

UPF Kyiv, Ukraine's Peace Road event from Kyiv, Ukraine, to Auschwitz, Poland

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Kyiv, Ukraine—A Peace Road event traveled from Kyiv, Ukraine, to the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

From July 12 to 15, 2019, participants traveled about 2,000 kilometers (more than 1,242 miles) from the Ukrainian capital to the Polish town of Oświęcim (known in German as Auschwitz), site of the Nazi concentration camp where more than 1 million people died.

The project involved 15 students from South Korea as well as Ukrainians. Koreans are well aware of what it means when a nation is divided into two. Therefore, during the trip they stopped in the western Ukraine city of Lviv and met local youth to discuss the theme of peace. Of course, they didn't forget to go sightseeing at local historical monuments.



After the participants visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum at the site of the concentration camp, the words "peace," "humanity," "tolerance," and "respect" gained a new meaning for them.

While in Poland the participants also visited Wawel Castle in the city of Kraków and the famous salt mine in the nearby town of Wieliczka. They tried to understand the cultures of Ukraine and Poland. In fact, taking into account the 7,288 kilometers from Seoul to Kyiv, Korean volunteers generally overcame 9,288 kilometers to make their efforts to unite the world into one culture of peace, of which Korea, Ukraine and Poland each is a part.