5·18 Liberty Park

Programs for Historical Experiences at the

Designed for Students :
elementary, middle and high schools, and universities

Time Period :
Open all year-round
(focusing primarily during the week of the May 18 Democratic Uprising, spring picnics and fall picnics)

Venues :
All over the May 18 Liberty Park, including the Liberty Hall, Military Court, Military Prison and Military Police Dining Hall

Program's Estimated Duration :
1,5 to 2,5 Hours (Adjustable according to the schedule)

- Programs to Experience the Military Court and Military Prison
  Experiencing Confinement and Trials at the then-Court and Military Prison in 1980
- May 18 Rice Ball Program to Experience the then-Gwangju citizens' community
  Making Rice Balls Representing Unity Spirit and May Spirit
- Watching Visual Aids and Animated Films

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May 16, 1980

50,000 people, including professors, students and ordinary citizens, participating in a March for the Holy Meeting for People's Democratization

May 18, 1980

People contronting the riot police at the front gate of Chonnam National University

Photos of the 5·18 Democratic Uprising

May 18, 1980

A paratrooper beating a young man behind the armored vehicle

May 20, 1980

A fleet of vehicles gathered around Geumnam-ro in protest against the then-military junta

May 21, 1980

Fierce battles between paratroopers and citizens

May 19, 1980

Soldiers occupying the Geumnam-ro

May 21, 1980

Paratroopers indiscriminately shooting at protesters

Photos of the 5·18 Democratic Uprising

May 22, 1980

Dead bodies placed inside Sangmugwan

May 23, 1980

A solidarity-based community sharing rice balls with the citizen militia

May 23 to May 26, 1980

A Pan-Citizen Rally to protect democracy

May 22, 1980

Citizens supplying food to the citizen militia

May 27, 1980

Citizens arrested in a row after the brutal oppression committed by paratroopers

Photos of the 5·18 Democratic Uprising

Victims carried to Mangwoldong in garbage trucks

The 10-day long Uprising resulting in deaths and grief

Citizen militia put on trial as the mob

Empty desks of classmates

Two former Presidents put on trial after 16 years on the charges of instigating rebellion and committing attempted murders

Victims buried at the May 18 National Cemetery newly built in May 1997