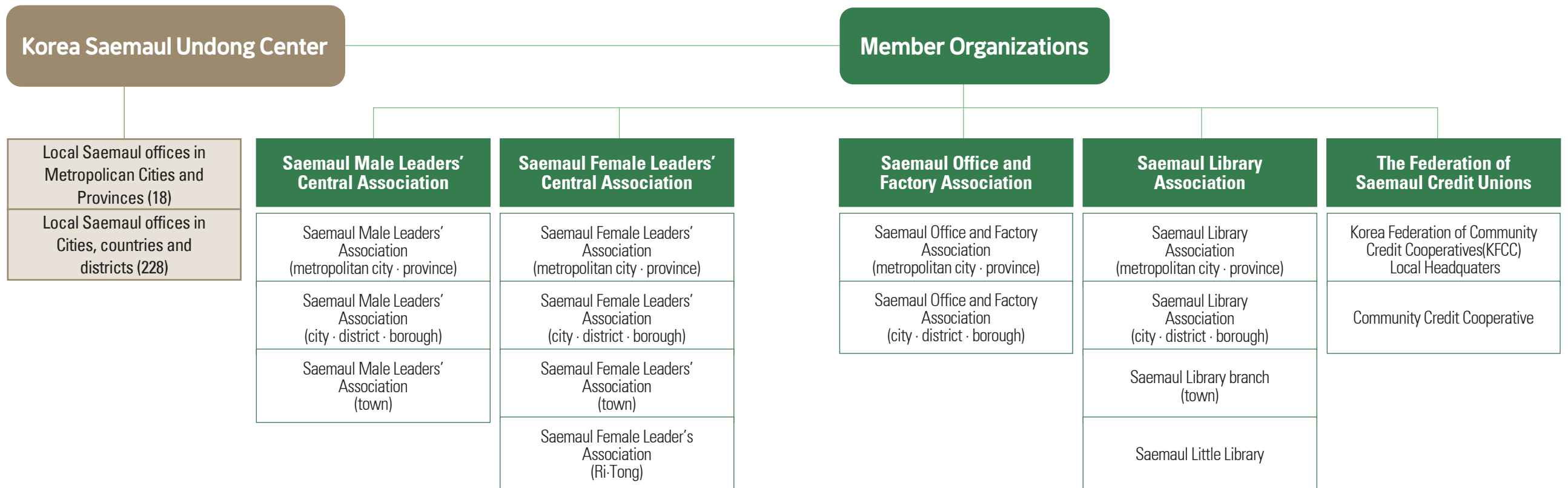
President of Korea Saemaul Undong Center **KWAK Daehoon**



Korea Saemaul Undong Center & Member Organization

Saemaul Undong had been implemented from 1970 to 1980 with the nationwide projects in the village level.

Since 1980, with the transition to a private-lead movement, Korea Saemaul Undong Center and local unit of administration along with 5 member organization are unrolling active administrative and planning ability.





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01 | What is Saemaul Undong?

1 The Meaning of Saemaul Undong

Saemaul Undong is 'a movement for better life.' In other words, it is a **community movement** that cultivates a nice village where not only myself but also neighbors can live well. Saemaul Undong has a great meaning that includes material, mental affluence with healthy society to build a proud country with harmony and prosperity for the future generation.

Saemaul = New Village



2 Saemaul spirit

Diligence-self-help-cooperation are the Saemaul spirit which are actionable philosophy and practical theory.

Diligence Participate in meaningful work with sincereness & **diligence**

Self-help

Cultivate **voluntarily** rather than depending on others or shift the responsibilities

Cooperation

Participate for a community's growth based on community spirit which emphasize '**us**' rather than 'me'

02 | The Birth of Saemaul Undong

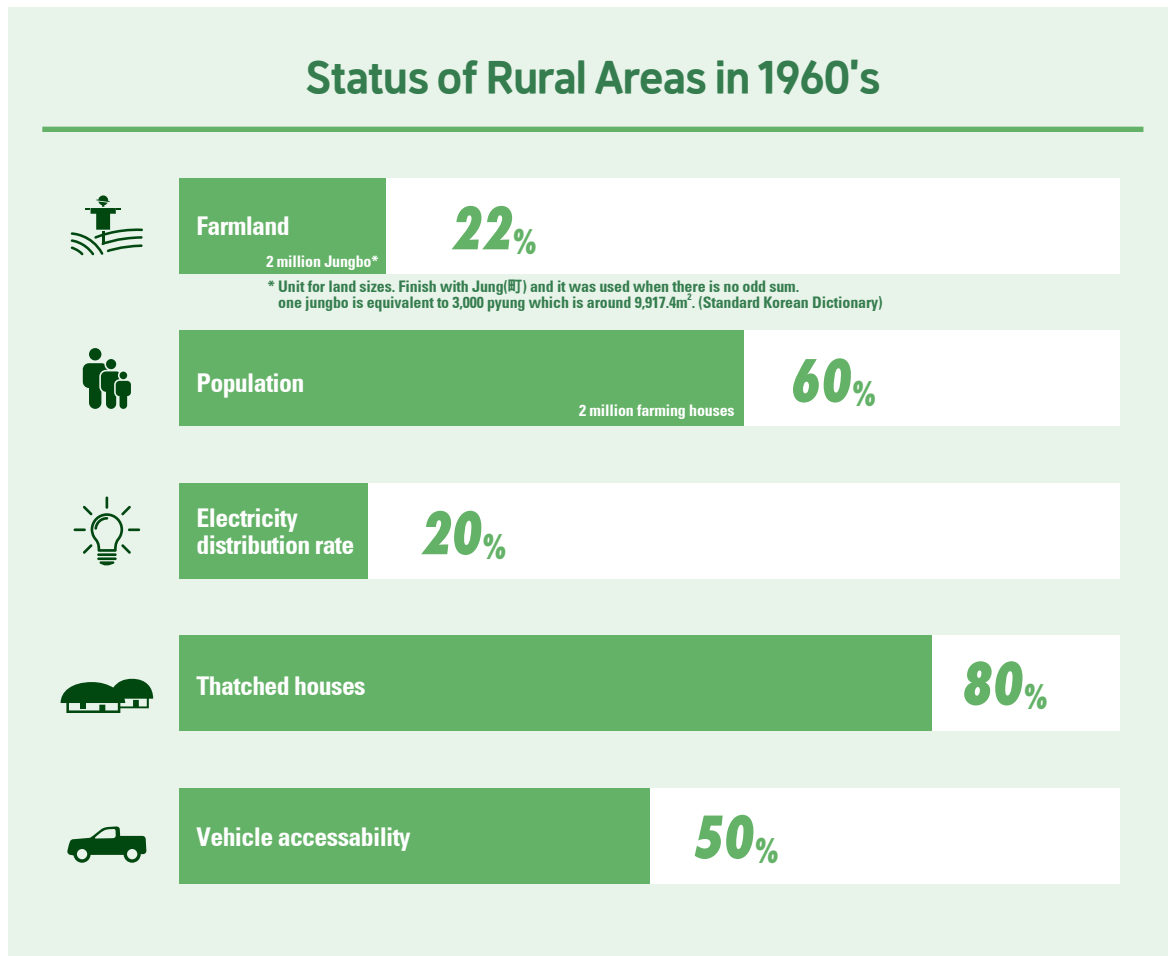
1 Korea Before Saemaul Undong

Korea was one of the world's poorest countries after the Korean War, fully depending on foreign aids and GNP was 67 USD in 1953 and 80 USD in 1960.

As the first Five-Year Economic and Social Development Plan(1962~1966) was commenced, Korean economy was boosted along with heavy industry, manufacturing, service industry developed which caused the migration to the urban area. Thus, as the gap between urban and rural area got greater, Korean farming areas had to face with more challenging situations.



From 1970's, Korean government was able to support minimal materials like cements, rebars etc to support farmers' self-help projects. They have supplied 335 bags of cements to every 33,000 villages in the nation to enable villagers themselves can utilize these materials for whatever projects that their villages can possibly need. Also the government used 'differential support policy' based on the accomplishments to motivate villagers to participate with strong dedication.



2 Beginning of Saemaul Undong

Saemaul Undong was declared on April 22nd, 1970 by suggesting 10 Saemaul projects to enhance the basic environment of farmhouses. Expansion of village road, improvement of roof & wall for houses, installation of communal well & washing place, construction of bridges and maintenance of small creeks etc were included in the 10 projects.

The government provided 335 bags of cements to 33,267 villages for free and villagers used these material to improve their village environment which provided valuable experience that they can lead changes.



Thus, villagers who had previously been relied totally on government support began to invest their labor, land and even cash into the Saemaul Project voluntarily. Not to mention the clearly visible development results in rural areas began to show up. As a consequence, These changes which began in rural farming villages have spread into the nation and Korean people obtained big confidence and willingness that 'Just do it', 'We can do it'.

How to Promote the Saemaul Undong

- 1 **The government ignites and stimulates villagers through its support**
- 2 **Dedicated Saemaul leaders are elected through village's general meeting**
- 3 **Projects are selected through village's general meetings**
- 4 **Establishment of plans tailored to the village's situation**
- 5 **Spontaneous participation and cooperation of villagers in implementing projects**
- 6 **Follow-up and evaluation session after each projects**



Improvement of thatched roof



Village meeting



Pavement of Village roads



Villager training



Income generating projects

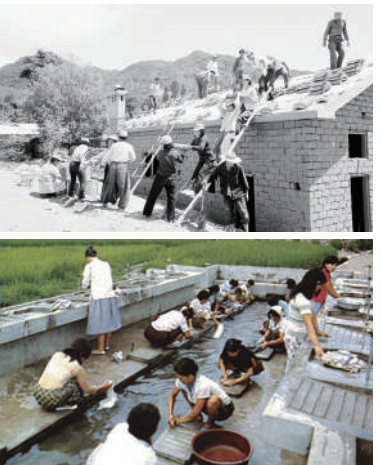


Saemaul leader

03 | Spreading Process of Saemaul Undong

Building of foundation, Improvement of environment

- Building of Saemaul Undong foundations, Improvement of environment
- Boost of Saemaul Undong led by public institution in rural areas
- Roof improvement, maintenance of streams, construction of communal well, village & farm roads, etc.
- Cultivation of new Saemaul leaders through Saemaul training
- Priority in support for outstanding villages



Building of production basis, income increment

- Installment of Saemaul Department to city, province institutions
- Classification of villages into basic · self-help · self-reliance level for management(village roads, living environment, agricultural basis, communal funds, household income)
- Increase in extra income by building Saemaul factories, Raise in village-funds by cultivating saplings, forestation etc. Reinvestment of extra fund



Expansion into the society

- Expansion of Saemaul Undong to wide society such as city, office, factory and school
- Government's designation as the 1st day of each months
- Commenced Saemaul Training to high level civil servants, teachers and other leader levels



Expansion as a national movement

- Organization of Saemaul members even to a small village level to support for national events and to build healthier society
- Voluntary service for the 88 Olympics, overcome of IMF crisis, Gathering Gold Campaign, saving movement for the economy, Taeon oil spill recovery activities, etc.
- The government announced the Saemaul Day (April 22nd)



Expansion to Global Saemaul Undong

- In 2009, active expansion to Global Saemaul Undong
- Conducted invitational trainings, built Saemaul Undong Model Villages, proceeded workshop step by step to support developing countries
- Saemaul Undong Global League(SGL) with 46 member countries participated for Saemaul Undong
- Provided quarantine supplies and support to SGL member counties to help COVID 19 situation



04 | The Strategic Approach of Saemaul Undong

Public-Private Partnership and Fostering Saemaul Leaders

Based on the government's elaborate plan and support, the public and private sector could cooperate and had sufficient communication channel. Also, the government established Saemaul Undong Training Center to provide support in fostering Saemaul leaders who can lead Saemaul Undong in fields.



Target to improve social structure of Agricultural and fishing villages

By switching the way of thinking among villagers as 'development of village is also my development' to bring sustainable practices and active participation from oneself has led to the modernization of the farm & fishing village's social structure.



Inspiration of cooperative spirit & confidence

By selecting projects which can bring immediate effect in the early stages of Saemaul Undong to encourage active participation of villagers and provide confidence by realizing the importance of the cooperative spirit.



Lead competition in a good way

According to the result of Saemaul Undong, the government classified the villages. Then they supported villages by the 'outstanding village come first policy' which led competition in a good way and drove motivation among the villages.



Support communal projects

Villages with own organization & rules proceeded Saemaul Undong through general meetings by recognizing the efficiency of communal projects and utilization of common funds to build 'a village where all can work and live well together'.



Build a responsible administration system

For a smooth flow of administrative and financial support, administration system per administration units was built across the country and designated local public officials to take charge and offer responsible services.



Organize nationwide movement ambience

Held the National Saemaul Leadership Forum and provided Saemaul flags and song to support interest for Saemaul Undong also to encourage participation of various figures to settle Saemaul spirit as the spirit of the age.



05 | The Result & Success Factors of Saemaul Undong

The Success of Saemaul Undong

- Became a driving force to overcome poverty and to modernize the nation
- Great Improvement of environment of farming houses, built basic infrastructure for production and supported income increment
- Formed a awareness that 'We can do it' confidence and proactive attitudes
- Recognized globally as a successful model for local development



Widen village roads



House improvement



Stream fostering



The Success Factors of Saemaul Undong

- The government's active support and policy in early stages
- Voluntary participation from villagers based on their own decision
- Dedication and strong leadership from Saemaul leaders
- Provided constant motivation to leaders and members by training
- Saemaul project by village community unit
- Above all, leaders' self-respect and pride by consciousness raised up in voluntary services



06 | Saemaul Undong Archives – ‘Registration of the Memory of the World by UNESCO,’



In June 18th 2013, the ‘Saemaul Undong Archives’ were registered as the UNESCO Memory of the World at the 11th UNESCO IAC Assembly.

The registration is meaningful to be recognized as unprecedented nation’s development model as a successful case of cooperation between public and private sector to make Saemaul Undong as a **“Valuable asset for humanity”**.

“As far as I know there is no comparison with the Saemaul Undong Archives from the existing records.”

Ray Edmonson,
UNESCO Memory of the World Chair

“Saemaul Undong can suggest a very good precedent for countries in their reconstruction after disputes.”

Roslyn Russell,
UNESCO Memory of the World Chair

“We think Saemaul Undong record can provide basic information where it is required to eradicate poverty.”

Joie Springer,
UNESCO Memory of the World Program Officer



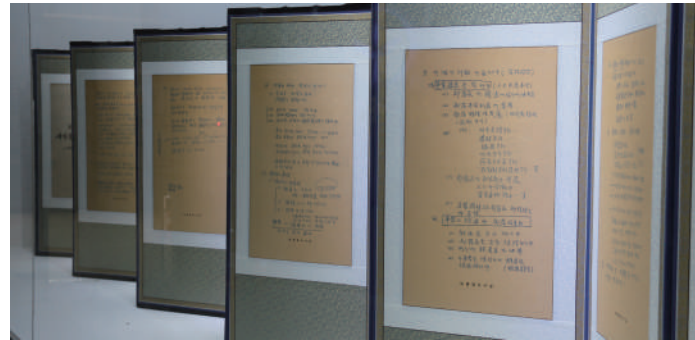
"UNESCO Memory of the World registration as a world citizen's asset"

Total of 22,084 cases of Saemaul Undong Archives from 1970 to 1979 which includes records from the central & local government, local site and the Korea Saemaul Undong Training Center have been registered as the UNESCO Memory of the World.

14,647 records from the governmental institutes are kept in the National Archives of Korea, 7,437 records including Saemaul Undong Training materials and records from the village unit are kept in Korea Saemaul Undong Center(the Saemaul Museum).

The Planning of Saemaul Undong

President PARK Chung-hee personally wrote the Saemul Undong speech script which includes basic and promotion plan also theory in detail. It is evaluated as " the Saemaul Undong planning document".

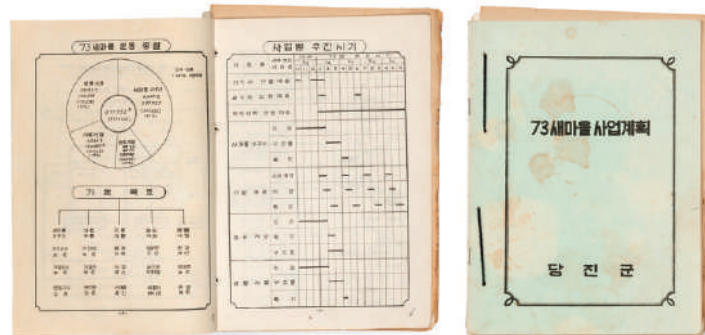


The Saemaul Undong speech script first draft from the former president PARK Chung-hee

The Starting of Saemaul Undong

Villagers participation

Each village across the country, villagers recorded meeting minutes
 · project journal ·accounting book
 · bank book during the Saemaul Undong project which includes details of planning, implementation and evaluation.



Saemaul Project Plan(Dang jin Province)



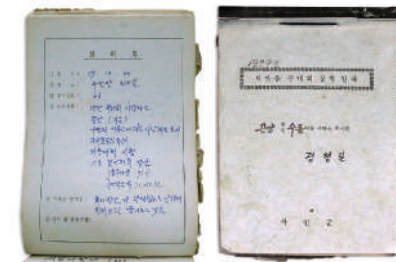
Certificate, completion album



The Saemaul Magazine



The Saemaul Photo Book



The chairman Jeong Haeng-gil Female Leader's Association journal

The Succession of Saemaul Spirit

Saemaul Undong Training and dissemination of Saemaul Undong

Saemaul Archives such as the group discussion results, trainee album, letters and other printed materials were produced since the beginning of Saemaul Undong Training in 1972. The archives confirm Saemaul Leader Training is a core driving force of Saemaul Undong, the roles and importance of Saemaul Undong Training.

The Expansion of Saemaul Undong Expanded to Broad Social Areas

Saemaul Undong began among farmhouses achieved a triumph and expanded into city, office, factory, school and even military. By going through the Saemaul Undong Archives, we can check out for the relevant Saemaul activities based on fields' speciality.

Research and promotion of the Saemaul Undong Sharing the value of Saemaul Undong

As Saemaul Undong expanded across the country, the government and educational institutes published monthly magazines, comic books, various books, research papers, etc. to help people understand the propagation process of Saemaul spirit, success case studies and skill acquisition.

Saemaul Female Leaders' Association Women lead the changes

Women who gained confidence and opportunities from Saemaul Undong became accelerators at home and villages. As a result, women's social and financial status also improved greatly.

07 | The Present and Future of Saemaul Undong

The present of the Saemaul Undong (activities)

Creating the warm world where all can live together

- Resolving blind spot for care using Saemaul social safety net
- 'Making good neighbors' by resident's participation
- Creation of creative local culture by daily reading
- Enhancement of mature liberal democratic citizenship
- Effective and systematic disaster relief activities



Sustainable preservation of earth's environment

- Establishment of 'eco-friendly' practice
- Implementation and promotion of 'Circular economy' by activating recycled materials
- Preservation and management of nature and eco-system to include forests, oceans, soils



Implementation of global community prosperity

- Improvement of the local-customized Saemaul model village promotion and management system
- Variation in contents of Saemaul education program for foreigners and expansion of educational opportunities
- Enforcement of global partnership through model operation of the Saemaul Undong's overseas base



Growth of both innovative and creative leaders

- Enforcement of solidarity and cooperation among member organizations for the expansion of Saemaul members
 - MOU sign-ups and operation of clubs at universities across the country (67 MOUs and 58 clubs, total of 2,700 members)
 - Operation of youth Saemaul solidarity with the connection of local private organizations
 - Operation of the youth promotion team, 'SAELUV' who delivers the news of Saemaul via video contents
- Operation of overseas volunteer groups to expand youth participation
- Securing of professionalism and function upgrade of Saemaul education



The future of the Saemaul Undong (Direction of propulsion)

Domestic



As the nation's representative movement, construct 'K-style' developed country by resolving conflicts between generation, regions and classes building social capital as well

Overseas



Based on the previous successful experience of overcoming poverty and entering the ranks of advanced countries, try to make the world where everyone lives well by the realization of eradication of global poverty



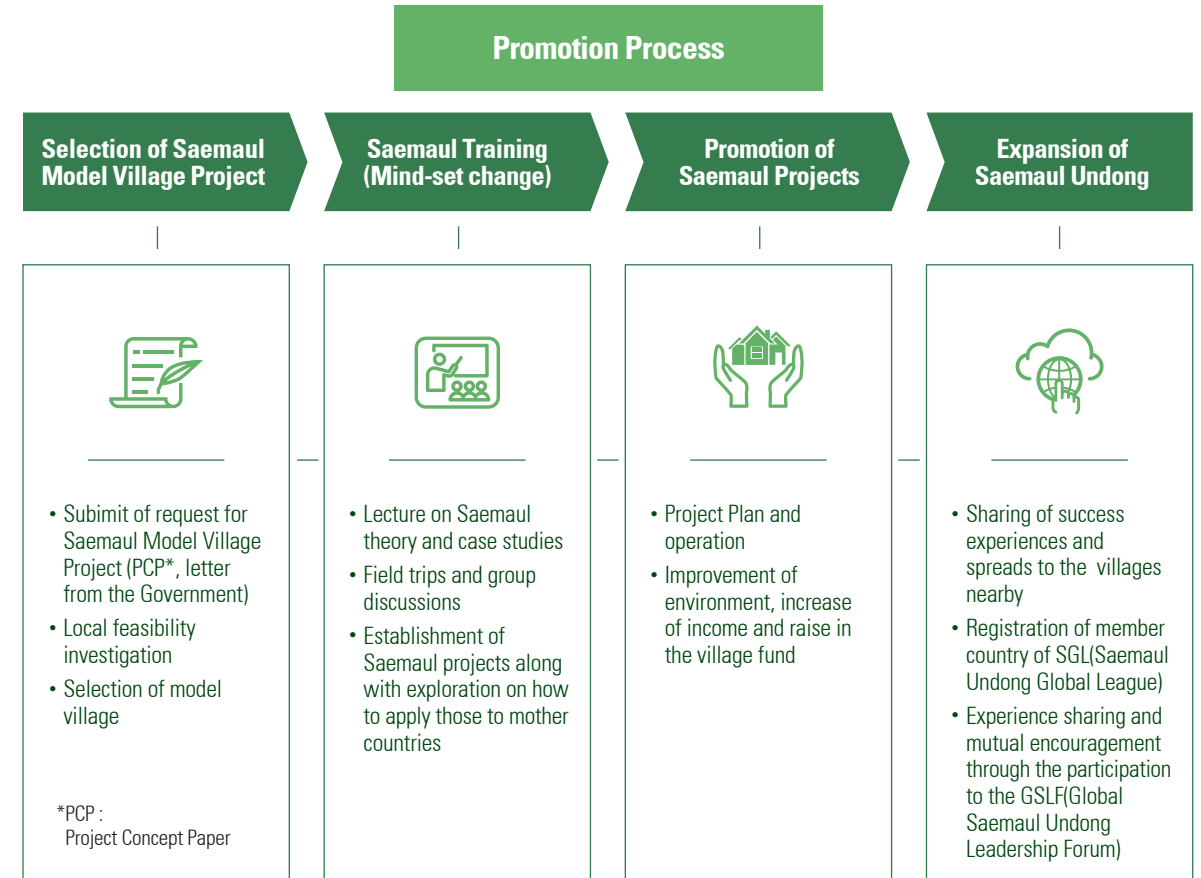
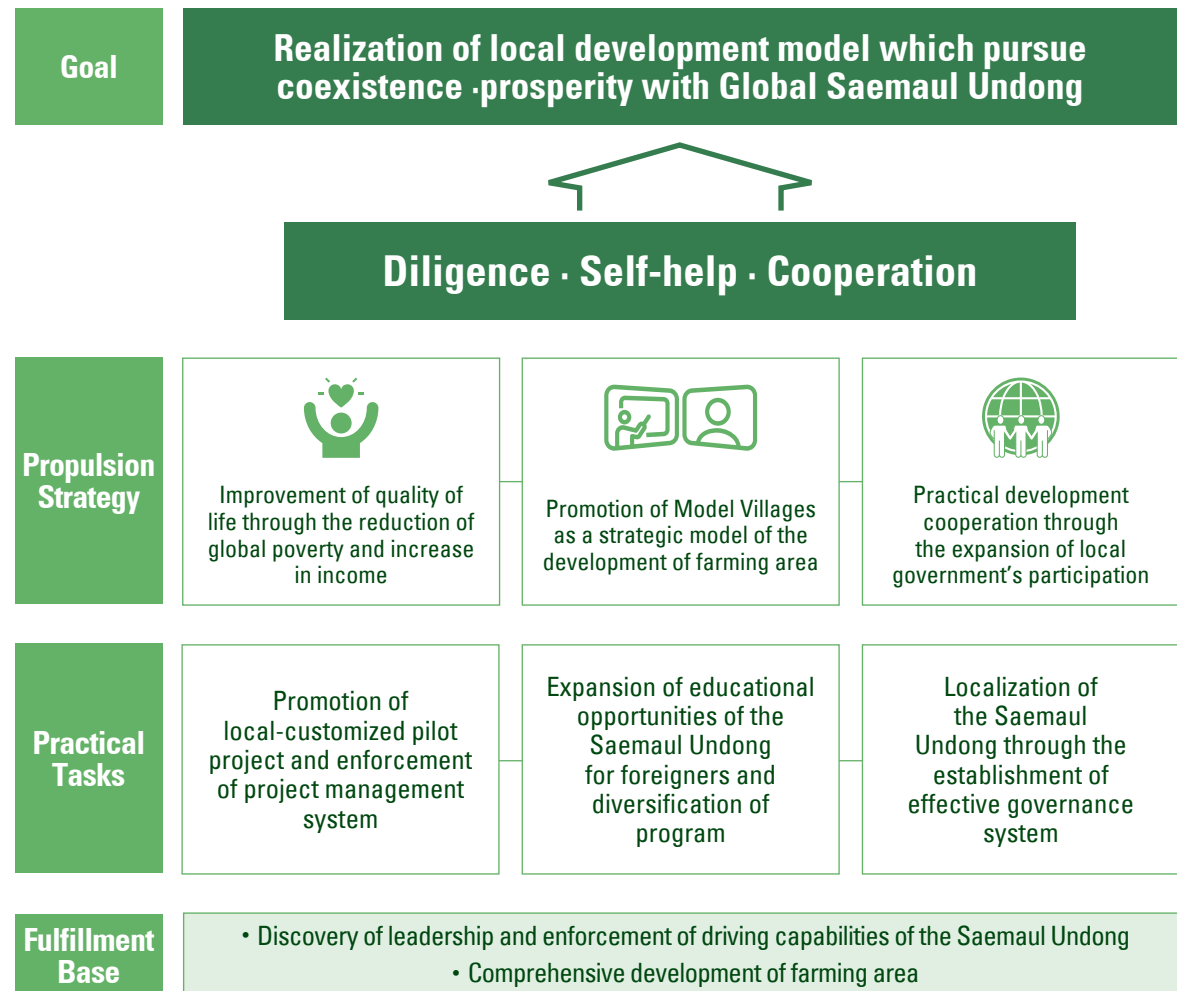


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08 | What is Global Saemaul Undong?

Korea Saemaul Undong Center wants to share its successful cases with the world and implement appropriate local models to make contribution for the global prosperity. Responding to requests from the world, Global Saemaul Undong is expanding and developing day by day, including the Saemaul Undong Training along with voluntary participation from villagers in various programs to include Model Village Projects.



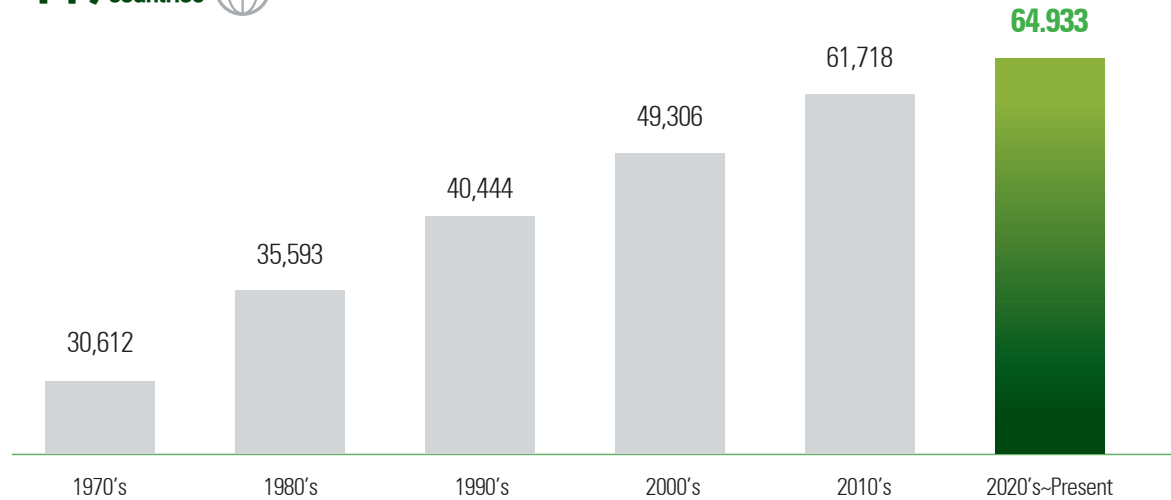
09 | Invitational Saemaul Undong Training

Saemaul Training is a practice focused training for the Saemaul leaders by learning Saemaul spirit of diligence, self-help and cooperation through lectures, group discussions and field trips.

Korea Saemaul Undong Center is managing concentrated training program to share Korea Saemaul Undong's best practices along with cooperative countries' villagers, civil servants by invitational training.

Recently the Center also offers local training, on-site training, and 1-day training to diversify training programs to meet the needs from the field and to support and nurture morality and attitudes from villagers to build the foundation for the success of Global Saemaul Undong

149 countries 



Certified foreign Saemaul trainees (Unit: person, accumulated)

Saemaul Undong Learning by Experiences with Diversified Training

Lecture

To build basic understanding and foundation of Saemaul Undong, implementing process and raising village funds by theory.

Case Study

To learn success and failure factors through Saemaul leaders' success story and recognize the necessity for changes.

Group Discussion

Through smaller group discussions, to analyze current issues and problems in villages and to come up with solutions and action plans.

Field Study

By visiting actual field of agricultural and best practiced site, experience Korean culture to act as an leader to implement Saemaul Undong in field.



10 Saemaul Model Village Projects

Korea Saemaul Undong center is fostering model village projects to improve villagers' quality of life by determining relevant villages with the partner countries.

The model village projects can be implemented along with the support from Korea and participation from villagers that can reverse villagers thinking which can lead to improvement of environments, income increment etc. Based on these success factors, Saemaul Undong has been expanded and transferred to neighboring areas.

Main contents

- **Mind-set change** Change villagers' awareness with Saemaul Training and practices
Invitational Training, Local Training, On-site Training, etc
- **Improvement of living environment** Improvement of living environment and maintenance basic infrastructure
Expansion of village inner roads, house improvement, kitchen improvement, establishment of village hall, installation of farm waterway and drain, installation of public restroom, etc
- **Support for income increment** Discovery of income resources and technology support based on local specialty
Livestock farming, cultivation of special crop, increase in agricultural productivity, establishment of agricultural infrastructure

Latin America

The Dominican Republic

- Model Village : 4 villages ('22~'26)
- Main Project : Fruit seedling Project, Water supply Project, Installation of agricultural business center, Dam construction
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 364 personnel



Honduras

- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main Project: Drinking water project, building of public health center, building of coffee process facilities
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 306 personnel



Oceania

Fiji

- Model Village : 3 villages
- Main Project: Road maintenance, building of smaller bridges, installation of garbage landfills
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 275 personnel



Asia

Cambodia

- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main Project : Water supply Project, Creation of demonstrative farms, Improvement of community environment, Installation of public toilets
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 332 personnel



Kyrgyzstan

- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main Project: Cultivation of vegetables, establishment of village hall, cow raising
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 513 personnel



Laos

- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main Project: Rain proof houses, expansion of village hall, roads pavement
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 771 personnel



Timor Leste

- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main Project: Renovation of communal well, poultry farming, remodelling of kindergarten
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 504 personnel



Africa

Brunei

- Model Village : 6 villages
- Main project : Road maintenance, planting trees, house improvement, construction of toilets, pig industry
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 349 personnel



Uganda

- Model Village : 7 villages
- Main Project : Drinking water project, Planting trees, House improvement
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 895 personnel



Zambia

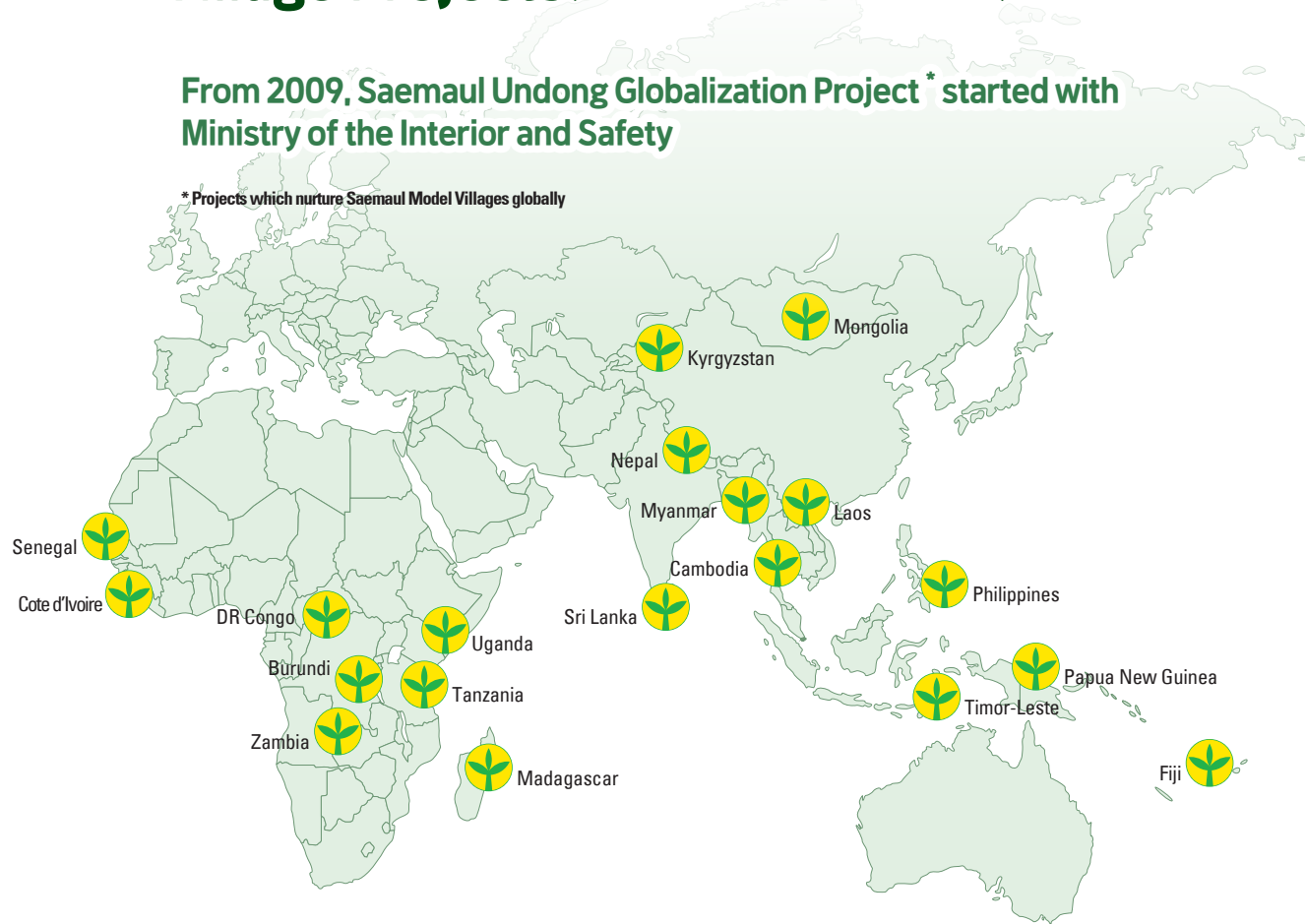
- Model Village : 4 villages
- Main project : Construction of community center, Drinking water project, Roads pavement, house building for medical personnel
- No. of Saemaul Trainee : 21 personnel



11 | Promotion Status of Saemaul Model Village Projects(2009~2023. Present)

From 2009, Saemaul Undong Globalization Project * started with Ministry of the Interior and Safety

* Projects which nurture Saemaul Model Villages globally



Promotion Status of Saemaul International Co-operation Projects (1992~2008)

pays	Contenu de projet	Durée	pays	Contenu de projet	Durée
Japan	Exchange of regional leaders and best practices	1992-2003	Republic of the Congo	Support of rain storage and communal well, sheep-pig bank, fish farm Project	2004-2008
Russia	Agricultural Project, culture exchange, Saemaul cultural center	1997-2005	Iraq	Support for the local exchange of Zaytun unit, Local invitation Saemaul Training	2004-2008
N. Korea	Sending of handcrafts and agricultural machinery, Support of milk-sheep and seed-potatoes	1998-2005	China	Cow bank, Local invitation Saemaul Training	2004-2008
Vietnam	Income generating Project, culture exchange, Saemaul Training	1999-2007	Sri Lanka	Housing support to overcome Tsunami damage, delivery of scholarships for the underprivileged youth	2005-2006
Timor Leste	Regional development, Income increment	2002-2005	Madagascar	Construction of inner-village roads and community center, cow bank	2006-2007
Philippines	Support of communal well, pig bank, Gardening Project, culture exchange	2002-2008	Cambodia	Drinking water Project such as wells and reservoirs, cow bank, water pump lending bank	2006-2008
Afghanistan	Agricultural Project, Income generation	2003	Nepal	Construction of community toilet and inner-village roads, cow bank	2007-2008
Mongolia	Support of construction of communal well, community center, bridges, cow farms, culture exchange	2004-2008	Uzbekistan	Pavement of village-entrance roads, Installation of library, culture exchange	2007-2008



Status of Saemaul Model Villages and Self-supported Villages by Country

(2009~2023.3. Present)

Country	Number of Villages			Continent
	Model Villages	Self-supported Villages	Sum	
Fiji	3	0	3	Oceania
Papua New Guinea	4	15	19	
Honduras	4	0	4	Central-South America
Dominican Republic	4	0	4	
Burundi	10	54	64	Africa
Côte d'Ivoire	2	0	2	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4	0	4	
Madagascar	1	0	1	
Senegal	1	0	1	
Tanzania	2	0	2	
Uganda	15	352	367	
Zambia	4	0	4	
Cambodia	6	0	6	Asia
Philippines	3	0	3	
Kyrgyzstan	8	2	10	
Laos	12	10	22	
Mongolia	4	0	4	
Myanmar	2	3	5	
Nepal	3	2	5	
Sri Lanka	2	0	2	
Timor Leste	8	2	10	
Total	102	440	542	

※ Number of self-supported villages was counted as of Mar, 2023 and it could be increased due to the local situation

12 | Spread and Solidarity of Saemaul Undong

Saemaul Undong Global League(SGL)

Korea Saemaul Undong Center has organized Saemaul Global League(SGL) on the 19th of Oct, 2016 to share the experiences of Korea's Samaul Undong and various cases from local communities and also for the enforcement of mutual cooperation through the networking with countries around the globe. Currently, 46 member countries with the chair country of the Republic of Korea are registered, by developing education and model village projects for member countries who want to learn about the Saemaul Undong, we are trying to build the successful model of global Saemaul Undong and also to promote systematic and sustainable promotion.



Global Saemaul Leadership Forum(GSLF)

Korea Saemaul Undong Center is organizing Global Saemaul Leadership Forum to share and encourage each other's efforts among countries to include SGL members, who are trying to eradicate the poverty. It was the 21st of Oct, 2014 when this event was first held.



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