

# Students Center Gets First Major Overhaul Since 1960



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In July 2025, Kyung Hee University began remodeling the Students Center on its Seoul Campus. This is the first major renovation of the building, which has been in use for over 60 years. The project aims to transform the Students Center into a safer and more convenient space.

**Aging Building Exposes Safety Risks**

Built in 1960, the Students Center has long been a hub for student life, hosting numerous club rooms and communal spaces. However, the aging structure has shown clear signs of deterioration. In March, part of the ceiling on the fourth floor collapsed. Some club rooms were closed due to the collapse, which was caused by missing bolts that

supported the ceiling. Although a temporary repair was made, the incident highlighted the urgent need for a permanent solution, which this renovation aims to deliver.

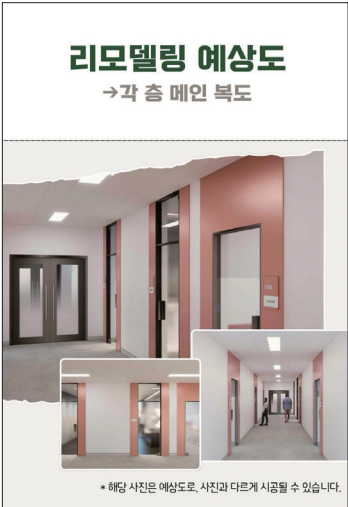
## Gradual Renovation Plan Raises Student Expectations

The remodeling is led by the General Club Association RISING and will proceed in phases over the next three to four years due to budget constraints. According to RISING's Instagram, this year's focus is on the fourth floor, where the accident occurred, and on improving restrooms throughout the building. Safety concerns have made the fourth floor the top priority. The remaining areas are scheduled to be renovated gradually from 2026 to 2028.

RISING has shared previews of the planned renovations on its Instagram account. These previews, showing brighter interiors and modernized layouts, have attracted student attention. Jung Min-gyo, a student who uses a club room in the Students Center, shared her hopes, saying, "Because of the recent accident, I felt uneasy staying in the club room. If the renovation provides a safer environment, I think I

will be able to participate in club activities more comfortably." Design planning began on July 14, and construction is expected to be completed during the summer break. However, the timeline may shift depending on administrative procedures.

Through this remodeling, the University aims not only to address structural safety but also to improve student welfare by modernizing a key facility on campus. The transformation of the Students Center is expected to enhance the quality of student life and boost participation in club activities.



Preview of Students Center renovation  
Photo: RISING Instagram (instagram.com)

# KHU Creates New Scholarship After Losing Government Funding

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Kyung Hee University (KHU) has introduced the Special Woojung Scholarship, designed to replace the discontinued National Scholarship Type II. A total of 3.5 billion won has been allocated to this new program.

**Government Funding Cut After Tuition Hike**

After KHU raised tuition fees in the first semester of 2025, ending a 16-year tuition freeze, the University was excluded from the government's National Scholarship Type II program. Unlike Type I, which is awarded directly to students, Type II is funded by the government and distributed through universities. Earlier this year, the government announced it would stop providing Type II funding to universities that increased

tuition, sparking financial concerns among students.

In response, during a financial operation briefing in January, KHU pledged to fully replace the lost funding using increased tuition revenue. Of the additional 11 billion won generated from

the 5.1% tuition increase, 3.5 billion won will be dedicated to the new scholarship.

**The Special Woojung Scholarship**

The KHU scholarship team

officially introduced the Special Woojung Scholarship to replace the National Scholarship Type II. On June 17, the University awarded 1.6 billion won for the first semester, with the remaining 1.9 billion won set aside for the second semester.

The scholarship maintains the same eligibility criteria as the original Type II program: applicants must be Korean citizens, fall within income levels one to nine, and qualify for the National Scholarship Type I.

The amount awarded depends on the student's income level. Those who previously

qualified for Type II will receive the same amount under the Special Woojung Scholarship. However, students whose tuition is already fully covered by other scholarships are ineligible.

While many universities have struggled to replace the lost Type II funding, KHU has managed to fill the gap by using tuition hike revenue. The launch of the Special Woojung Scholarship is seen as a first step toward using these additional funds to enhance student welfare and invest in broader campus improvements.

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