

Memorandum of Understanding on International Exchange of Architectural Culture

between the Department of Presidential Affairs of the Canton of Basel-Stadt
and the Seoul Metropolitan Government

The Department of Presidential Affairs of the Canton of Basel-Stadt of Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as "Basel") and the Seoul Metropolitan Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "Seoul"), in order to enhance the international profile of the city through architectural culture exchange and to expand citizens' cultural enjoyment, hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is to promote mutual cooperation between the two cities in the field of architectural culture, to provide opportunities for architects to demonstrate their creative capacity, and to enable citizens to enjoy a high-quality architectural environment in their daily lives through the operation of joint exchange programs.

Article 2 (Scope of Exchange and Cooperation)

1. Traveling Exhibitions
 - ① Presentation of Basel's representative architects and works at the Seoul Hall of Urbanism & Architecture.
 - ② Presentation of Seoul's architects and works in suitable exhibition venues in Basel.
2. Architectural Symposia and Academic Exchange
 - ① Joint seminars and forums on architectural culture, contemporary architecture, and sustainable architecture.
 - ② Support for academic cooperation between architectural universities and research institutions of both cities.
3. Exchange of Emerging Architects
 - ① Operation of joint workshops and networking programs for emerging architects from Basel and Seoul.
 - ② Identification and exhibition of joint design projects.
4. Joint Publications and Promotion
 - ① Joint publication of exhibition catalogues and academic materials on the outcomes of exchanges.
 - ② Mutual promotion through online exhibition platforms.

Article 3 (Operational Structure and Implementation)

1. The two cities shall, through consultation, agree upon and implement major exchange programs.
2. A working-level group shall be established to coordinate annual plans, budgets, and schedules.
3. Where necessary, a joint committee composed of representatives and experts from both cities may be established.

Article 4 (Roles and Responsibilities)

1. Basel shall be responsible for exhibitions in Basel, supporting the activities of Basel architects in Seoul, and operating exchange programs for citizens of Basel.
2. Seoul shall be responsible for exhibitions in Seoul, supporting the activities of Korean architects in Basel, and operating exchange programs for citizens of Seoul.
3. Both cities shall, where necessary, seek joint sponsorship and expand cooperation.

Article 5 (Finances)

1. Each city shall bear the costs required for exhibitions of its own architects held in the partner city.
 - ① Exhibitions of Basel architects and works shall be borne by Basel.
 - ② Exhibitions of Korean architects and works shall be borne by Seoul.
2. Specific costs such as transportation, installation, insurance, and accommodation of participants shall be coordinated in advance.
3. Both cities may jointly seek external financial support, such as from foundations and corporate sponsors.

Article 6 (Duration and Evaluation)

1. This MoU shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature, and shall be automatically extended under the same conditions unless either city provides written notice of termination at least six (6) months prior to expiration.
2. The two cities shall conduct joint annual evaluations of the program outcomes and reflect the results in future planning.

Article 7 (Language)

This MoU shall be executed in English and Korean, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the two cities shall resolve the matter through mutual consultation.

Article 8 (Miscellaneous)

1. Matters not specified in this MoU shall be determined by mutual agreement of the two cities.
2. Specific details related to the operation of exhibitions and exchange programs shall be determined through separate agreements or arrangements.
3. This MoU is not intended to be legally binding and does not commit either party to any financial obligations. The implementation of projects, exhibitions, exchange programs or other forms of cooperation is dependent on the financial and human resources available for this purpose by Basel and Seoul.

In witness whereof, four originals of this MoU have been prepared, signed, and sealed, each city retaining two copies, both texts having equal validity.

Signed in Seoul on 17 October 2025.

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