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New Jersey and South Korea Sea Grant Form Collaborative Alliance

(Sandy Hook, NJ)...The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/NJ Sea Grant

(NJMSC/NJSG) has announced it will be teaming up with South Korea Sea Grant to tackle marine and coastal initiatives that will mutually benefit both countries.

Earlier this year, New Jersey Sea Grant welcomed Dr. Daegwun Yoon, Associate Director of Honam Sea Grant in South Korea. Dr. Yoon, who received his Ph.D. from New Jersey Institute of Technology, met with Dr. Peter Rowe, Associate Director of New Jersey Sea Grant and NJMSC/NJSG Acting Director Claire Antonucci, to tour the organization's facilities on Sandy Hook and gather information about the operation and activities of the New Jersey Sea Grant program.

As a result of that visit, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was recently signed between NJMSC/NJSG and South Korea Sea Grant that will lay the groundwork for future collaborative efforts involving research, outreach and technology development. The objective of the new strategic partnership will be to: promote the exchange of ideas, information and methods in regards to the operation of a Sea Grant Program; promote cooperation in the support of Sea Grant research and outreach in areas of mutual interest, especially those relevant to the coastal marine environment and ocean industry; promote the exchange of views in supporting the formulation and execution of Sea Grant research and outreach; and facilitate interaction between officials, scientists and staff of New Jersey Sea Grant and Honam Sea Grant.

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The initial phase of the cooperative venture will include exploring and developing a program of staff visits and exchanges between New Jersey Sea Grant and Honam Sea Grant; examining the potential for joint Sea Grant research and outreach in New Jersey and South Korea; and creating opportunities for student exchange between New Jersey Universities and Korean Universities through New Jersey Sea Grant and Honam Sea Grant.

The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium/New Jersey Sea Grant is an affiliation of colleges, universities and other groups dedicated to advancing knowledge and stewardship of New Jersey's marine and coastal environment. NJMSC/NJSG meets its mission through its innovative research, education and outreach programs. For more information about NJMSC/NJSG, South Korea Sea Grant alliance activities, visit njmsc.org

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