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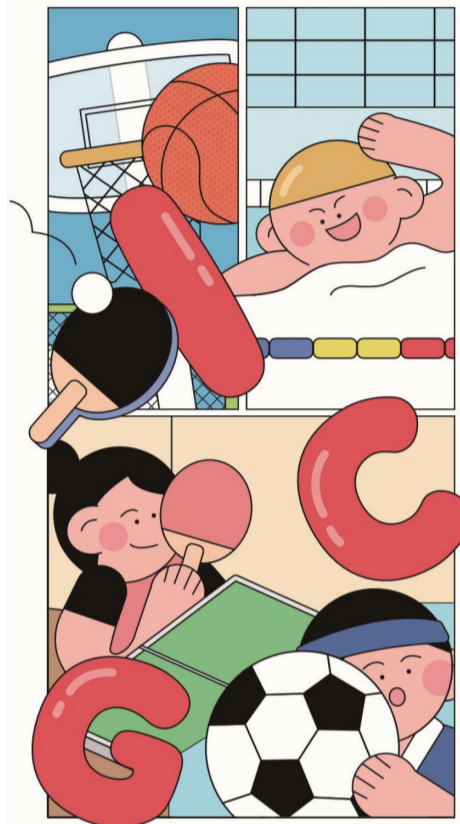
2023 Daegu International Children's Games Overview

VISION

The youth of the world!
Get together and Enjoy together!

GOALS

- A festival of the healthy youth through sports and cultural exchanges
- A multicultural and international youth sports event to cultivate a global mindset of children
- To impress all the participants with 'Powerful Daegu' full of freedom and spirit



EVENT OVERVIEW

Event name

The 55th International Children's Games, Daegu 2023

Event period

5th~10th July 2023 for six days

Venues

Daegu Stadium for Athletics, Duryu Swimming Pool for Swimming, Keimyung University for Football, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tennis and Taekwondo, and Hyosung Girl's High School for Basketball

Sports

Eight sports : Athletics, Swimming, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis and Taekwondo

Participants size

Approx. 1,250 participants from 62 cities

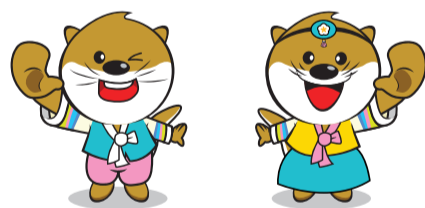
Host organizations

Daegu Metropolitan City, Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education, Daegu Sports Council

Sponsorship

Keimyung University, Keimyung College and Hyupsung Educational Foundation

SYMBOLS



Logo

Teenagers from 5 different continents (in 5 different colors), uniting into one through sports, cultural exchanges and Daegu city tour



Slogan

World's lively teenagers with different characters like a rainbow.



Mascot

'Dodalssu(otter)', a representative character of Daegu, welcoming and cheering all the participants visiting Daegu.

SCHEDULE

5th July	10:00~12:00	• Exec Comm meeting at Grand Hotel
	20:00~21:00	• New Cities Presentation at Grand Hotel
6th July	09:00~22:00	• Arriving at designated accommodation in Daegu • AD card issuance and welcome goodies at the front desk • Cultural activities and small performances at athletes' village (every night for 5 days)
	08:00~12:30	• Warm-up training sessions at each venue
7th~8th July	09:00~12:00	• Committee Meeting at Grand Hotel
	12:30~14:30	• VIP reception at Grand Hotel
	16:00~17:30	• Opening ceremony at Daegu Athletics Promotion Center
	20:00~21:00	• Technical meetings for all the sports at Keimyung Uni.
9th July	09:00~18:00	• Competitions at each venue • City tour
	09:00~12:00	• Finals & medal ceremony
10th July	18:30~19:10	• VIP farewell party at Keimyung Univ.
	19:30~20:30	• Closing ceremony at Keimyung Univ.
10th July	09:00~22:00	• Departure form Daegu

Greetings from the Mayor of Daegu

Welcome to the 55th International Children's Games Daegu 2023!

I would like to invite you to the 55th International Children's Games Daegu 2023 for six days from 5th to 10th July.

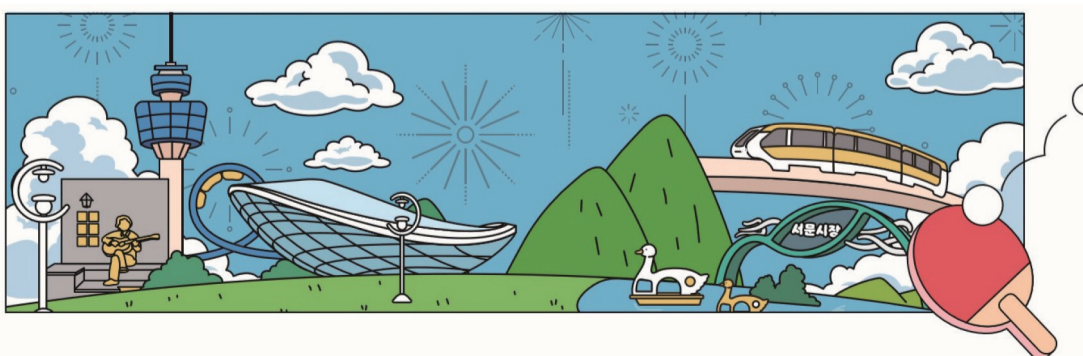


Daegu is a global sports city which has hosted some of the most prestigious sports events such as the 2002 FIFA World Cup, the 2003 Daegu Summer Universiade, the 2011 IAAF World Championships and the 2017 World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships.

The 46th International Children's Games was held in Daegu in 2012 for the first time in South Korea and we would like to recall the glorious and exciting moments of it once again. The 55th ICG Daegu 2023 will be another opportunity for us to provide children from all around the world with eventful experiences and lifelong memories beyond their national, ethnic and religious boundaries.

The world is your oyster. Under the slogan of "Enjoy It and Dream Together!", play sports to the utmost and have a whale of a time here in Daegu.

Hong, Joon Pyo
Mayor of Daegu Metropolitan City Government



Welcome message from the Governor of Education, Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Supporters!

Greeting to the delegations visiting Daegu from around the world
"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our wonderful city, Daegu."



I am proud that Daegu is once again hosting the 55th International Children's Games, reminiscing the successful 46th ICG Daegu in 2012.

The International Children's Games offers young athletes a unique opportunity to learn about sportsmanship and fair play while competing against each other in good spirits. It will create lifelong memories and foster friendship and mutual understanding among diverse cultures.

It makes me joyful to see children from all over the world to showcase their talents and experience different cultures. I strongly believe that it will be an invaluable opportunity for our teenager, enabling them to develop respect for other cultures, grow as global citizens, and contribute to a brighter future of the world.

As the fourth largest city in South Korea, Daegu is considered education-oriented and holds numerous international events and festivals throughout the year. Furthermore, Daegu fascinates visitors with its rich cultural heritage. You will find many exciting cultural events and activities to make your visit truly memorable. I hope you feel welcomed and enjoy the warm hospitality and vibrant culture of Daegu.

Once again, welcome to Daegu, and I wish all participants the best of luck in their competitions. Let us come together and celebrate the spirit of the International Children's Games.

Thank you.

Kang, Eunhee
Superintendent of Daegu Education

Welcoming message from the President of the Daegu Sports Council

I'd like to welcome the ICG athletes and guests from all over the world.

I am very proud that the first ICG competition is being held in Daegu, South Korea since the World Health Organization (WHO) lifted the public health emergency for COVID-19.



Daegu is one of the best sports cities in S. Korea, equipped with the modern sports facilities and having hosted the 2003 Summer Universiade and the 2011 World Championships in Athletics.

The Daegu International Marathon, started in 2002, has been promoted to 'Gold-label event' by the World Athletics this year.

You'll be amazed by grand sports infrastructure in Daegu.

The ICG family members, I hope the ICG athletes from all over the world to play fair games and make friends with one another during the ICG Daegu 2023.

Let's make everyone feel the ICG 2023 explosively energetic, humane and friendly, like the slogan "Enjoy it, Dream Together!"

Lastly, throughout the event, please be safe, have fun and make lifelong memories in Daegu full of freedom and spirit!

Youngki Park
Daegu Sports Council President



A word from the ICG President

Dear ICG friends,

Welcome to Daegu! The games in 2021 were originally scheduled to be held in Daegu but Covid put our plans on hold. With the pandemic under control, we are delighted that we can now converge in the beautiful city of Daegu for the 55th edition of the International Childrens' Games. Did you know that Daegu is a city with 5000 years of rich history and is a city leading the 4th Industrial Revolution? Did you know that Daegu is the birthplace of the Samsung brand and is well known as a Global Sports City? Over the next few days, you will have a chance to learn more fascinating details about Daegu and get to know the wonderful people in this city.



We gather here for these games, we are reminded of the 3 Olympic values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence. Turning first to the value of friendship, I want to encourage all of you to spend time during these games making friends with athletes from as many cities as possible.

I hope you all also remember to respect your opponents, referees, officials, and the many volunteers who have made these games possible. You also need to respect the rules of the game and always observe fair play.

Turning to the final Olympic value of excellence, I want to encourage all of you to do your very best when you compete at the games. Strive for excellence and never give up.

I know that your coaches have prepared you well for the games. I'm sure they have imparted many good values to you and will want you to demonstrate resilience, integrity, and sportsmanship throughout the games. These are important values and traits that will make you successful in life.

Cities have also brought along City Representatives who may, in some cases be Mayors or leaders in the city. Do find time during the games to contact other City Reps and build collaboration and cooperation in sport, culture or in other economic ventures. We also hope that some of you will take up the challenge of being future hosts of the International Childrens' Games.

We also look forward to working closely with the Heads of Delegation of each city. They play an important role in managing their delegations as well as serving as a link between the organisers, coaches, athletes, and the officials.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Daegu for hosting the games for the second time. When I say "Daegu", I am referring to the entire team behind the scenes from the mayor, to the city council, the sports organisers and directors, the officials as well as the hardworking volunteers.

At the end of the games, I wish all of you a safe journey back to your cities and I am sure you will also bring back many treasured memories of the games as well as the warm hospitality from our hosts. I am sure you will also leave having made good friends from around the world. For those who are still eligible, we will see you in the 2024 games in the City of Leon in Mexico. Till then, have a wonderful games in Daegu.

Igor Topole
ICG President



Greetings from the IOC President

Dear friends,

The International Children's Games are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate sport.



Sport always brings people together.

In sport, everyone is equal, no matter what your age, background or ability. When we do sport, it makes us dream, it inspires us and fills our hearts with joy.

To all the young athletes, I wish you an unforgettable experience. You have come to Daegu to compete in the sport you love and I hope that you give it your best in the competitions. Remember to always compete in the spirit of respect, friendship, and fair-play, because being a true champion is about so much more than winning.

My thanks and appreciation go to everyone who is making this experience possible: the international Children's Games Committee and its President, Igor Topole; the Organising Committee; the people of Daegu; the coaches, officials and volunteers.

The young athletes from around the world that are competing in Daegu are the perfect illustration of our Olympic motto: Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together.

The word “together” tells us: no matter what obstacles we might face, we can only go faster, aim higher, become stronger, if we stand together – in solidarity.

Guided by and living this motto, you can look forward to a fun-filled celebration of sport.

In this Olympic spirit, I wish you memorable International Children's Games Daegu 2023.

Thomas Bach
IOC President



A word from the ICG Honorary President

In the ICG CLEVELAND GAMES in 2004, Daegu participated the first time ever when the American President Bush opened the Games. Since then, Daegu has been a great supporter and partner for this challenging and inspiring event for girls and boys between 12 to 15 years in Olympic Sports. These young athletes from Daegu represented South Korea in Australia, America, Asia, and Europe as fantastic ambassadors. Already in 2012, Daegu hosted the first time the wonderful Games.



“Be one” was the motto for 85 cities from 37 countries from 5 continents. Almost 1600 participants celebrated the unforgettable and amazing sports and cultural events.

And now 11 years later the Daegu City will be again the host for the second time. No doubt– this time they will bring smiles and memories for a lifetime to these young athletes that only a few years ago due to the worldwide pandemic they had to come through.

The intercultural learning will be a great factor and it is with great respect, thankfulness and joy that the ICG FAMILY will gather.

The ICG GAMES is a strong worldwide movement in sports. Daegu authorities, Daegu administration, the federations, the volunteers and sponsors and not to forget the ICG Vice President Chulwon Shin from Daegu will open another successful and unique page in the history of ICG and especially in the essential great contribution to and from South Korea.

Enjoy the Games! Good luck! Happy ICG!

Torsten Rasch
ICG Honorary President

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Renowned for its bustling tourism, and hosting international sporting events, the city has a lot to offer.

See you in Eilat!



COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

Project Report "ICG for UKRAINE"



During the signing visit in Daegu in November 2022 some members of the ICG Executive Committee came up with the idea that ICG should/must do something else besides organizing the Summer and Winter games. There was consensus that we should focus our efforts on the children in Ukraine, particularly our member city of Uzghorod, as they had gone through tremendous hardship and organising a sports competition for them would elevate their spirits.

We named this project ICG for UKRAINE and Irma Huerta from Mexico City made a logo for this occasion which was used in all shirts, caps, backpacks, and medals. From May 30th to June 2nd, Uzghorod hosted the tournament with six Ukrainian teams: Odesa, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro-Vasylkivka, Kyiv, Lviv, and Uzghorod. Competitions were held in two stadiums, Avtomobilist and Avangard on 60x40m fields (5+1 players on the field).

Organizers of the tournament were the ICG Committee and the Department of Culture, Youth, and Sports of the Uzghorod City Council.

The ICG "family" (member cities and individuals from the ICG Committee) collected the money for the project with Executive member Nikos Tzanakos with his friend Sotiris Poulkogiannis managing to get all the equipment as a sponsorship.



At the opening of the tournament, present were the President of ICG, Igor Topole (Slovenia), Vice President Avi Benbenisti (Israel), Executive Committee member Nikolas Tzanakos (Greece), Committee members

Barbara Akdeniz (Germany) and Branko Črepinšek (Slovenia), as well as Sotiris Poulkogiannis (Greece) – a member of the Greek Football Association, and Darmstadt (sister city to Uzghorod) city representatives Martin Westermann, and Heiko Depner (Germany).

From the Ukrainian side, the opening ceremony was attended by the head of the Zakarpattia Regional State Administration, Viktor Mykyta, the mayor of Uzghorod, Bohdan Andriyiv, the head of the Department of Culture, Youth, and Sports, Alla Chernobuk, and the chairman of the Zakarpattia Branch of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, Ivan Rylyak. Igor Adamchuk (the champion of ICG games 2015 in Alkmaar, Netherlands in judo, and Yulianna Hudz, the bronze medallist of ICG games in Athens 2009) lighted the Olympic flame. The best athletes of Uzghorod Sports School unfolded a 25-meter flag of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian anthem was played. The Uzghorod Football Children's Games were officially opened.

The team from Lviv became the winner, the silver medals went to Zaporizhzhia, and the bronze stayed with the host city, Uzghorod.

"This was our goal! To bring smiles to children's faces and help them forget about the reality of war, even if only for a few days. We are proud that the International Children's Games became the FIRST international organization to organize a competition for Ukrainian children in Ukraine since the start of the war", summarized Igor Topole, the President of ICG, after the closing ceremony.

The mayor of Uzghorod, Bohdan Andriyiv, presented honorary certificates to the members of the ICG Committee, Nikolaos Tzanakos and Barbara Akdeniz, for their contribution to the development of children's sports and the organization of the tournament for Ukrainian children. Ivan Rylyak, the chairman of the Zakarpattia Branch of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, awarded a token of gratitude from the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine to the President of ICG, Igor Topole, for developing the Olympic movement.

The closing ceremony was very emotional, because all the athletes and coaches received medals, special shirts to commemorate this tournament and at the end there was a group photo with all relevant parties: athletes, coaches, heads of delegations, Uzghorod city representatives and all ICG members.

We promised at the end of a memorable competition that ICG will never forget our member city and will try to help Uzghorod in the future.



▶ About Daegu

**Powerful Daegu,
full of freedom and spirit.**

Daegu is one of the major cities in South Korea, where 5,000 years of history and culture remain in harmony with beautiful mountains and clean water, and is an eco-friendly industrial city where Samsung Group started. The unique charm of Daegu, where the past, present, and future coexist, will give you unforgettable memories.

International Sports City

Daegu has successfully hosted many international competitions, including the 2002 FIFA World Cup, the 2003 Daegu Summer Universiade, the 2011 IAAF World Championships and the 2017 World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships.

City of Central Transportation

Daegu maintains fast and safe public transportation with a smart transportation info system, ring expressways, and the KTX Seodaegu Station.

City of Culture

A global Hal-lyu city, also known as music city designated by UNESCO, organizes diverse cultural festivals such as operas and musicals throughout the year

Safe City

A safe city, Daegu can provide all citizens and foreign visitors with the following services:

- Medical services specialized in infectious diseases
- The best firefighting system to respond on-site
- Road cooling system to prevent from summer heat
- The smart disaster response system

The ICG Daegu 2023 unifies teenagers from around the world who will take a bigger step toward the future!

▶ Daegu Now



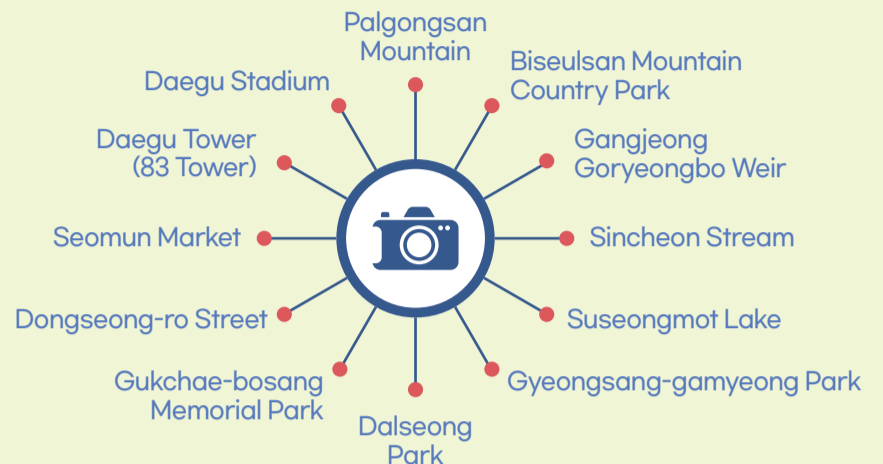
Daegu, the central city of Yeongnam Province, is located in the southeast of South Korea.

It is the fourth largest city in South Korea with the population of 2.5 million and an area of 883.48 km². During the competition from 5th to 10th July 2023, it might fall in a rainy season in South Korea; as of 2022, the weather conditions have been recorded as the average temperature 28.3°C, humidity 79.1% and precipitation 4.9mm.

▶ Landscape in Daegu



These are 12 tourist attractions representing Daegu. Each spot has its own value, showing the history, the future and the spirit of Daegu. Wherever you go, you will make the most of your time in Daegu.



▶ Food Streets in Daegu

There are many food streets in Daegu. Each street has its own signature food. As soon as stepping into the food street, you'll get fascinated by delicious smell.



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