

# Human Rights Policy Tour

**Oct 11, 2022(Tue) / 13:00-16:00**

Tour Course: Kimdaejung Convention Center> Dong-gu Humanities Learning Center > Gwangju Pureungil Park (walking) > Bitgoeul Citizen's Sunlight Power Plant > Kimdaejung Convention Center

**\*Transportation by bus will be provided / meal is not included**

## **Dong-gu Humanities Learning Center & Gwangju Pureungil Park**

The first destination of the Human Rights Policy Tour is the Dong-gu Humanities Learning Center. The building of the center in modern style house, was constructed in 1954 and contains the architectural styles of Korea, Japan, and the West. Its surrounding areas used to suffer from severe traffic jam, therefore, the district office of Dong-gu intended to purchase the property and turn it into public parking lots. At the requests of residents, however, the Dong-gu eventually re-developed it into a cultural space. We plan to go on a walking tour from the center after listening to the introduction of the Gwangju Pureungil Park. The Gwangju Pureungil Park is an urban park with trails of trees that pass through the central part of Gwangju. In the past, it was used as a train track connecting the Southeast (Gyeongsang province) and the Southwest (Jeolla province) of the nation. After the track closed, flowers and trees were planted around the abandoned track to create a green road. As the park creation work was participated by citizens from the beginning, visitors could have a chance to fully enjoy the autumn of a representative green space connecting people in Gwangju.

[\(Click to visit ICLEI's case study on the Gwangju Pureungil Park\)](#)



## **Bitgoeul Citizen's Sunlight Power Plant**

The Bitgoeul Citizen's Sunlight Power Plant is a power plant established by the Bitgoeul Citizen Sunlight Development Social Cooperative. What makes the power plant special, is that it was launched as a public-private corporative power plant built in collaboration among Gwangju citizens (Cooperative), public organization (Gwangju Metropolitan Corporation), and Gwangju Techno Park. The Cooperative was launched in July 2020 aiming at responding to climate crisis in collaboration with Gwangju citizens and promoting energy independence of Gwangju City. The Sunlight Power Plant has expanded its power supply starting from an apartment constructed by the Gwangju Metropolitan City Corporation to Gwangju Electronic Technical High School, parking lots of Jingok Industrial Complex, and sports facilities. During the tour, visitors could visit one of the mentioned places and take a look at the process in which citizens directly implement policies of Gwangju Metropolitan City.

