

Video Script

Hello, I am Juwon Seo, call me Juwon. I am a member of the Cooperative Value Sharing Center in Korea. The Cooperative Value Sharing Center was established in 2014 when the cooperative boom occurred in Korea. It was established to encourage young people to shape their own future, and this worker cooperative is a member of the Youth Cooperative Federation.

My cooperative story begins in 2016. The effects of a major operation led me down a different path for my future and brought me to a community of cooperative members. I participated in a cooperative study run by the Cooperative Value Sharing Center with a curiosity about how to create a community that can lean on each other.

During this study, I saw the trust and cooperative relationship between the members of the Cooperative Value Sharing Center, and I was lucky to eventually work together with them and become a fellow member and cooperator.

During my time with CVSC, I have met and talked to many members of youth cooperatives and have experienced the special solidarity that exists between cooperators. For me, this experience of solidarity has strengthened my commitment to continue working in the cooperative movement, and promote cooperative values.

I believe that the spirit of cooperative solidarity will give the youth a new perspective, like it did for me. I believe that it will help the youth be free from society's view that competing with others, is the best way to succeed.

I hope that my story will help inform other youth about the value of the cooperatives. Also, I am really looking forward to meeting youth cooperators from around the world in December at the World Cooperative Congress in Seoul. See you there!