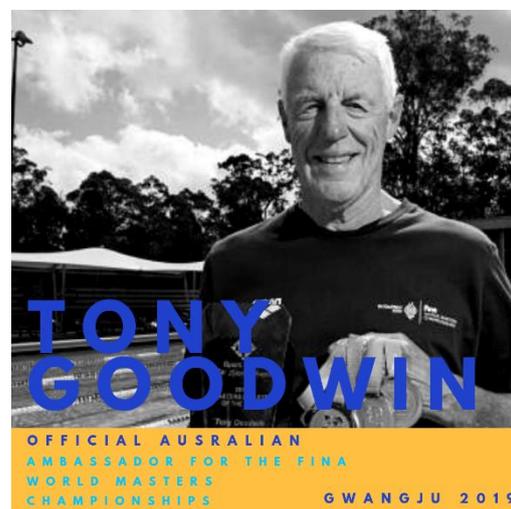


## Gwangju – Blog 1

Hello potential participants at the World Masters Swimming Championships in Gwangju, Korea, August 2019. My name is Tony Goodwin and I am the Official Australian Ambassador for the Championships.

From time to time we will receive information from the Organising Committee and we will publish the relevant details on our MSA website and e-news.

To start you off I have compiled some information to help you on your way.



### The Village

As in the 2015 Championships in Kazan, participants will be able to stay in a village so that we will have a sense of camaraderie. There will be a regular free shuttle to training venues and competition pools and, if it is anything like Kazan, that worked a treat. In addition, the buses will allow to visit the neighboring cities of Naju, Jangseong, Hampyeong, Hwasun and Damyang. The latter is an abbreviation of Damn Yanks, I think. Seriously, this will allow swimmers and friends to get around and see the sights.

### Transportation (Rail)

There are many options for you to get to Gwangju. The largest airport in Korea is Incheon, near Seoul. From there, if you want to go directly to Gwangju, you go to Gwangmyung rail station in Seoul. This is 50 minutes away by airport shuttle and they run every 25 minutes. The trip to Gwangju is 2 hours 30 minutes. (FINA seem to find distant places to locate pools). From there, a free shuttle will run regularly to Accreditation. By then, we will be thoroughly worn out.

### Transportation (Bus)

There are direct buses from Incheon airport to the Gwangju Bus Terminal. They run regularly over 30 times a day. Once at the Bus Terminal, there is a free shuttle bus to Accreditation.

It should be noted that there are 2 other airports that you might arrive at: Kimpo and Gwangju. If you decide to opt for one of them, just visit the website.

Exhausted? It may seem difficult but it probably isn't. Just ensure that you arrive a few days before and carry plenty of food and water plus an interpreter.

Remember that there is a website – [www.finagwangju2019.com](http://www.finagwangju2019.com)

All of the above is on the website. So why waste your time reading and mine writing???

Well, I have to do some work for my job and I wanted to write to you to show that there is a human side to all of this. If you have questions at any time please let me know.

Also, if you intend to come to Gwangju, I would like to know about it so I can ensure that we have a personal avenue of communication.

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I also am on Facebook – despite its failings.

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