

# The Lion Match: Youth United under the Name of the Lion

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The Lion Match, the first inter-university sports exchange between Kyung Hee University (KHU) and Hanyang University (HYU), was held on November 19 at KHU Global Campus. Sharing the lion as their mascot, the universities gathered for their first official athletic meeting, combining spirited competition with student-driven collaboration.

## Behind the Scenes: How The Lion Match Took Shape

The idea for The Lion Match originated from KHU's Office of External Development, with KHU's College of Physical Education leading the planning and operations. HYU's College of Performing Arts & Sport and ERICA College of Performing Arts and Sports joined as co-hosts. KHU's student council of the Dept. of Physical Education explained that expanding inter-university athletic exchange was a major priority, noting, "The Lion Match was a meaningful attempt to create a new model of student-led sports culture."

Preparations began in the summer. KHU organized teams in finance, planning, publicity, and external cooperation, while both college of HYU worked together with KHU to determine the events, establish rules, secure sponsorships, and coordinate promotional content. The council added, "Although four events—including baseball and volleyball—were initially considered, we ultimately decided on basketball and soccer to ensure smooth management during the one-day event."

## KHU Secures Three Wins to Claim the First Lion Match Trophy

The event opened with the basketball club match at 10:45 a.m. After a close first half, KHU strengthened its lead in the second through fast breaks and strong rebounding, finishing with a 45–39 win. Go Sang-hyeon who participated in the match, said, "We trained two to three times a week because we really did not want to lose. I even traveled from home during my leave of absence. I'm so happy we won."

KHU continued its momentum in the varsity basketball game, dominating early with coordinated defense and rapid offensive transitions. The team maintained its lead throughout, ending with a 77–51 victory.

At the field hockey stadium, KHU scored in the first half of the soccer club match with a successful cross from the left flank and held firm defensively to secure the victory. In the varsity soccer match, both teams battled intensely, but unfortunately, HYU scored a powerful goal from outside the penalty arc just before the final whistle, handing KHU a 0–1 loss. Never-



KHU and HYU players pose for a photo

theless, KHU finished the day with three wins and one loss, claiming the first Lion Match trophy.

## Students Fuel the Spirit of The Lion Match

Students from both universities contributed significantly to the event's lively atmosphere. Lee Kyu-won, a student from the Dept. of Sports Medicine said, "I was worried we might lose, but we won far more convincingly than I expected." Won Seoin, a student from the Dept. of Taekwondo said, "I saw the announcement on Instagram and headed straight to the stadium. Hearing our basketball victories boosted our school pride."

HYU students also expressed their enthusiasm. Kim Ji-young, a student from the Dept. of Biopharmaceuticals at HYU serving as basketball club manager said, "It took over an hour to get here, but the event was larger than I expected. I definitely want to participate in future events."

The Lion Match highlighted the enthusiasm, collaboration, and school pride of students from both universities. While KHU won the trophy, the true success lay in the camaraderie and energy shared throughout the day. Both universities hope to continue the exchange annually, potentially expanding the number of sports and involving even more students in future editions.

# 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang Lets Students Think and Write in the Moment

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On October 29, the 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang was held at the Multimedia Education Building on Kyung Hee University (KHU) Global Campus. Hosted by Humanitas College and Kyung Hee Writing Center, and funded through the University Innovation Support Project, this competition was open to students from the Global Campus. It drew a total of 105 participants, including 86 domestic and 19 international students.

## Capturing the Moment—Inside the 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang

Before the contest began, the first floor of the Multimedia Education Building was busy. Banners lined the walls, and posters wrapped around the pillars. Students were preparing for the contest in their own ways. One participant was seen drawing a mind map on his tablet, while an international student was studying Korean vocabulary.



The Scene of the 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang

Following a series of entry procedures for the contest venue, the contest opened with an opening remark by Lee Juntae, dean of Humanitas College. He thanked students for their unexpectedly high interest and participation. He tried to ease the tension with a joke, "This is not an exam, so do not be nervous. Focus on participating, but since it is Baegiljang, feel free to aim for Jang-won, the grand prize."

Following the traditional Baegiljang format—an on-the-spot writing contest dating back to the Joseon Dynasty, students wrote by hand for two hours. The writing prompts were "The Courage to Live

Slowly" for domestic students and "Memories and Culture that Define Me" for international students. According to the Kyung Hee Writing Center, the topics were chosen because "they encourage thoughtful reflection and are relatable to all students." After announcing the prompt for international students, Dean Lee advised,



Award Winners of the 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang

"As international students, it would be good to recall meaningful memories and cultures from your time abroad."

## Winners Who Reflect on Self and Society

The 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang was more than just a competition; it offered participants a chance to reflect on themselves and engage more deeply with the world through writing.

The awards ceremony was held on November 12. The grand prize in the domestic student category was awarded to Kwon Gyu-rin, a student of the Dept. of Spanish. "I participated to gain writing experience, but I never expected this," she said. "I was going through a hard time, so this award felt like encouragement."

Kwon's grand prize-winning essay explored the value of living slowly. She described watching a sunset over the Hangang River and connected that moment to the Latin American concept of Buen Vivir, meaning "living well." She argued that in a competitive society, people need a slower life while respecting nature and others. Judges' comments posted on the Humanitas College website praised her work for "excellent thematic cohesion, a complete and well-structured composition, and a smooth expansion from personal experience to broader social meaning."

The grand prize in the international student category went to Hameed Muhammad Mahed, a student of the Dept. of Industrial Design. His essay compared the self to a crystal shaped by memories and culture. The judges awarded him high marks for his precise expression in Korean and outstanding logical flow.

## Why the Contest Matters

The Baegiljang fosters writing skills and critical thinking and will continue as a campus tradition. According to Dean Lee, "Writing is a process of reflecting and expressing one's thoughts. It is important to grow into a person who can express what they have learned and feel through liberal arts education—to be more mature and responsible human beings." He added that Humanitas College plans to continue the contest so that "the goals of liberal arts education can be properly realized."

The 2025 Humanitas Baegiljang gave students a valuable opportunity to reflect and put their thoughts into words on paper. Serving not merely as a one-time event but as an integral part of achieving the educational goals of Humanitas College, this contest is anticipated to continue as a meaningful tradition that encourages students to think independently and communicate effectively.