

2026 WICO WORLD INVENTION CREATIVITY OLYMPIC

- INVITATION -

Dear Agents and Inventors,

Welcome to the 15th World Invention Creativity Olympics (WICO) in 2026!

We are excited to announce that the 15th WICO will take place in Seoul, Korea, from July 16th to 18th. This prestigious event gathers approximately 2,000 participants from 25 countries each year, creating a global platform to share advancements in science, technology, and invention.

Participants will experience exceptional hospitality and support, with backing from the Korean government. As one of the world's most recognized international invention competitions, WICO provides a unique opportunity for inventors to showcase their talents, explore new ideas, and gain valuable recognition.

WICO is not only a competition but also a significant event recognized by international academic and scientific organizations, including KUIA. The event's achievements are often considered favorably by leading universities, including those in the United States. With awards such as the Grand Prix and gold medals, this is a chance to take part in something truly impactful.

We are honored to invite you to be part of the 2026 WICO event and to join this inspiring gathering of inventors and innovators from around the world.

Sincerely,

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Doctor of Economics / **Lee, Ju Hyung**

- KOREA UNIVERSITY INVENTION ASSOCIATION | President
- WORLD INVENTION CREATIVITY OLYMPIC | President
- Asia Lohas Foundation | President

2026 WICO Event Guide

1. Application & Registration

- Application Period: Until [June 13 \(Sat\)](#), 2026
- Submission Email: Lee37895661@gmail.com

2. Event Schedule

Date	Time	Schedule	Remarks
July 16 (Thu)	14:00 - 17:00	Booth Construction & Installation	Booth Setup
July 17 (Fri)	09:00 - 10:00	Exhibition Setup (by participants)	Booth Setup
	10:00 - 17:00	Presentation & Judging	
July 18 (Sat)	11:00 -	Awards Ceremony	expecte

3. Participation Categories

Category	Eligible Participants	Awards
Students	Elementary, Middle, High School & College Students	Grand Prix, Gold, Silver, Bronze
Individuals / Companies	Corporate Products	

4. Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Description	Preliminary Judging	Final Judging
Idea	Creativity and innovation	50	30
Technology	Technological advancement & differentiation	20	20
Particality	High potential for commercialization	30	0
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Total Score		100	100

5. Awards

Main Awards	<p style="text-align: center;">Grand Prix (Top 1%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gold Award (29%) / Silver Award (40%) / Bronze Award (30%)</p>
Special Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-Edison Award: One winner per category ○ Special Offshore Prize: Presented by the International Institute of Inventions

6. Exhibition Venue

- Date: July 17 (Fri)
- Venue: 1650, Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea
(Seoul National University of Education)
- Reception & Registration

Seoul National University of Education

The collage consists of four images. The top-left image shows a group of people, including children in traditional Korean Hanbok, at an exhibition booth. The top-right image shows a modern university building with a large snail sculpture in the foreground. The middle image is an aerial site map of the university campus, with building 11 circled in red. The bottom image shows a large group photo of participants and staff at an award ceremony.

7. Participation Fees

Category	Participation Fee	
Students	Inquire separately	Member & Agency
Corporation	USD 900 per entry	

- Discounts for Members: WIIPA, IFIA, WIPO, or other WICO-certified organizations
(* for foreign participants only.)
- Additional Costs:
 - Additional award certificates and medals: USD 100 (per /1 set)
 - On-Line / Shipping: USD 100-200 (based on destination, consult with organizers)

8. Payment Details

- Bank Name: Industrial Bank of Korea (IBK)
- BIC / SWIFT Code: IBKOKRSE
- Address : 18, Hyoryeong-ro 53-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea
- Account Number: 055-059806-56-00011
- Account Holder: Lee, Ju Hyung

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9. Poster Presentation Guidelines

- Poster Size: 0.9m x 1.5m
- Booth Setup: Independent booth setup can be discussed with the organizers



※ Please note that electrical outlets are not provided at each booth. Participants who require electricity must bring their own power strips (extension cords).

WICO Organizer Contact Information	
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