



IAGR 2025 SEOUL, KOREA



# International Association for Gondwana Research

**IAGR 2025 Convention &  
22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on  
Gondwana to Asia**



## First Circular

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2025,  
Shinchon Campus, Yonsei University,  
Seoul, Korea**

Organized by

Yonsei University, Chonnam National University, IAGR & KSEEG

## INTRODUCTION

The 2025 Annual Convention of the International Association for Gondwana Research (IAGR) and the 22nd International Conference on Gondwana to Asia will be held onsite at the Shinchon (also written as Sinchon) Campus of Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, from **Sunday, November 2, to Thursday, November 6, 2025**.

The Department of Earth System Sciences, College of Sciences, Yonsei University, the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences, Chonnam National University, the Korean Society of Economic and Environmental Geology, and the IAGR cordially invite you to participate in this important international conference, which will cover state-of-the-art research on all topics related to the solid Earth, particularly regarding the origin and evolution of continents, continental assemblies, and their environments and resources.

The conference sessions will run for two days on November 3–4, 2025, at the Shinchon Campus of the Yonsei University, with an ice-breaker session on the evening of November 2. We are also planning a two-day post-conference field trip on November 5 and 6.

The Shinchon Campus was founded in April, 1885, as Korea's first modern hospital "Gwanghyewon". Its location near Gyeongbokgung Palace, one of the Royal Palaces and Tombs of the Korea Heritage, and advanced technology convention facilities offering great opportunities to enjoy the conference, the surrounding nature and geology, and to discover the unique aspects of Korean culture and cuisine. The climate in autumn is very pleasant, with mild temperatures and sunny days.

The IAGR conference will provide valuable opportunities to meet renowned geoscientists and exchange scientific ideas. The conference will address a wide range of topics related to the solid Earth, focusing particularly on:

- Geology and tectonic evolution of continental assemblies
- Earth system dynamics
- Geology of subduction zones, past and present
- Metallogeny and critical minerals
- Sedimentary basin evolution and petroleum system
- Geo-energy and future sustainability
- Data science and natural hazards
- Life evolution and surface environment

During the conference, the GR 2024 Best Paper Award Ceremony, IAGR General Assembly and Council Meeting, Gondwana Research Editorial Meeting and other business meetings will also be held.

Please submit your registration form of participation in the conference and express your interest in joining the field excursion as soon as possible, and no later than April 30, 2025. For participants from countries requiring invitation letter for a visa to enter

South Korea, please contact the conference secretariat (Dr. Abhisikta Goswami: [iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com](mailto:iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com) and [chengxue.yang@qq.com](mailto:chengxue.yang@qq.com)) along with their credentials and personal details well in advance. We look forward to meeting you in Shinchon, center of Seoul, Republic of Korea!

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## **REGISTRATION AND FIELD EXCURSION FEE**

Registration fees and excursion fees can be paid during on-site registration. The online payment option will be made available in the IAGR 2025 website soon.

**Payment and Web-site secretariat:** Jung-hwa Oh ([webmaster@kseeg.or.kr](mailto:webmaster@kseeg.or.kr)).

## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

### **November 2, 2025:**

Arrival, registration and ice breaker.  
Registration starts at 17:00 and closes at 20:00  
Ice breaker starts at 18:00-20:00

### **November 3, 2025:**

Shinchon Campus of the Yonsei University  
09:00–09:30: Inaugural function- Welcome speech (Prof. M. Santosh)  
and vote of thanks (Prof. Sanghoon Kwon)  
09:30–12:00: Keynote talks (20 minutes), oral presentations (15 minutes)  
12:00–14:00: Core time for poster presentations and lunch break  
14:30–17:00: Keynote talks (20 minutes), oral presentations (15 minutes)  
18:00– IAGR General Assembly @ Shinchon Campus of the Yonsei University  
Gondwana Research 2024 Best Paper Award Ceremony  
18:30– Banquet @ Shinchon Campus of the Yonsei University  
20:30– IAGR Executive Council Meeting,

### **November 4, 2025:**

Shinchon Campus of the Yonsei University  
09:00–12:00: Keynote talks (20 minutes), oral presentations (15 minutes)  
12:00–14:00: Core time for poster presentations and lunch break  
14:00–17:00: Keynote talks (20 minutes), oral presentations (15 minutes)  
17:00– Closing Ceremony and IAGR Best Student Poster Awards  
18:30– Gondwana Research Annual Editorial Board Meeting

### **November 5–6, 2025:**

#### Field Excursion

5th morning: Field excursion to western margin of central part of the Korean Peninsula as parts of the Korean Collision Belt (i.e. Hongseong-Imjingan Belt).

5th evening: Field Excursion Banquet and Overnight stay

6th evening: Return to Seoul

## ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations **must be submitted by April 30, 2025** by email to the conference secretariat (Dr. Abhisikta Goswami: [iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com](mailto:iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com)).

Abstracts should follow the format specified by Gondwana Research (<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/gr>) and should be up to three printed pages, including a maximum of one figure and one table.

The abstract volume will be published as a Conference Series volume of the Korean Society of Economic and Environmental Geology (KSEEG- <https://www.kseeg.org/main.html>).

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The conference registration fee will be **\$300 USD for professional delegates and US \$200 USD for student delegates**, which includes the abstract volume, ice breaker, working lunch, symposium banquet, and refreshments. The registration fees and excursion fees should be paid either online or in cash onsite. Online link to pay fees will be updated soon.

The registration fee for participants who join the **post-conference excursion will be \$200 USD**, covering the field guidebook, accommodation, food, and transportation during the excursion.

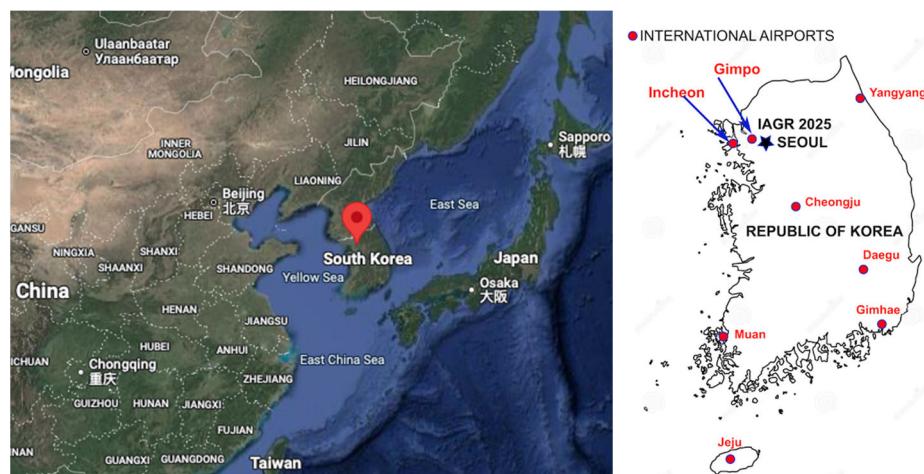
## CONFERENCE VENUE

Yonsei University, Shinchon Campus

50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, 03722 Republic of Korea (South Korea)

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Incheon and Gimpo International airports in South Korea are close to IAGR 2025 conference venue in Seoul City.



## TRANSPORTATION TO YONSEI UNIVERSITY

You have options to use either train, bus or taxi to travel from Incheon or Gimpo airports to Yonsei University, Seoul.

If you are using an 'all stop airport-subway train' from airport, please get off at Hongik University station (please see the map). At Hongik University station, transfer to subway line number 2 (green line) going towards City Hall. You should get off at first stop of subway line 2 at Sinchon. You can either take exit 2 or 3, and walk 500m to Yonsei University direction.

BUS number **6011** from Incheon airport to Yonsei University

[https://airportlimousine.co.kr/en/sub/sub01.php?cat\\_no=39](https://airportlimousine.co.kr/en/sub/sub01.php?cat_no=39)

Depart: Incheon International Airport

Stop #1: World Cup Stadium Station

Stop #2: Yeonhui 104 (Former) Seongsan Hall

Stop #3: Yonsei University (Get off here)

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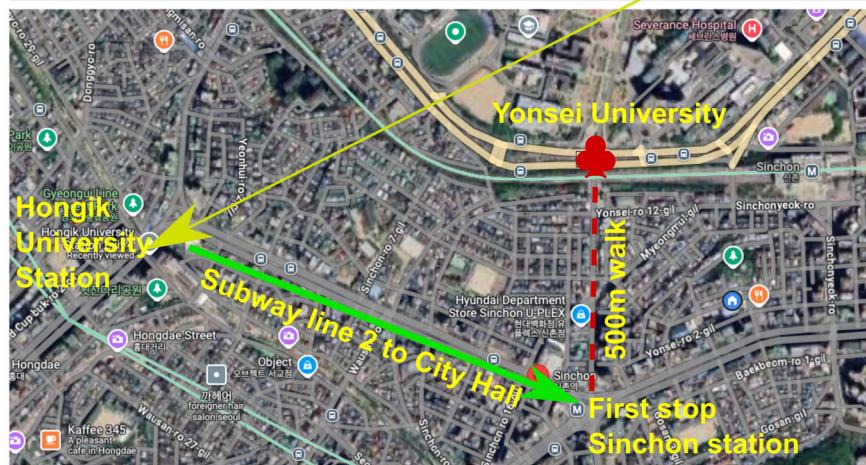
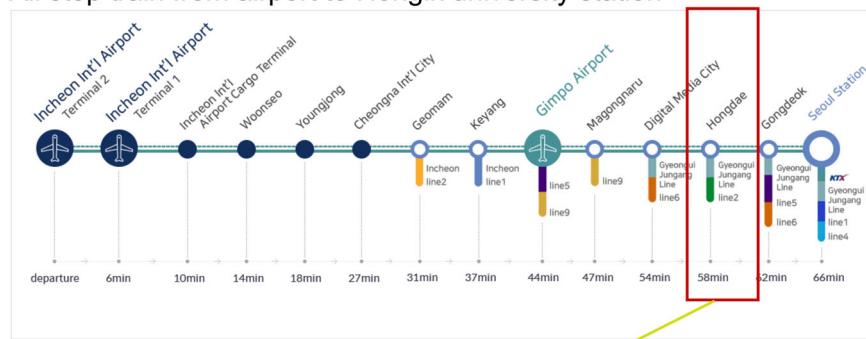
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Sinchon Campus (main)

## AIRPORT TO YONSEI UNIVERSITY BY SUBWAY TRAIN

All stop train from airport to Hongik university station



## **FIELD SITES & GEOLOGICAL SETTINGS**

IAGR 2025 field excursion will give you an opportunity to visit western parts of central massif (known as Gyeonggi Massif) of the Korean Peninsula. Main lithologies in this western part have undergone extensive Permo-Triassic metamorphism, concurrently during the collision of South China and North China Cratons. The field excursion will provide an excellent opportunity to explore the important lithological units in this Permo-Triassic Korea Collisional Belt.

The excursion will include following localities during two days.

### **Location 1**

#### **Algoma-type Banded Iron Formation including Mesoproterozoic rift related successions representing evolution of the proto-Korean Peninsula in the Boring Billion**

The meta-sedimentary lithologies in this field location include quartzite, biotite-muscovite schist, banded-iron formation (BIF), and marble. Multiple blocks of amphibolite, and meta-gabbro, are present within the marble beds. These units could possibly be correlated to ca. 1400 Ma rift systems in the North China Craton (e.g., Bayan Obo, Yanliao, Xiong'er rift systems). This example also suggests the existence of a globally extending rift system during the disruption of Columbia supercontinent in the “Boring Billion”.

### **Location 2**

#### **High-grade gneiss in the Korea Collision Belt**

This second field site of field excursion represents a high-grade metasedimentary outcrop explored in the Korean Collision Belt. Paleoproterozoic gneiss (Seosan Formation) in the western margin of Gyeonggi Massif shows an increase in the metamorphic grade from eastern to western margin. The peak metamorphic assemblages of this high-grade gneiss include garnet, sillimanite, biotite, muscovite, quartz, and feldspars. The garnet bearing samples show pressure variation from 5–6 kbar and temperature variation from 600–650°C.

### **Location 3**

#### **Amphibolite showing eclogite resembling metamorphic disequilibrium assemblage formed through fluid-induced metasomatic reactions**

Amphibolite in this field location preserves textures representing formation of garnet along amphibole grain boundaries. In addition to this, plagioclase-clinopyroxene and albite-omphacite formation occurs in the fracture filling veins. Such different stages of formation of these mineral assemblages suggest that mere presence of garnet and omphacite in a rock might not represent high-pressure eclogite facies metamorphism at great depths of 100–150km.

**Location 4, 5 will remain to be added!**

## CULTURAL SIGHTSEEING

### BACKJE CULTURAL LAND, Buyeo



Baekje Cultural Land is constructed in an area of 3,276,000 m<sup>2</sup> in Hapjeong, Buyeo, Chungnam Province. The Land has many interesting sites and buildings for visitors to see. Government-owned sites include Sabiseong (a combination of royal palace) temple and community village, Baekje Historical Museum, the Korea National University of Cultural Heritage (<https://www.bhm.or.kr/html/en/index.html>).

## **The tomb of King Muryeong and the royal tombs, Gongju (if time available)**



The tomb of King Muryeong and the royal tombs (25th king of Baekje) were accidentally discovered during drainage construction in 1971. The tombs were excavated in a complete state, preserving the appearance from 1,500 years ago. This is the only royal tomb from the Three Kingdoms period in the Korean Peninsula that allows us to understand the status of a Baekje ruler. It offers a glimpse into the refined aesthetic sense, creativity, and advanced craftsmanship of ancient Korea.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

**Participants are requested to reserve hotels by themselves, except for field excursion.** Since the conference venue is located at Seoul Metropolitan City, it is recommended to make hotel reservations as early as possible.

If you need additional information please contact the conference secretariat (Dr. Abhisikta Goswami: [iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com](mailto:iagr2025yonsei@gmail.com)). We will also update additional information on hotels we can provide soon.

#### **Somerset Palace Seoul**

7 Yulgok-ro 2-gil Jongno-gu Seoul Korea  
About 5 to 6 km from Yonsei University

#### **Nine Tree by Parnas Seoul Insadong**

49, Insadong-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul Korea  
About 5 to 6 km from Yonsei University

#### **Shilla Stay Gwanghwamun**

210 Dasan-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul Korea  
About 5 to 6 km from Yonsei University

#### **Amid Hotel**

03149 38, Insadong 5-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul Korea  
About 5 to 6 km from Yonsei University

We look forward to seeing you at Seoul for the IAGR 2025 convention and international conference!