

GANGNEUNG

2026 ITS WORLD CONGRESS



October 19-23, 2026

**Beyond Mobility
Connected World**

ITS

Design inspired by
the Korean characters of the host city, Gangneung(강릉).

Call for Contributions

Paper and Session Submission Deadline : January 31, 2026

GREETINGS

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Welcome to the ITS World Congress 2026, hosted by the beautiful city of Gangneung, Korea. The 32nd edition of the ITS World Congress will be held under the theme of “Beyond Mobility, Connected World”.

ITS is the integration of transport modes and infrastructure with ICT, resulting in improved safety and efficiency. Recent technological advances in autonomous driving, AI, and edge computing have further contributed to reducing traffic-related accidents and congestion.

Korea has been expanding infrastructure for autonomous driving, UAM, and AI-based cities, placing the utmost priority on creating a safe and convenient transport environment. Now we are poised to take a leap to the next level of mobility innovation, sharing our experience with the international community. Building on Korea’s accumulated experience from hosting the 1998 and 2010 World Congresses in Seoul and Busan, as well as the 2025 Suwon Asia-Pacific Forum, we are working to deliver the most remarkable ITS World Congress to date. Gangneung ITS World Congress will serve as a platform to spread the momentum of cooperation and innovation witnessed at Suwon to the world, and present a vision for a sustainable future of transport.

We invite you to be part of the “Transport Olympics” in 2026, hosted in the city of Gangneung, which carries the legacy of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

Let us build the connected future led by ITS together in Gangneung.

Kim Yun-duk

Honorable Chairman of 2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress
Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport



We warmly invite you to the 2026 ITS World Congress in Gangneung, a city where the scent of tradition meets the wave of the future.

Each day begins with “mobility.” Whether heading to school, work, or a travel destination, we experience the evolution of mobility made possible by transportation technologies. At the heart of this evolution lies Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), the pinnacle of innovation that makes transportation systems even smarter.

Now, ITS is opening a new horizon for future mobility that spans land, sea, and air, beyond just safety and efficiency. The 2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress will be the premier venue to experience cutting-edge transportation innovations up close and firsthand.

Gangneung will be the first small to mid-sized city to host the ITS World Congress, the world’s largest international exhibition and academic event in the ITS field. With a thousand years of history, Gangneung is building a living platform where ITS can be experienced throughout the city, presenting a pioneering vision for the future of the “Small to Mid-sized Smart City” model based on its rich heritage and traditions.

This year’s Congress will bring together leading scholars, experts, and industry stakeholders from around the world in the fields of ITS and future mobility to share how small to mid-sized cities are designing bold futures amid technological innovation and to explore sustainable directions for mobility development.

Through diverse academic conferences, cutting-edge technology exhibitions, live demonstrations, and interactive programs that everyone can enjoy, we aim to expand the scope of life through future mobility and offer a unique experience that connects to a new world.

We look forward to your participation in 2026 in Gangneung as we embark on a powerful journey toward “Beyond Mobility, Connected World.”

Kim Hong-kyu

Honorable Chairman of 2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress
Mayor of Gangneung City

GREETINGS

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Today, innovations such as artificial intelligence are rapidly transforming our lives and societies. Technologies like autonomous driving, urban air mobility, and the Internet of Things are unlocking new possibilities in mobility and accelerating the transition to a sustainable future transport system.

In this era of transformation, the upcoming Gangneung ITS World Congress, opening on October 19, 2026, will be under the theme "Beyond Mobility, Connected World." This global forum will bring together ITS experts and industry leaders from across the globe to share insights into the forthcoming technological society and explore future directions of mobility.

Gangneung, a city where rich history, culture, beautiful nature, and advanced infrastructure coexist, will offer participants valuable opportunities for exchange and collaboration in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We look forward to this Congress becoming a milestone for ITS development and international cooperation, and to welcoming you to Gangneung.

Thank you.

Ham Jin Gyu

Chairman of 2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress
President of Korea Expressway Corporation



The ITS World Congress in Gangneung serves as a global platform where researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and innovators come together to explore how intelligence and connectivity are transforming transportation and urban environment. Under the theme "Beyond Mobility, Connected World," we aim to go beyond smart transportation to shape a hyper-connected society where all modes of mobility, data, infrastructure, and people are seamlessly integrated.

As IPC Chair, I am committed to designing a rigorous, inclusive, and forward-looking academic and technical program. Through peer-reviewed papers, special interest sessions, invited lectures, tutorials, workshops, and on-site demonstrations, we seek to turn ideas into real-world solutions. Our program will focus on key pillars of safety, sustainability, interoperability, AI, data-driven operations, automation, digital infrastructure, and user-centered design.

We warmly await your paper and session proposals. This is your opportunity to share regional pilot and commercialization projects, and to discuss methodologies, standards, and business models. With broader engagement from startups, students, and emerging researchers, the Congress aims to truly embrace the diversity of disciplines and regions.

As a coastal and cultural city enriched by its Olympic legacy, Gangneung offers the ideal stage for demonstrations, discussions, collaboration among industry-academia-research-government. With your enthusiastic participation, we look forward to expanding the value of 'connection' and envisioning a new urban and societal landscape that goes beyond mobility.

Thank you

Lee Seon Ha

Chairman of 2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress International Program Committee
Professor of Kongju National University

GREETINGS

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The Gangneung ITS World Congress represents a positive challenge for ITS Asia Pacific. While Gangneung is equipped with advanced ITS functions, the city also offers many attractions that will appeal to visitors.

With a population of about 210,000, Gangneung demonstrates that the world-class events are not the privilege of the megacities. This sets an important precedent, encouraging cities of all sizes to host the ITS World Congress.

Being well-known as a resort destination, Gangneung was also a co-host city of the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics. Please bring your findings, experiences, and insights to the legacy venues and see how the city is working to enhance the mobility robustness with ITS technologies as the leading tourist destination.

And finally—don't miss the famous “BTS Bus Stop,” a must-see for ARMY!

I look forward to welcoming everyone in Gangneung.

Akio Yamamoto
Secretary General, ITS Asia-Pacific



On behalf of ERTICO - ITS Europe and our network of Partners, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 32nd ITS World Congress in Gangneung.

ERTICO - ITS Europe is a proud co-organiser, with ITS Asia-Pacific and ITS America, of an event which brings together the wider transport and mobility community to assess the state of Intelligent Transport Systems and shape their future. This is where partnerships are established, standards are influenced, and innovation is accelerated.

The 2026 ITS World Congress will highlight automated driving and electric vehicles, smart infrastructure, mobility services, AI-driven & data-centric systems, policy and governance. These topics are at the heart of the ERTICO Partnership, making us a committed collaborator of this leading event for the ITS community, where technology, economics, social and environmental factors, and policy converge.

I very much hope that you will be among the thousands to join us from around the globe. Your knowledge, ideas and experiences will enrich the Congress as we witness how ITS is truly revolutionising mobility and creating a more connected world.

Joost Vantomme
Chief Executive Officer, ERTICO - ITS Europe



On behalf of ITS America and with our partners ITS Asia-Pacific and ERTICO-ITS Europe, I am excited to welcome you to ITS World Congress 2026 in Gangneung, South Korea.

ITS World Congress stands as the premier industry event to convene transportation technology leaders from across the globe for engaging conversations, technology demonstrations, and partnerships that propel our industry forward. This is a time for dynamic information exchange to foster productive collaboration between public, private, and academic stakeholders to drive innovation.

ITS America is proud to be a regional partner in this impactful global effort that over the past three decades has advanced systems that integrate technology to deliver safe, smart, connected transportation and continues to be at the cutting edge of emerging technology.

This Congress promises to be an engaging forum for the most timely ITS topics, including digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, connected and autonomous vehicles, and transportation policy that balances safety and innovation. I look forward to seeing everyone in the city of Gangneung next year to celebrate the theme “Beyond Mobility, Connected World”.

Laura D. Chace
President and CEO, Intelligent Transportation Society of America

CONGRESS OVERVIEW

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The world's largest Intelligent Transport Systems event, widely known as the 'Transport Olympics', will be held in Gangneung from October 19 to 23, 2026, featuring a wide array of programs and global participation.

Gangneung, a dynamic coastal city serving as a live testbed for transportation, rich in cultural heritage, and carrying the legacy of hosting the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, will be the grand stage for this global ITS celebration.

Under the theme "Beyond Mobility, Connected World", the Congress will bring together global leaders, industry experts, and researchers to explore innovative solutions and foster collaboration aimed at shaping a connected tomorrow beyond mobility.

Date & Venue	October 19 - 23, 2026 / Gangneung Olympic Park
Host	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport(MOLIT), Gangneung City
Organizer	2026 Gangneung ITS World Congress Organizing Committee, ITS Korea
Theme	Beyond Mobility, Connected World
Program Highlights	High-Level Roundtable, Academic Sessions, Exhibition, Technical Visits & Demonstrations, Official & Social Programs, Side Events
Anticipated Participation	Over 60,000 attendees from 90 countries
Program at a Glance	

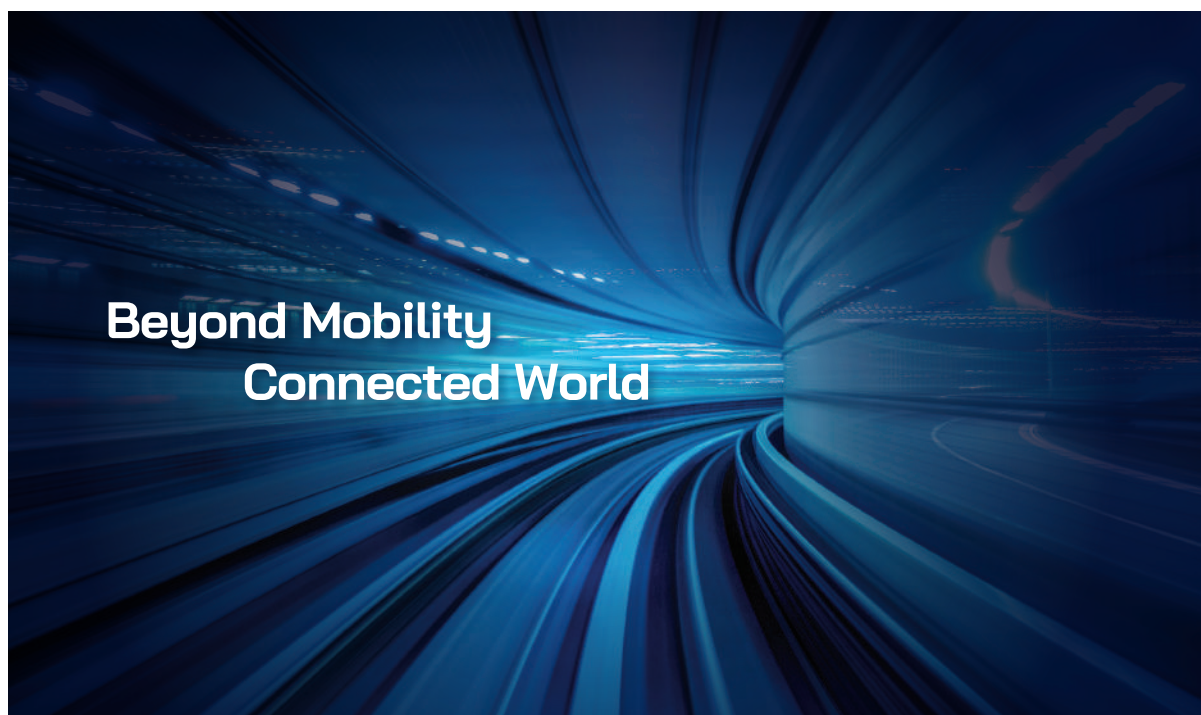
Time	Oct. 19(Mon)	Oct. 20(Tue)	Oct. 21(Wed)	Oct.22(Thr)	Oct. 23(Fri)
09:00-10:00		Plenary Session 1	Plenary Session 2	Plenary Session 3	Sessions
10:00-11:00					
11:00-12:00	High-Level Roundtable	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
12:00-13:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-14:00					
14:00-15:00		Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Closing Ceremony
15:00-16:00	Opening Ceremony				
16:00-17:00		Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	
17:00-18:00	Welcome Reception				
18:00-		VIP Dinner	Gala Dinner	Special Performance (K-Culture)	

* Program is subject to change.

CONGRESS CONCEPT

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Congress Theme



Today, transportation is more than just getting from A to B—it is a living network that connects people, cities, and the world. We must strive to create a sustainable mobility system that is safe, accessible to all, and aligned with environmental and social values. “Beyond Mobility, Connected World” envisions a transport ecosystem shaped by artificial intelligence and hyper-connectivity technologies. This represents a new vision of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), in which advanced technologies such as autonomous vehicles, connected cars, and AI-based traffic management centers interact in real time to foster an even safer, more sustainable, and inclusive future.

Gangneung, the host city for the 2026 ITS World Congress, is a distinctive international tourist destination that captivates visitors with its unique charm. At the same time, it is a mid-sized city that faces particular mobility challenges, including an aging population, people with limited mobility, sharp seasonal surges in tourist demand, and constrained infrastructure. Gangneung is uniquely poised as a global testbed for connectivity-driven ITS innovations that address these challenges. The insights and solutions developed here will provide fresh approaches and valuable foresight, benefiting not only Gangneung and similar mid-sized cities, but also offering a vital roadmap for the complex mobility issues faced by major metropolitan areas worldwide.

SUSTAINABILITY



This concept targets sustainable growth across mobility, urban and regional development, as well as economic and environmental spheres. Leveraging eco-friendly autonomous electric vehicles and AI-powered energy management, it aims to achieve carbon neutrality and cultivate sustainable urban environments for generations to come. Such measures enhance overall resource efficiency across the transport system. They also contribute to addressing the climate crisis through long-term environmental stewardship.

SAFETY



This concept places the highest priority on the life and safety of all transportation participants. V2X communication empowers autonomous and connected vehicles to detect and prevent real-time risks, thereby establishing a robust, blind spot-free 360-degree safety network. Meanwhile, AI-powered traffic management centers further enhance predictive safety measures to prevent accidents. Furthermore, smart crosswalks and AI-enabled pedestrian recognition systems safeguard vulnerable road users, directly propelling the realization of Vision Zero.

INCLUSIVITY



This concept advances mobility to be inclusive and accessible to all. Wheelchair-accessible autonomous vehicles, AI guidance systems for people with visual or hearing impairments, and senior-friendly interfaces embody the principle of “Leave No One Behind.” Access channels that do not require smartphones, together with universal design infrastructure, promote technological democracy and social equity, enabling equitable access and benefits across all communities within the mobility ecosystem.

INTEROPERABILITY



This concept represents the seamless integration of various mobility resources, including urban infrastructure, autonomous driving, shared vehicles, and multimodal hubs. The Traffic Management Center (TMC) links autonomous shuttles, public transit, and shared mobility through a MaaS platform to provide seamless mobility. AI-based real-time demand prediction, dynamic signal control, and smart parking management optimize city-wide traffic flow and maximize mobility efficiency. In a C-ITS environment, the entire city functions as a single intelligent urban network, enabling optimal resource use and fostering collaborative mobility solutions.

TOPICS AND SUBTOPICS

Category	I Sustainability & Safety	II Inclusive & Social Connection
01 Connected & Automated Driving	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Safety assurance for autonomous driving systems (functional safety, SOTIF, safety cases) • Human-AV interaction safety (HMI, driver monitoring, fallback strategies) • Energy-efficient AV operations (eco-driving, route optimization) • Automated freight and logistics (yard/port AVs, platooning) • Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility (V2X/5G/6G communication, interfaces with drones/UAM, and service) ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Accessibility-first AV design (elderly, children, persons with disabilities) • User-centered HMI and personalization for diverse needs • Digital literacy support and onboarding for AV users • Digital inclusion for the digitally disadvantaged (simplified UI modes, voice-first interaction, low-bandwidth/offline operation, assisted onboarding) ...etc
02 Smart Infrastructure & Traffic Management	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Expandable and climate-resilient transport infrastructure • Green ITS and charging infrastructure (including smart grids, energy storage systems, and vehicle-to-grid integration) • Smart infrastructure for disaster and emergency response • EV systems, infrastructure, and safety • Edge computing for real-time traffic management • Circular-economy approaches for infrastructure ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Smart infrastructure for transport equity • Energy-efficient, safe, and inclusive urban roads and spaces • Barrier-free navigation systems • Design for gender and age inclusivity • Culturally adaptive smart infrastructure design ...etc
03 Mobility Services	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Pedestrian and driver safety • Eco-friendly mobility services • Sustainable service models • Integration with renewable energy sources • Affordable mobility ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Inclusive mobility solutions • Community revitalization • Mobility access for underserved populations • Digital inclusion in mobility apps ...etc
04 AI-Driven & Data-Centric Systems	This category mainly covers the following topics. • AI for green driving and operations • AI-powered environmental monitoring • Carbon impact prediction models • AI-based safety prediction and accident prevention systems • Data privacy and cyber security • Quantum computing for traffic optimization • Behavioral analysis and nudging ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • AI for mobility equity, efficiency, and accessibility • Data ethics • Bias mitigation in mobility algorithms • AI-powered accessibility and assistance technologies • AI-driven hyper-personalized mobility services ...etc
05 Policy, Governance & Standards	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Incentives for green transport • International cooperation for climate action • Emissions reporting standards • Safety regulations and standardization for new mobility technology adoption • Governance for data-driven safety policy development • Cost-benefit analysis of ITS technologies ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Inclusive mobility policies • Citizen engagement in mobility policymaking • Social equity audits for transport programs • ITS policy support for developing countries • Community-driven mobility pilot projects ...etc

III Shared Mobility & Resources	IV Localized ITS	Category
This category mainly covers the following topics. • Shared AV service models (robotaxi, robo-shuttle) • Fleet orchestration and resource optimization • AV integration into MaaS (booking/ticketing/interchange at service level) • Cross-municipality fleet sharing and operations • Integrated air-ground shared mobility (AV-UAM interlining, hub scheduling, and through-ticketing) ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • AV services for tourism and local transit • Seasonal demand-adaptive AV deployment • AV services for small and medium-sized cities • Region-specific V2X standardization (service-level and vehicle-side interoperability) • Region-specific UAM services (service models tailored to local geography and demand) ...etc	01 Connected & Automated Driving
This category mainly covers the following topics. • Integrated multimodal hubs and the infrastructure requirements • Mobility data platforms and open APIs for public-private exchange • Traffic management for shared pathways and micromobility • Inter-jurisdictional infrastructure use protocols • Sensor networks and new connectivity technologies • V2X/UAM standardization and cross-domain interoperability ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Traveler information infrastructure and scalable deployments • Smart parking and visitor-oriented traffic management • Augmented-reality wayfinding for tourists • Tourist-route infrastructure and services • Infrastructure resilience for seasonal tourism peaks • Region-tailored smart traffic signal systems ...etc	02 Smart Infrastructure & Traffic Management
This category mainly covers the following topics. • Demand-responsive shared mobility • Mobility as a Service (MaaS) • Vehicle pooling for low-density areas • AI optimized shared mobility routing • Micromobility sharing services (e.g., e-scooters) ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Event-based local mobility services • Hyper-local mobility for tourist exploration • Integrated travel and tourism packages • Real-time data analytics for localized mobility ...etc	03 Mobility Services
This category mainly covers the following topics. • On-demand shared rides for reduced congestion • Data sharing and connectivity • Data-driven dynamic pricing for shared services • AI-optimized fleet rebalancing • Real-time matching of vehicle and rider needs • Data-driven resource management • Blockchain-based mobility payment systems • Responsible and high-risk AI considerations ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • AI digital twin applications • AI-driven tourism information provision and mobility planning • Personalized tourist recommendations • Predictive analytics for tourism trends • AI chatbots for travel assistance • AI-optimized regional tourism route planning ...etc	04 AI-Driven & Data-Centric Systems
This category mainly covers the following topics. • Policy for shared mobility systems • Data governance and collaboration • Regulatory frameworks for shared autonomous mobility • Cross-sector resource-sharing incentives • Public procurement rules favoring shared mobility solutions • Regulatory frameworks for blockchain in shared mobility ...etc	This category mainly covers the following topics. • Local transport and mobility strategies • Long-term strategies and global cooperation • Public-private partnerships for tourism promotion • Cultural and heritage tourism support through mobility • Public-private partnerships for regional tourism ...etc	05 Policy, Governance & Standards

CONGRESS FORMAT

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Plenary Sessions (PL)

These sessions feature important figures from today's ITS world who discuss their global perspectives on key ITS issues.

Executive Sessions (ES)

These sessions bring together high-level industry executives, public officials, and academic experts from around the world to share strategic views on ITS achievements, challenges, and emerging trends.

Special Interest Sessions (SIS)

These sessions delve deeply into specific ITS topics, offering fresh perspectives and insights for developing and deploying ITS solutions.

Scientific Paper Sessions (SP)

These sessions provide a major forum for academic and scientific excellence, showcasing substantial findings and fostering intensive discussion in advanced ITS topics.

Technical Paper Sessions (TP)

These sessions offer engineers and researchers a venue for broad-ranging discussions on technical subjects, as well as institutional, business, and economic aspects of ITS.

Interactive Sessions (IS)

These sessions provide space for interactive discussion through poster presentations or a combination of short oral presentations followed by poster presentations.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Online Submission System Opens Oct 2025	Draft Papers and Sessions Proposals Submission Deadline Jan 31 2026	Notification of Acceptance to Papers and Sessions Apr 2026	Speakers Registration Deadline Aug 2026
		Final Papers Submission and Session Edits Deadline Jul 2026	Final Presentation Submission Deadline Sep 2026
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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We warmly invite you to submit your papers sharing your insights, experiences, and innovative ideas for presentation during 2026 Gangneung ITS WC. Your enthusiastic participation and valuable contributions are sincerely welcomed.

For more details, please visit our official website(www.2026itsworldcongress.org)



Special Interest Sessions

The 2026 Gangneung ITS WC organizing committee is pleased to invite proposals for Special Interest Sessions that foster in-depth discussions on key ITS issues. These sessions provide a platform for knowledge sharing and meaningful dialogue within the community.

Required Information

- Session Topic • Proposed Session Title
- Session Organizer Information
- Moderator Information
- 4-5 Potential Speakers Information
- A 150–250 word description of the session content

Scientific / Technical Papers

- **Scientific Papers:** Should be based on recent research and scholarly achievements, adhering to established scholarly standards. Each submission will be peer-reviewed by highly qualified reviewers from the three World Congress regions. Papers which are submitted as scientific but do not conform to the scientific criteria may still be accepted as technical papers.
- **Technical Papers:** May address not only technical subjects but also institutional, business, or economic aspects of ITS. All papers should not be too commercially oriented.

Required Information

- Presentation Type • Paper Title • Topic and Subtopic
- Author Information • Keywords • Abstract (250 words)
- Draft Papers
 - Scientific Papers: Submit draft papers in PDF format (.pdf), 5-12 pages in A4 size.
 - Technical Papers: Submit draft papers in PDF format (.pdf), not exceeding 4 pages in A4 size.

Notice

- Only online submissions will be accepted via official website.
All papers must be written and presented in English.
- Scientific/Technical papers are expected to meet recognized scholarly criteria to ensure a thorough review process.
- Upon submission, an acknowledgment email will be sent to your registered address.
This confirms receipt of your paper and includes your tracking number but does not indicate acceptance.
- Please refer to the congress website for the paper template.

AWARDS & BENEFITS

To enhance the scientific quality of this event, a range of prestigious benefits will be offered to scholars who authored outstanding papers. These might include travel awards, academic awards, congress registration waivers, and more.

Details on awards and benefits will be announced on the official website at a later date.

GANGNEUNG-CITY

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Overview

Population	207,731
Area	1,041 km ²
Population Density	200 people/km ²

Gangneung, located in eastern Korea, is a city that serves as a center of nature, tradition, culture, and tourism. Its 73.7 kilometers of coastline along the East Sea and the 1,000-meter Taebaek Mountains to the west highlight the city's outstanding natural environment.

In the 16th century, Gangneung gave rise to two of Korea's most renowned scholars and cultural figures, whose legacies are honored today on the nation's currency. Each year, Gangneung hosts a variety of cultural events — the Danoje Festival (June, with over 1,000 years of history), the Beach Festival (August), and the Coffee Festival (October) — attracting more than 35 million visitors annually. Gangneung is also internationally recognized as a host city, having successfully held the ice events of the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics.



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Gangneung Olympic Park

The 2026 ITS World Congress in Gangneung is especially meaningful as it will be held in venues that were part of the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics legacy.

The speed skating arena, which gained global recognition during the Games, has been remodeled into the main exhibition hall, offering a total exhibition area of 31,439m² (24,529m² indoor and 6,910m² outdoor). It is recognized as a prime example of environmental and economic sustainability, in addition to providing state-of-the-art exhibition infrastructure.

As the venue for the Opening Ceremony, the Gangneung Convention Center spans 18,955m² over five levels (B1–4F), with a capacity of 2,500 and dedicated spaces including meeting rooms and a press room, and is fully equipped for international conferences.

Through the ITS World Congress, Gangneung will present a distinctive venue that blends Olympic legacy with advanced technology, positioning the city as a global hub of mobility innovation where tradition meets the future.



Gangneung Urban Information Center

Opened on November 15, 2024, the Gangneung Urban Information Center serves as the city's control tower, providing a system that offers a unified view of traffic congestion and other urban information. The center features a control room, observation room, server room, and multipurpose facilities, functioning as a "telescope of the city" while supporting smart services for traffic, security, environment, and emergency response.

The Gangneung Urban Information Center is equipped with specialized ITS technologies, including citywide ITS infrastructure, advanced mobility control systems, and big data analytics. With these capabilities, it will serve as a venue for Tech Tours and demonstrations during the ITS World Congress.



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Visa

All foreign nationals entering the Republic of Korea, must hold a valid passport with at least 6 months of remaining validity and, if required, obtain an entry visa prior to arrival. Those planning a short stay for purposes such as attending meetings or events are generally eligible for a short-term general visa (C-3). To avoid potential delays, it is strongly recommended to apply well in advance of travel. However, ordinary passport holders from visa-exempt countries may enter Korea without a visa under existing visa waiver agreements or according to principles of reciprocity or national interest. For the most up-to-date information on visa waiver arrangements and entry requirements by nationality, please visit the Korean Visa Portal (www.visa.go.kr) and check the 'Visa Navigator' section for visa eligibility.



K-ETA (Korean Electronic Travel Authorization)

K-ETA is a mandatory online pre-travel authorization required for travelers from visa-waiver countries. Applicants must submit their personal and travel details online and obtain approval before boarding a flight or vessel to Korea. Certain travelers, including holders of diplomatic or official passports, United Nations laissez-passer, and individuals under the age of 17 or over the age of 65, are exempt from this requirement. For further information or to confirm your eligibility, please visit the official K-ETA website (www.k-eta.go.kr). As the review process may take up to 72 hours, travelers are strongly advised to apply well in advance of their planned departure.



Weather

During autumn, from September to November, the average temperature in Gangneung ranges between 14°C and 20°C, offering clear skies and refreshing air. Light layers and a jacket are recommended, as mornings and evenings can be chilly, especially toward the end of October.



Currency

The official currency of Korea is the Korean Won (KRW). Banknotes are available in 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, and 50,000 won denominations, while coins come in 10, 100, and 500 won.

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