

18th FINA World Championships - Host City



Known as the “City of Peace”, Gwangju is a metropolitan city full of vitality and excitement. Aquatics fans from around the world can look forward to participating the championships in a modern city with picturesque traditional backgrounds.

Famous for its rich and diverse cuisine and culture, Gwangju is a city on the rise. Nestled in the Southwestern part of the Korean Peninsula, the exquisite scenery along the outskirts of the city gives citizens and tourists a peaceful image of the city’s natural surroundings. Yet, upon entering the city, there is an immediate refreshing energy that can be felt on the streets of this sporting city.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

As a city rich in culture and arts, Gwangju has given birth to numerous forms of art. As a result, the national government completed the hub city of Asian culture project to build cultural ties and establish a forum of exchange with various countries of Asia. Gwangju is widely recognized as “Artists’ Town” as it has nurtured well-known figures in Korean traditional painting, folk music, poetry, western painting, Chinese modern music and more.



DIVE INTO PEACE

Gwangju is a city of democracy, human rights and peace. As demonstrated by such endeavors from the peasants' revolution in the 19th century to the May 18th Democratic Uprising in 1980, the city has long acted like a beacon of light consolidating peace and democracy in Korea. The Uprising, in resistance against the military regime's oppression, was the moment when the nation reached the apogee of its democratization. It laid the foundation for the future democratic movements in the nation and had a profound impact on Korean politics.

