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FIT VISITS SOUTH KOREA



At the joint invitation of HANKUK University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) Graduate School of Interpreting and Translation, FIT member KATI, and the Interpretation and Translation Research Institute (ITRI), FIT President was pleased to be represented by Vice-President Alison Rodriguez in Seoul, at the ITRI Academic Conference 2018, *Literary Translation in the AI Era*.

The Conference at HUFS Seoul campus was a one-day event, with speakers expertly interpreted from the booths by GSIT Masters students. FIT was pleased to see an alignment of many of its special areas of interest during this visit – the promotion of literary translation, academic research excellence, practical support of T&I education and training, international collaboration with various international presenters bringing to life HUFS motto "Come to HUFS, Meet the World".

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The Forum's Keynote Lecture was given by Jung Young Moon, celebrated South Korean author and accomplished English to Korean translator, who spoke on his vision of AI and the future panorama of translation. His lecture encompassed use of AI to solve lexical challenges, the importance of the data set in training AI and machine learning and challenges of translation and publishing.

GSIT Masters Students also participated in a lecture given by the Vice-President on aspects of professionalism, Continuing Professional Education, and thoughts on the work of Interpreters, Translators, and Terminologists in the AI Era. The lecture sparked many interesting and thoughtful questions by the students and lively discussion followed. Watching students participate actively in shared discourse is always exciting and is a strong indicator for the healthy future of the profession.



FIT is pleased to continue its dialogue with members and the tradition of visible support at local events, and thanks KATI, HUFS and ITRI for the kind invitation and for hosting such a successful event. The next international event in the region, the Asia Pacific Translation and Interpreting Forum, will be hosted in Seoul in July 2019. The Call for Papers will be released next month.

Thanks for the opportunity to visit Seoul in the lead up to APTIF9 next year also go to JC Kwak, FIT Council Member from South Korea (KATI), whose visit to CIUTI Forum in Edinburgh immediately preceded the Symposium in Seoul. Many thanks also go to Professor In-seop Lee, Dean of GSIT, Han-Sik Kim, Dean of Foreign Language Testing, Sung-Eun Cho, GSIT Assistant Professor Juyeon Lee, GSIT Associate Dean, Yonsuk Song, Adjunct Professor Sulyoung Hong, KATI President Professor Cheol Ja Cheong and KATI Director, Seunghee Han for their hospitality.

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