

안녕하세요 여러분.

Good afternoon,everyone.

My name is Elda Tomassini, from Liceo Statale "Marie Curie" in Giulianova, Abruzzo, Italy.

It is a great honor to be part of this panel, and I bring warm greetings from our Regional School Office of Abruzzo and our School Principal, Ms. Silvia Recchiuti.

When I saw Korean and Italian students laughing together under the same sky in Giulianova, I realised that friendship needs no translation.

That moment showed me what symbiotic education really means-learning that grows through human connection.

Our Case Study-The Italy-South Korea Student Exchange

Our Student Cultural Exchange Program was created between Boseong High School in South Korea and Liceo Statale "Marie Curie" in Italy.

Thirteen Korean students and twelve Italian students shared one unforgettable week together in Italy, learning, exploring, and living as one team.

Next year, in April 2026, Italian students will visit Boseong-to continue this beautiful learning exchange.

We discovered that ,when students from different cultures study and live together,they develop empathy, curiosity and a sense of belonging to something larger than themselves.

Key Learnings

From this experience we learned three important lessons about symbiotic classrooms:

1.Learning through Living

Education goes beyond the classroom-students learn as they walk, talk, explore and share daily life together.

2.Mutual Growth

Both sides become teachers and learners at the same time.

Our Italian students learned Korean values of respect and teamwork, while Korean students discovered new forms of creativity and expression.

3.Becoming Global Citizens

Through cultural understanding,students gain the confidence to see the world not as separate nations, but as one shared space of opportunity and friendship.

Impact and Reflection

Our students came back more independent, open-minded and motivated.

They learned that communication is more than language-it is kindness,patience and curiosity.

This exchange made them believe that the classroom of the future is not limited by walls, but by the size of our hearts.

This project showed us that education becomes truly powerful when it connects people.

When students learn with each other, not just about each other, they build bridges of friendship that lead to unity, love and peace.

Future vision and invitation

This project should continue and grow, allowing more students to experience the transformative power of shared learning.

To everyone in this room, we warmly welcome your collaboration and engagement in supporting and expanding this exchange program.

Together, we can nurture a global network of young people who learn through understanding and build a future grounded in respect, empathy and friendship.

And finally, we open our arms and hearts to all of you—welcome to Italy, and to Giulianova, the home of friendship without translation.

Thank you very much.

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