
Submission of Application for Joining International Cities of Peace (ICP) – International Cities of Peace –

Enhancing Chilgok's status as a city of patriotism and peace by joining the "International Cities of Peace" network, an international non-governmental organization

1. Basic Contact Information

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2. Vision, Mission, Goals, etc.

○ Vision

- ‘A city of peace and culture’ with everyday peace and happiness based on patriotism and peace

○ Mission

- Chilgok Lifelong Learning
- Statutory Cultural City
- Humanities City Project
- Patriots and Peace Memorial Project
- Community Life

○ Goals

- Chilgok-gun is a city of patriotism and peace, as it played a crucial role in saving the Republic of Korea during the Korean War. Building on this spirit of patriotism, our goal is to become a city of peace and culture by integrating the humanities and lifelong learning. Ultimately, we aim to help people find peace and happiness in their daily lives.

○ Cymbal Mark



· The symbol mark, which emphasizes the first phoneme “ㄷ” of “Chilgok (칠곡),” is the goal of Chilgok-gun. It puts the hope and happiness of local residents first by expressing 'ㄷ' in the form of a human.

It also expresses the Chinese character "大" (meaning large), which means a city that develops rapidly and grows endlessly.

At the same time, it expresses Chilgok, the inland logistics hub, as a transportation hub that extends in all directions.

· The overall circular shape expresses that Chilgok grows through harmony.

· The harmony of different colors expresses that Chilgok realizes the values of diverse cultures and mutual growth: Green represents an eco-friendly city, blue represents a high-tech city, and orange represents a young and vibrant city.

· A dignified man with open arms, against the background of a shield, symbolizes the spirit of patriotism and peace to protect the country.

At the same time, it represents a stately figure of Chilgok in the next 100 years.

○ Slogan



- Developed a highly legible design for the patriotism-inspired logotype, along with a message by using Taegeuk, a symbol of Korea.
 - Directly conveying the image of Chilgok, which has embraced the history of Korea from the Imjin War to the Korean War, as the representative town of patriotism in Korea.
 - Expressed the strokes that make up the Taegeuk symbol in the powerful image of calligraphy to convey a strong spirit and a dynamic image.
 - Applied the natural Taegeuk pattern in the “○ and ㅎ” parts of 평화 (peace)" as seen in the strokes.
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○ Character : Hoi



- “Hoi” is an abbreviation of “Ho-guk (meaning patriotism) -i,” and is expressed as a dignified general by representing and remembering the spirit of the ancestors who risked their lives for the country.
 - Emphasizing Chilgok as the representative city of patriotism in Korea by using the Taegeuk headband and the red and blue armor in the colors of Taegeuk.
 - Conveying a friendlier image through a curved head and a round face.
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3. About Chilgok-gun

- Chilgok-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do, City of Peace, the Republic of Korea



- Origin of the Name of Chilgok
 - Chilgok was called Palgeori-hyeon during the Silla Dynasty, and Palgeo during the Goryeo Dynasty. Otherwise, it was called Chilgok (七谷) (literally. Seven Valleys). In the 18th year of the reign of King Injo of Joseon (1640), when Gasanseong Fortress was built, Palgeo-hyeon was renamed Chilgok Protectorate General.
 - The name Chilgok came from Mt. Gasan, the famous mountain in Palgeo-hyeon, which was also known as Mt.

Chilbongsan (七峰山) (lit. Seven-Peak Mountain). Mt. Chilbongsan is peacefully surrounded by seven low peaks at the summit, and seven valleys have formed on all sides. The name of the town, Chilgok(lit. Seven Valleys), was named after these valleys, but later Chil (七) (meaning seven) was changed to Chil (柒) (also meaning seven), and Chilgok (柒谷) (lit. Seven Valleys) was used accordingly as the name of the town. Chil was changed to Chil (meaning lacquer), which is a homonym of Chil and then the name of the town, Chilgok has been retained to this day. On the other hand, there is a theory that Chil was changed to Chil (meaning lacquer) due to the large number of lacquer trees in the town, although no definite record could be found.

○ Chilgok Patriots & Peace Memorial



- The Republic of Korea was able to turn the tide and win the 55-Day Battle of the Nakdong River Defense Line, which was the last defense line against North Korean forces attacks during the Korean War.

We built the Chilgok Patriots and Peace Memorial not only to honor those who sacrificed themselves in the Battle of the Nakdong River Defense Line to defend the freedom and peace of South Korea, but also to inherit and develop their patriotic spirit. With the cooperation of neighboring tourist sites, our goal is to transform this memorial from a place of patriotism and security into a tourist destination and a place of healing, and ultimately to enhance the value of this land secured by the sacrifice of our deceased patriots.

○ Dabudong War Memorial Museum



- The Dabudong War Memorial Museum is a symbolic place of national salvation, commemorating the indomitable spirit shown when North Korea's sudden attack led to the fall of Seoul in just three days. It is also a place to honor the tragedy of the war and reaffirm our commitment to prevent such devastation from happening again.

In order to achieve this goal and pass on the spirit of national salvation and the value of peace to future generations, we will strive to develop into a “memorial museum with the people” , “memorial museum with history,” and a “memorial museum with heart” .

○ The Battle of the Nakdong River Defense Line /
The 55-Day Battle of Chilgok (1950. 8. 1. ~ 9. 24.)



- In our world, two generations coexist: one that has experienced war and one that has not. Even though 74 years have passed since the Korean War, the war remains more than just a historical event of the past.

It is both a painful reminder of the past and a valuable lesson for our generation.

The reason the Republic of Korea exists today is the victory in the 55-day Battle of Chilgok, also known as the Battle of Dabudong. This is why we should always remember it and document it for eternity.

○ Chilgok Nakdong River Peace Festival



- Since the first event in 2013, the festival has been held throughout the Chilgokbo Ecological Park to send a message of peace to the world and wish for peace in the global village and on the Korean Peninsula.

The festival is held annually from September to October in Chilgok-gun, the Nakdong River Battlefield, which was the last bastion of defense for South Korean soldiers in the Korean War. It is a grand festival held in Chilgok to remember the pain of that time and to express gratitude to those who defended and protected the country in 1950.

4. Attached

- Profile : Kim Jae Uk, Governor of Chilgok-gun