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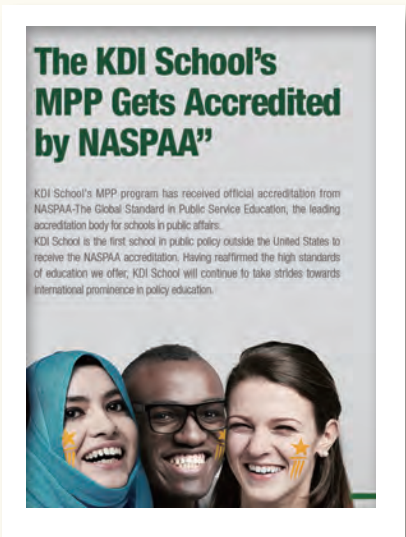
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On November 3rd to 9th, Associate Dean Kwon Jung, MPP Program Chair Jaeun Shin and Doyeon Kim from Academic Affairs Division attended the NASPAA (Network of School of Public Policy, Affairs & Administration) Annual Conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States. The main purpose was to attend sessions and to promote the KDI School to NASPAA members. Both Associate Dean Jung and Professor Shin participated the session as a panel and a moderator respectively, to discuss the issues such as NASPAA's mission and value, problems and solutions, strengths and differences of programs offered by each school members.

The sessions were divided into six parts and the participants had the chance to talk about NASPAA's mission and value, its problems and solutions. Especially at the 4th session, Professor Shin participated



as a moderator and led a discussion on universal competency, and how each member schools' missions can be linked to NASPAA's standards. The member schools had the chance to share ideas on setting the definitions of competencies and how they should be set according to the schools' mission. Also, Associate Dean Jung was invited as a panel at the discussion session on the career choices for international graduates of public service degrees.

Throughout the conference, the KDI School set up a booth to promote K-Developedia and to collect information on schools with possible cooperation areas. As part of

promotion, the KDI School sponsored joint NASPAA/APPAM Evening Reception in the hopes of establishing diverse collaboration with NASPAA members.





# 2014 GLiMPSE Seminar: One Step Closer to Europe and Korea

Leah Waweru (2014 MDP, Kenya)

Starting this year, the KDI School has been selected to participate in the Korea-EU Education Cooperation, an educational cooperation program between the EU and the Republic of Korea in the field of higher education. 2014 GLiMPSE Seminar is the event for four schools (KDI School, Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies, ESSEC Business School and KU Leuven) to have a chance to learn more about the partner schools and discuss the program in order to promote student exchanges.

Professor Christian Koenig, the Associate Dean for International Relations and Ms. Delphine Lefebvre, International Relations Manager from ESSEC Business School in France, and Dr. Ria Laenen from KU Leuven visited Seoul during October 27th to 31st, 2014. The purpose was to promote the program to the KDI School students and SNU GSIS students and to visit the new campus in Sejong City.

On Tuesday October 28th, the KDI School organized special lectures which were presented by Professor Koenig and Dr. Ria Laenen. Founded in 1907, ESSEC Business School offers various academic programs with student population of 4,400 from 90 different nationalities. Professor Koenig also explained about the Erasmus program, which is an accreditation system of over 3 million students go through since its inception

in 1987. Its purpose is to open opportunities for graduates to making degrees more easily recognized across Europe (including some non- EU countries) and to arrange a transferability of academic credits.

The second part of Dr. Ria Laenen's special Lecture covered European Studies at KU Leuven. EU studies have a comprehensive approach through multidisciplinary insight from Political, Social, Economic Sciences, Legal Studies, Cultural, History and Arts. Part of the GLiMPSE double degree trajectory includes four modules within the MAES program in partnership with the KDI School and SNU. Outside in approach involves moving away from Euro centric studies which study the concept experiences, historical legacies, originating from state/regions crucial to the understanding of EU.

On Wednesday October 29th, professors from ESSEC Business School and KU Leuven visited SNU GSIS to participate the international conference on regional conflicts in Asia and in Europe. Dr. Ria Laenen gave students and SNU faculty a talk on the conflict in Ukraine and its impact on EU-Russia Relations. At this conference, Professor Hun Joo Park also talked about North Korean issues as well. Afterwards, they also attended the Korea-EU Policy Workshop held in Lotte Hotel, Seoul, and participated as guest speakers to talk about their experiences and accomplishments they have had while cooperating with Korean counterparts.

On Thursday, the 30th of October they paid a visit to the new KDI School Campus in Sejong City. For next year's student exchange, EU participants toured the Sejong City along with KDI and the new KDI Campus. They visited the Millmaru Observatory to have an overall view of the city and then went to KDI to learn in detail about the institution and the KDI School. They had the chance to have a look around the brand-new facilities of the new campus.

"It was a valuable time for ESSEC Business School to learn more about the KDI School and its future projection. I wish the prosperity of the Korea-EU Education Cooperation among the four schools," said Ms. Delphine Lefebvre from the ESSEC Business School.



Professor Christian Koenig(ESSEC Business School)

"I wish the higher education between EU and Korea prospers so that young minds around the world can share knowledge and exchange their thoughts. The cooperation between the two will enhance the quality of higher education and training, and the 2014 GLiMPSE Seminar is a stepping stone of the whole process."



"It was a valuable time for me (on behalf of KU Leuven) to learn more about our partner schools, as much as I was happy to meet the exchange student from KU Leuven, who is having an enjoyable time at the KDI School. I wish to see more student exchange in the upcoming years."



Dr. Ria Laenen(KU Leuven)



# The 2014 International Development Forum

Leah Waweru (2014 MDP, Kenya)



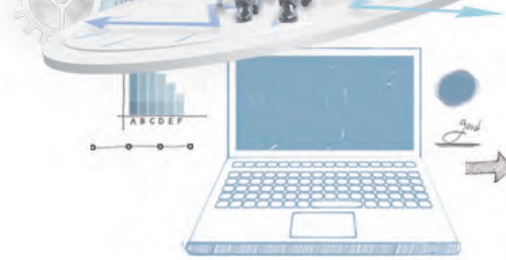
The final session of the International Development forum was held on 14th November, 2014 at Lincoln Hall, the KDI School. The joint Forum was the School’s great initiative to bring all the World Regions Division together in one forum. The School have in the past given students the mandate to plan and prepare for their regional forums. In the second-half of this year, Latin America & Caribbean Forum was held on September 24th and African Forum was held a month after (October 31st).

The major objective of the International Development Forum was to form a platform for knowledge sharing, on own regional development and experiences. This was a unique opportunity for all those who were present. The regions represented include: East Asia; Europe and Central Asia; South Asia Middle East and North America; Africa and lastly Latin America and Caribbean. Each region was given a chance to come up with their

own topics and present.

The last Forum was officially opened by Dean Sang-woo Nam of the KDI School, who gave the opening remarks. He encouraged students to participate and pass the experience to theirs. He also noted that the KDI School has set up for students not staying here for long and there is need for continuity as this is an excellent platform for knowledge sharing.

The first presentation covered in details Aid policy With an inclination on effective policy for aid in health care / education. The presenter was a guest speaker Dr. Soon Ae Kim; from Korea Foundation for International Healthcare started off with the topic; “How to approach ODA program in Health”. This was followed by two award winning presentation on Primary health Care Approach by; Sumi Jeong(2014 MPP, Korea) and Hyung Gi Eun(2014 MDP, Korea) and Tertiary Healthcare approach by and Jin-Dong



Winners of the day	1) Sumi Cheong (Korea) and Hyung Gi Eun (Korea) 2) Young Ji Lee (Korea) and Jin Dong Lee (Korea)
Second position	1) Peter Mezaros (Slovakia).
Best session of the day	East Asia Forum
Best forum of the year	Latin and Caribbean
Second best forum of the year	East Asia African forum.

Lee (2014 MDP, Korea).

East Asia comprising of China, Japan and Korea presented on a topic of “Realizing East Asia growth potential focused on Challenges in Population and Demographic Change in Northeast Asia.” An interesting view included Tipping points on human capital in ASEAN integration 2015 with a focus on migration, lessons learnt from their policies and its implications on population and breaching the gap in labor and in demographics.

The expert views of discussants included Mr. Thant Zin, Head of Trade and Investment Unit, ASEAN – Korea Centre and Professor Yunseok Lee, from the department and Urban Sociology, University of Seoul.

The African session of the international development forum began at 15:00 to 16:00, titled: the AfricanRising Challenge. Dubbed:

After the ‘Talk Talk’ it’s time for ‘think do’, the “#AfricaRising Challenge” was a 60 minutes social idea/project/venture competition aimed at a transformative, social and/or environmental change through the application of innovative and practical approaches to benefit society in general.

Europe and Central Asia focused on challenges beyond Development. The next presentation covered the Economic Development in Europe and Central Asia, Past, Present and the future, EAC Economies in transition. This was presented by Professor Evgeni Evgeniev, (Professor at the KDI School). The winning presenter of the day, Peter Maszeros(2014

MPP, Slovakia) took participants through a detailed presentation on Development beyond GDP, Rich and yet Unhappy. He invited whoever want to learn more on happiness to get more information from him. He emphasized on happiness as the future look of development.

South East Asia, Middle East and North Africa (SAMENA) covered a detailed presentation on Sustainable Development in two area; Human Capital, the Asian economic community, free flow of capital, skilled labor development and labor mobility, the organization of social security for Asian migration workers and Regional Integration by Qaisar, Khan (2014 MDP, Pakistan) and Issam M.M. Danadneh(2014 MDP, Palestine).

Krystyna Osen (2014 MDP, Philippines) said “the sessions were informative and detailed but there is need for more time to cover Q & A sessions”. She also suggested that the International forum should be allocated two days for proper coverage and enrichment.

## Closing Ceremony

The Special Awards ceremony marked the climax of the International Development forum; with Professor Jin Park congratulated all those who participated in the session and highlighting the criteria used in the selection and awarding the winners;

- 1) This covered the best presentations of the day in terms of content
- 2) Full participation of group members
- 3) Full attendance of the KDI School events to include UN Forum, East Asia Forum, Latin Forum, Sejong Campus Forum and African Forum



## Korea Study Tour for High-level Officials of SICA Member Countries



From August 10 to 16, the KDI School has hosted a Korea Study Tour for policy making decisions for high level officials from SICA member countries. The main discussion was about the establishment of a public policy graduate school and affiliated research institute.

The will-be established graduate school will be strengthening competency related to Central and Southern American public policy and supporting national development plan founding. The purpose of the Tour was to lead to consensus and cooperation between the Central and South American countries and assist reinforce competencies of related department's policy makers and representatives.

The visiting guests visited the KDI School, KIST, government-contributed research institutes and Korea-representing firms to gain opportunities to benchmark related policies. The guests were from the SICA member countries, namely Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

On 11th of August, reports on each country given by Professor Sung-Joon Paik was followed by IDB Special lecture by Mr. Hong. After a welcoming lunch, presentations on Korea's experience on economic development by Professor Siwook Lee and Government innovation and policy adjustment by Professor Jin Park were made.

The next day's presentations were on Korea's educational policies by Professor Ju-Ho Lee. After a visit to the KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology), the visitors could experience the Korean culture through a traditional dance performance. An official banquet was held at the Korea House, a famous restaurant in Pil-dong which shows excellent Korean cuisine and its culture.

On day 3, visitors visited the Samsung Innovation Museum, then moved on to visit KDI (Korea Development Institute) in Sejong city. After moving to Ulsan during the evening, the visitors visited Hyundai Motor's Ulsan factory and Ulsan Port Authority on the next day. The day was completed by moving back to Seoul after visiting POSCO (Pohang Steel Company) in Pohang.

On the last day, a presentation on Korea's STI policy was given by Professor Sung-Chul Jung followed by a farewell banquet. A last wrap-up session was made by Professor Sung-Joon Paik.



## GDLN Videoconference: Workshop on Human Capital Policy

Marjorie San Pedro (2014 MDP, Philippines)

On October 21st to 22nd, the KDI School hosted a workshop on Human Capital Policy. It featured renowned economists presenting the latest research on the various aspects of human capital. Divided into six sessions, the fifteen papers gave new insight and implications on how human capital policies should be shaped.

The first session was on Human Capital in Korea and the United States. Professor Ju-Ho Lee, Professor Hyeok Jeong and Song-Chang Hong (specialist, KDI) presented their paper on the status of Korea's human capital, putting forth that the country is experiencing an 'education bubble'. They shared that while the country is performing well in terms of education achievement, there is evidence of declining college premiums. Professor Isaac Ehrlich, the chair of Economics Department at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a distinguished researcher on human capital, then presented his paper on the human capital perspective of a nation's success. He discussed the links between education and productivity growth, contrasting the United States' progress with other OECD countries.

The second session focused on non-cognitive skills, which was chaired by Taewan Kim (President, Forum on Korean Educational Reform). Professor Eric Hanushek (Stanford University), an eminent education economist, discussed the economic returns to skills. He showed evidence that while cognitive skills are directly related to growth, the latter is not significantly related with years of schooling. He discussed the importance of properly measuring skills, both cognitive and non-cognitive. Professor Yoon Soo Park (University of Illinois-College of Medicine), picks up on the challenge of measuring non-cognitive skills and shares his experience on using psychometric



rater models to measure non-cognitive attributes, used in a teacher observation experiment and in police promotion exercises.

The next session featured four papers on research collaboration and teamwork. Professor Jinyoung Kim (Korea University) and Professor Jin-Yeong Kim (Konkuk University) presented on Korea's experience in research teamwork, and the effects of grants on research productivity, respectively. Both studies have important implications in improving the efficiency of quality of research, in terms of structuring research teams, and providing funding and incentives for researchers. Professor Richard Freeman, the Herbert Ascherman Chair in Economics at Harvard University, added to this discussion by sharing his insights on Korea's R&D by looking at the country's spending and ranking in terms of innovation and analyzing Korean international research collaborations. Professor Paula Stephan (Georgia State University) further expounds on this by tackling Korean scientists' diaspora, stressing the importance of



rebuilding connections and collaborations between scientists based in the country and emigrants.

Day two opened with a discussion on evaluating student performance. Professor Changhui Kang (Chung-ang University) and Yoon Soo Park (Research fellow, KDI) presented their paper on the distributional effects of private tutoring on student performance. They show that while it only has modest mean effect on performance, it reinforces inequality of student outcomes by widening the gap between low performing and high performing students. Professor Petra Todd (University of Pennsylvania), presented the findings of a large-scale randomized school incentive program in Mexican high schools, which showed how the lack of sufficient preparation, more than the lack of student and teacher efforts, caused low mathematics performance.

The fifth session looked at teaching and assessment reforms. Professors Ju-Ho Lee (KDI School), Josh Sung-Chang Ryoo (Kookmin

University) and Sam-Ho Lee (Korea University) examined Korea's assessment system, revealing the gaps in the current system and advocating a shift to qualitative assessment. Professor Patrick Griffin (University of Melbourne) then tackled the changing nature of education, highlighting the 21st century skills framework project, particularly collaborative problem solving. He shared their framework in assessing collaborative skills, which would go beyond the usual standardized assessments.

The last session dealt with human capital, economic growth and mobility. KDI senior research fellow Yong-seong Kim, presented his study on intra-generational income mobility in Korea, showing evidence of a decline in the past decade. He presented the rising income inequality, driven by the decline in income mobility in the less educated portion of the population. This was supported by a study by Hisam Kim (fellow, KDI) which shows that while the country's intergenerational mobility is on par with other high income countries, there is a lower expectation of the next generation's upward mobility. Professor Joseph Kaboski (University of Notre Dame) showed his calculations of Mincerian returns and schooling, revealing how schooling can contribute an average of one thirds of output per worker.

The two-day workshop touched upon important aspects of human capital, and presented some valuable implications for policy. Furthermore, the discussion after each session raised some new and intriguing aspects that should pave the way for further research.

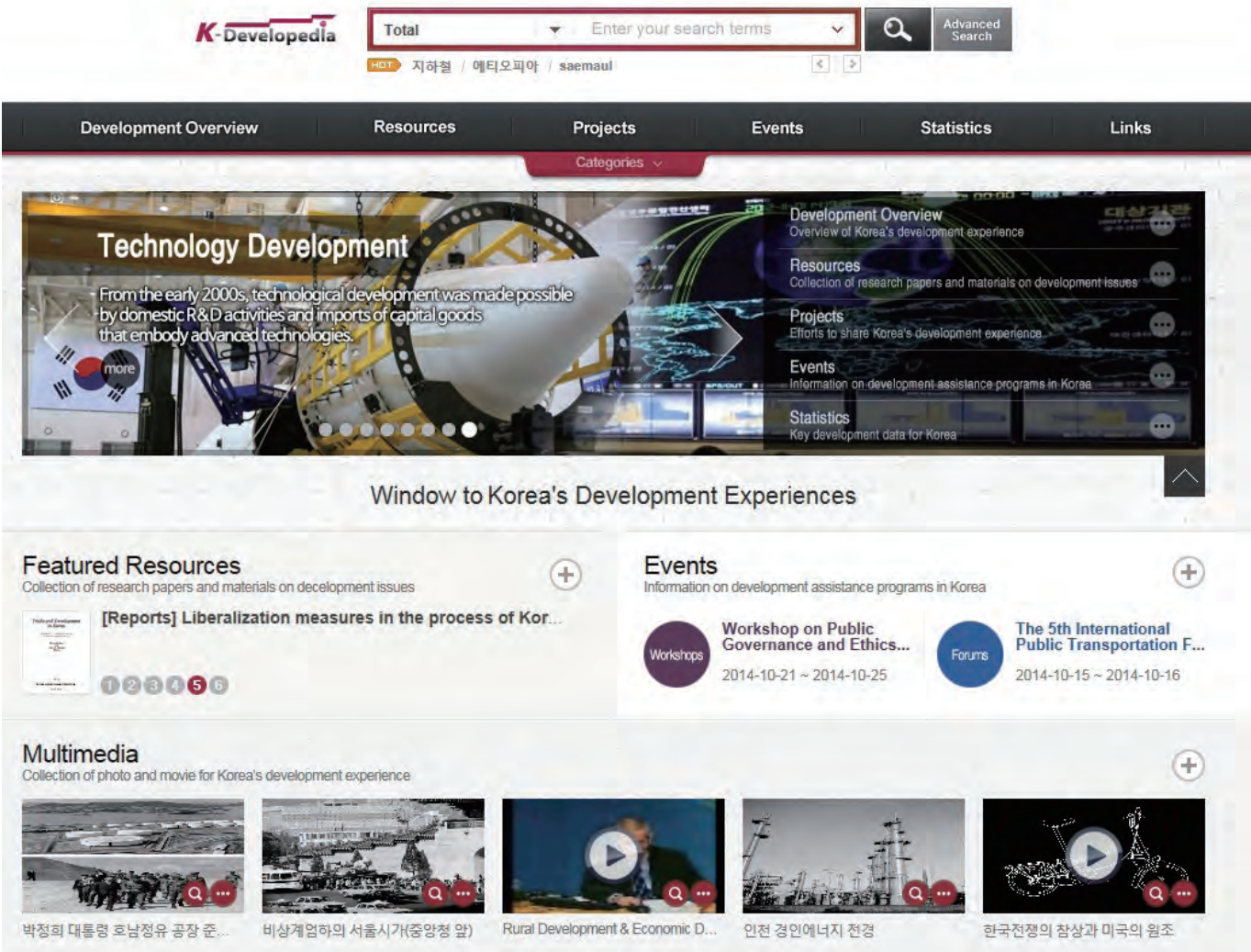


K-Developedia is an online database that contains more than 27,000 resources on Korea's socioeconomic development experience. It contains reports and studies that breaks down Korea's development strategies in its different phases; by time period and core areas like economy, industry and technology, social development, and governance. It also includes key statistics, with more than 800 indicators on economy, employment and population in Korea. What is unique about the database is that it also includes reports and proceedings on KDI's Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP), including its capacity building workshops, feasibility studies, and development case studies and consulting programs.

Muhammad Arshad, PhD candidate extolls the features of K-Developedia and credits it as one of the most important tool that helped him in his dissertation.

# K-Developedia: Development at your fingertips

Marjorie San Pedro (2014 MDP, Philippines)



## Could you tell us about how you found yourself in the KDI School?

I was an MA Student that was sent here by the Pakistan government to learn more about Korea's development model. I decided to do my PhD here again because I was very impressed by the KDI School faculty. They are incredibly qualified and I feel that I am getting the same level of education that I will get from the top policy schools in the US or in Europe. And at the KDI School you get the benefit of having a very diverse student body, more than you will get in a university in the western countries.

## How did you find yourself using K-Developedia?

I was part of the initial group that they consulted with when they were getting feedback from the pilot site. I have found it to be a worthy project that will really help policy makers understand the practices in development. K-Developedia is more than just a website, it really is a hub of knowledge that covers broad issues and topics.

## Who would you recommend it to?

Everyone. Particularly those that have a high interest in development. I would highly recommend it to government officials and development economists who want to learn more about Korea's development would find it incredibly useful. General researchers and students can find lots of studies that they can use to highlight some of the best practices as well as the pitfalls.

## What would you recommend would be helpful to further improve it?

The search experience is really seamless and very easy to do. It would be great though if the studies and reports in Korean are translated in English. It would really just increase the knowledge that can be shared to the world.

K-Developedia is a great program that reflects Korea's desire to share its development practices so that other development countries can benefit from its experience. As part of this initiative, the KDI School started a large-scale translation project for around 1,000 Korean contents on K-developedia ([www.kdevelopedia.org](http://www.kdevelopedia.org)), which will further improve its accessibility.



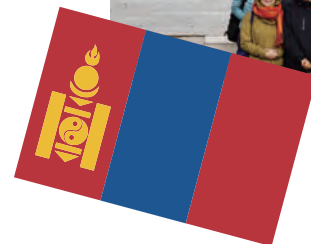
## Urbanization in Mongolia : The Asia Foundation KDI School Asia Development Partnership Program

Since 2008, the Asia Foundation and the KDI School have run a program called “International Development Cooperation Asia Fellowship,” to strengthen the competence of executives in Development Cooperation organizations, Foreign Aid organizations as well as NGO professionals and Korean government officials. This initiative is to assist Korea’s effective enforcement of developing country’s Development and Cooperation program.

The training visit was operated under the theme of ‘Urbanization and Development Cooperation’ for a week, and Mongolia had been elected as the visited country. Through visiting and proceeding meetings with the Mongolian government, along with various multilateral organizations and international organizations, the goal was to understand the development status and seek coalition relationships with the Development and Cooperation plan in Mongolia.

In the case of Mongolia, rapid urbanization is taking place due to concentrated economic development, and arising problems are being criticized as factors that disturb the national development. The Mongolian government is targeting development of other regions and population dispersion in response through national development plans.

With deciding urbanization problems as the subject of training in the upcoming 2015, it is an appropriate decision to visit Mongolia where urbanization is a typical issue. The training visit lasted from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, including arrival and departure. Main tasks were understanding the urbanization of Ulaanbaatar and development of Ger area. An overall comprehension of the Mongolian history, social and political aspects was required, and efforts to understand different perspectives from different interest groups.



## ECD Impact Evaluation Design : Field Visit to Pilot VEECs in Huachi, Qingyang & Haidong, Qinghai China

The Impact Evaluation Lab has been working with China Development Research Foundation (CDRF) since 2011 to conduct an impact evaluation study on CDRF's program, the Village Early Education Center (VEEC) and made an application for research funds to the World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF) in 2013. However, the SIEF committee has rejected the proposal, and the KDI School Evaluation Lab hoped to discuss further details about the denied proposal with the CDRF. Also, the CDRF has launched a new pilot site in Huachi County, where new investigations could be based upon. The trip lasted from October 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in Beijing, China.

The Deputy Secretary General Dr. Fang Jin overviewed the current situation of the ECD programs and willed to collaborate with the Lab on the evaluation study. During the meeting with the Huachi County Mayor, more details about the program implementation could be learned. The VEEC's facilities in the County were of better quality than other sites, but the teaching quality was inferior- which could be a factor that affects the outcome.

Unfortunately, the CDRF and the local government of the Huachi County were inefficient in expanding the VEEC network, so it didn't meet the Lab's expectations. Mr. Lu Mai suggested to visit the Haidong City, where government provided full support in expanding the VEEC throughout the region. The Haidong government was also interested in home visit programs, which are much costly than the VEEC programs. To meet this interest, supplementary interventions would be sufficient if budgets allow, or to run home visit programs on its own. There are factors to be considered regarding home visit programs.

The Impact Evaluation Lab is keeping in touch with the CDRF considering expansion matters in Haidong City, which could bring out considerable outcomes. Regarding the SIEF funds, the Lab would strengthen the interactions as requested from the SIEF, or provide solid explanations to persuade the committee.





## 2014 Korea Field Research and Study Tour

Brian Dzansi Dzidefo (2014 MDP, Ghana)

The Korean Field Research and Study (KFRS) is a course designed to introduce international students to have a chance to witness Korea's economic development. In August 6th to August 9th, 2014, students from Tsinghua University, China and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, GRIPs from Japan also joined the four-day trip.

### DAY 1

At Ulsan City, the participants visited the Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI). HHI's Asan Memorial Hall is a museum which chronicles the life and philosophy of Chung Ju-Yung, the founder of Hyundai Heavy Industries. It also displays the timeline of shipbuilding history from June 1974 till today, including all the technological advancements, awards and current achievements. The participants were then taken on a tour of the ship building yard and schooled on how large vessels were manufactured. After the inspiring section at HHI, the KFRS bus headed to Daewangam, the royal tomb of the King Munmu. A 1-km trail goes to the seashore after passing through forest of pine, cherry trees, magnolias, apricots and forsythia. Students took photos of rocks

with interesting shapes, and especially the Daewangam Island rock looked like a dragon rising up into the sky.

### DAY 2

The second day started with Pohang City for a study tour of POSCO Steelworks, the largest steel company in the world. The day started with a video presentation followed by a tour of the POSCO Museum. The Museum shares the vision, spirit, culture and success that have made POSCO one of the world's top steel makers. The beautiful three-level 36,030 square building housed POSCO's amazing legacy. Participants were then taken through a lecture of the steel making process for better understanding of what goes on in POSCO. It was a breathtaking experience considering the temperature in the operation room. We also visited the Gyeongju Cultural Heritage, the most popular fieldtrip destination in Korea. Gyeongju was the capital of the Silla Kingdom for 922 years, the longest surviving kingdom in the history of Korean peninsula. Despite the heavy rain, participants toured Daereungwon, a royal tomb believed to date probably from the fifth



century. We also toured Cheomsenogdae, an astronomical observatory in Gyeongju at the Gyeongju National Museum.

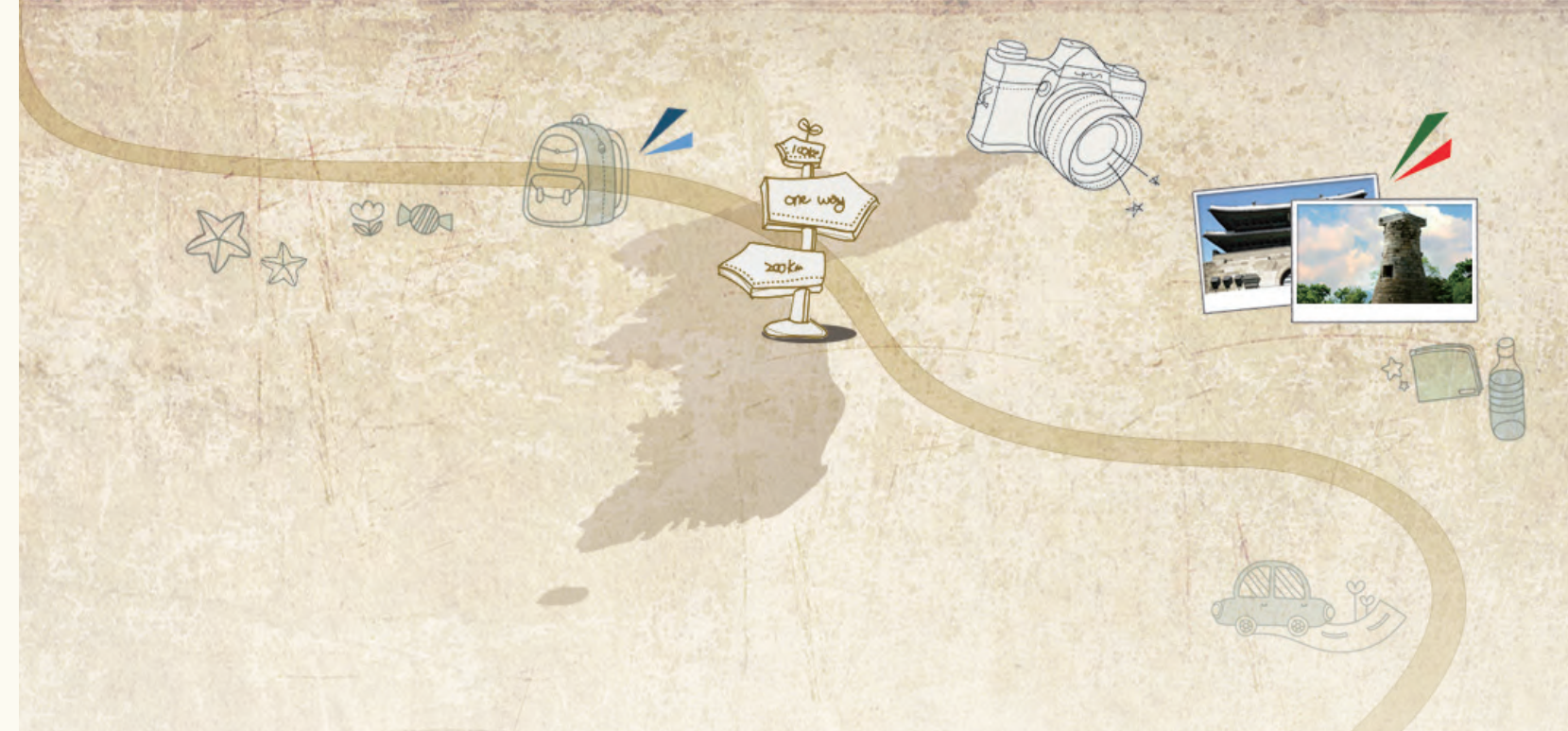
### DAY 3

On the third day, the KFRS crew went back to Ulsan City for a study visit of SK Energy. SK Energy is the largest exporting company in oil refining in Korea. We were taken on a tour of the large refinery plants with explanations on each step of the crude refinery process. The most inspiring part of the visit to SK Energy was the display of the company's technological breakthroughs which is a result of high investment into R&D to address greenhouse gas emissions. The trapping and conversion of exhaust carbon dioxide into "leather-like material" used to manufacture purses was mind blowing. After the study visit, we toured Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram. Bulguksa is a Buddhist temple, home to seven National treasure of South Korea and it is also on the UNESCO world Heritage list. The temple is considered as a masterpiece of the golden age of Buddhist art in the Silla Dynasty. It is currently the head temple of the 11th district of Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. The

Seokguram Grotto, part of the Bulguksa temple exemplifies some of the Best Buddhist sculptures in the world.

### DAY 4

The final day of the KFRS was spent at the Yangdong Village. The Gyeongju Yangdong Village is Korea's largest traditional village, showcasing the traditional culture of the Joseon Dynasty and the beautiful surroundings. It had approximately 160 old houses and 500-year-old thatched-roof cottages within the village. Charles, Prince of Wales, visited this village in 1993. It was indeed a rare opportunity for the participants to view the variety of Korean traditional houses. Participants expressed their appreciation to the School for the course as it did not only give them a breather from the hustle of Seoul but also an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between their colleagues and faculty members present.





## Marching into the World : International Field Research and Study

Youngji Lee (2014 MDP, Korea)

From September 26th to October 4th, 22 students from the KDI School went to the International Field Research and Study and spent the most lucrative 10 days in Europe (U.K, France, Belgium and Germany). The purpose of this study was to visit and learn from organizations that deal with sustainable growth policy and international development cooperation. During the ten-day study, each and every student actively participated in discussion, which made the program even more abundant with new ideas and insights.

We paid a very first visit to Department for International Development (DFID) in London. DFID was created in 1997, and since then they have been playing a key role in international development providing 13 billion pounds which equals to 0.7% of GNI. ODA requires strong commitment and effort, and U.K. had relatively strategic approach where most amount of ODA was allocated in African countries. Moreover, they were working on building infrastructure for financial system in African countries which fosters economic development of the region. In terms of administrative factor, the work of DFID was monitored and evaluated by an independent organization called

“Independent Commission for Aid Impact” (ICAI). Such system enabled the project of DFID to be more transparent and improved by supplementing the parts that are pointed out by ICAI. In the afternoon, we visited Bank of England. There were a few Global Master’s Program students who used to work for the bank in Korea, and they raised sharp questions regarding financial crisis and U.K currency issue.

On the following day, everybody was amazed by the beautiful modern architecture during of Lloyd’s building during the visit. What impressed us more was its role as an insurance market of more than 80 global companies. One of general students Che-Houn Oh (2013 MPP, Korea) who work for KODIT said “This was definitely the most valuable experience. Through this visit, I could investigate counterstrategy of Lloyd against more strengthened regulation after financial crisis, and its advanced risk management”

On the third day, we went to Saint Pancras Station early in the morning to take Eurostar. Leaving behind beautiful London city, we headed ourselves to France being



ready to visit ESSEC Business School. The presentation topic was ‘The Main Highlights and Recent Evolutions of European Higher Education’ by Professor Christian Koenig who is the associate dean for international relations and strategic partners.

On the last day in France, we visited UNESCO and OECD. DAC of OECD is the committee that plays the key role in the international development cooperation. It is where the target ODA amount and main strategies are discussed and generates universal goals that each OECD country agrees upon. Students expressed great interest and were thrilled to learn from DAC’s hands-on experience.

In Belgium we visited European Commission and Catholic University of Leuven. During our visit to EC, we could meet one of the KDI School’s graduates, who were now working for the commission. It was great to see our alumni member, and gave huge motivations to students who wish to work for international organization in the future.

Through this program, students had great

opportunity to enhance their perspective and have clear view on international relation and sustainable development of European countries and related institutions. One of general students Ye-Sun Hong (2013 MDP) said “ It was a valuable experience since I could actually interact with dignitaries who know how the current system works and have high dimensional ideas on crucial issues in recent international relations. It would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the KDI School. So thank you for this chance”

Knowledge is not the only fruit that we gained but 2014 IFRS program enabled the students to build strong network and promote good fellowship among students from diverse background and generation. GMP students who have distinguished career gave valuable advice to general students who had hard time planning his/her vision. I will never forget the night at the Brussels Plaza, where each student shared their impression of the program and how satisfied they are to have such wonderful experience in Europe with good people. It was surely the most special and best experience.



## Leadership Strategies: Peaceful Coexistence Lecture by Prof. Alain Lempereur

Marjorie San Pedro (2014, MDP, Philippines)

As part of its program to foster strong leaders and development professionals, the KDI School invited Professor Alain Lempereur on October 15th, 2014 to share his experiences on mediation and negotiation in post-conflict areas. Professor Lempereur has more than 20 years of experience in negotiation and peacebuilding, currently serving as a program director in Brandeis' Heller School for Social Policy and Management. He also created negotiation programs in Harvard Law School, a European negotiation institute in ESSEC (IRENE), and led leadership and training programs in post-conflict Burundi and DR Congo. In his lecture, he highlighted the importance of local empowerment to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding programs.

The lecture emphasized six responsibility principles to empower leaders for peaceful co-existence. These include building local ownership of the top leaders and ensuring inclusiveness in the leaders' designation. He shared how important the buy-in of the top leaders is in making sure that key local leaders keep to their commitments, and vice versa. He also talked about the challenges he encountered in setting up a leadership program, particularly in ensuring inclusiveness and broad representation in a group. He pointed out that programs should be created with the local needs and context in mind, in order to empower them to keep the program going and growing.

He ended the lecture with a discussion on peaceful co-existence and peacebuilding strategies. By using Burundi's leadership training program, he shared how leadership support and the proper approach and sequencing can create a strong base for a solid and broad reconciliation.

The lecture provided great insight not just in terms of peacebuilding and negotiation in post-conflict areas, but also for all types of environment. In outlining the strategies in becoming a strong leader and creating a strong peaceful institution, Professor Lempereur equipped the KDI School students with some basic skills to become great leaders in their field.



### Global KDIS:

#### Interview with Dr. Evgeni Evgeniev



“I like the active interactions so I encourage dialogue in class and I am happy that everybody shares their experience from their own perspectives. Also, I think various student activities such as Sports Day and Happy Hour keep student close to one another.”

Dr. Evgeni Evgeniev is a trained economist and a political scientist. In 2006, he earned his US-accredited PhD degree in Political Economy of Transition Economies from Budapest-based Central European University. He has a specialization in European Studies from the European College of Parma and B.A. and M.A degree from Varna University of Economics in Bulgaria.

Prior to his appointment as a lecturer at the KDI School, Dr. Evgeni served as a Private Sector Development Specialist with the Competitiveness and Trade Global Practice at the World Bank, based in Sofia, Bulgaria. He has taken part in World Bank lending operations and knowledge and advisory work in Eastern Europe in the areas of innovation, business regulation and competition policy, and financial sector assessment. Along with the position at the World Bank, Dr. Evgeni Evgeniev was also an Associate Professor at the VUZF University in Sofia, Bulgaria.

#### Why the KDI School?

“the KDI School is one of the top schools in Korea, and around the world,” he explained. Dr. Evgeni further explained his desire to study about Korea's economic development. “I have

## Read Voraciously, Interact Extensively

Brian Dzansi (2014 MDP, Ghana)



been working mostly in Europe and central Asia in my 10 years professional life and now I want to learn what lessons we can take from here for the European economies to grow because Europe is in crises, not only economic but political crises and I think East Asia is a wonderful example to learn from.”

With a big smile, Dr. Evgeni poured out his experiences in the KDI School. “I like the active interactions so I encourage dialogue in class and I am happy that everybody shares their experience from their own perspectives. Also, I think various student activities such as Sports Day and Happy Hour keep student close to one another.”

#### Advice for the KDI School Students

In the last part of the interview, Dr. Evgeni shared his personal principles with all the KDI School students. “I would like to emphasize the importance of reading. After you graduate and start working in your field of expertise, especially when you work for international organizations, expectations are high but it would be hard to find the time for reading. Also, interact with people as much diverse as possible to get the most knowledge about how the world functions,” he said.



## 2014 Completion Ceremony: Be Ready to Shape the World

Sopheana Bronh (2013 MPP, Cambodia)



On August 5th, 2014, at the Lincoln Hall of the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, the 2014 Completion Ceremony was held for 2013 Fall students who completed their comprehensive courses after about a year at the KDI School. On that delighted evening, not only students who completed their courses participated in the event, but also respective faculty members, staffs, parents, relatives, and friends came along with them to celebrate.

The first floor was given to Hizbawi Menghisteb Kinfe (2013 MDP, Eritrea), a 2013 Fall students' representative, to give a salutatorian speech. He said that students' lives at the KDI School could be compared to a "Cinderella Story," for the process is challenging and yet it is fulfilling in the end.

After the touching messages, Sang-Woo Nam, Dean of the KDI School was invited to give a congratulatory remark. He congratulated on the achievements of students who completed their study at the KDI School with all the best efforts they put in their study. "You are ready to leave," said Dean Nam. Students are ready to leave the door of the KDI School, and to open a new door for a better world by



utilizing all the knowledge received from the KDI School. Additionally, Dean Nam encouraged students to keep in touch with the School through alumni network, which is spread all over the world. After his speech, Dean Nam and Associate Dean Kwon Jung awarded the completion certificates to the 2013 Fall students along with the academic excellence and community service awards to some of the KDI School students.

At the end of the ceremony, a short video clip about campus life was screened and it was the time for graduates to say goodbye to their professors, staff members, and beloved friends. Surely that moment was to be remembered to those future world leaders.

## 2014 Fall Orientation: FALLing in love with the KDI School

Marjorie San Pedro (2014 MDP, Philippines)



The fall orientation for new students was held during the first week of September, with 89 new students meeting each other for the first time. The air was buzzing with introductions in English, albeit in different accents.

The students got a warm welcome from the faculty, from a heartening speech given by Dean Sang-Woo Nam to a quick introduction of the distinguished faculty. A brief overview of the MPP and MDP program followed, along with an update about the new MPM program which is going to be launched next spring.

The students were given gifts to welcome them to the school and to celebrate the school's recent NASPAA accreditation. A short video on the new Sejong campus was shown, showcasing the new facilities and grounds that were designed to specifically to improve student experience and learning environment. This was followed by a briefing on the rules and regulations of the school and an overview of the various facilities of the campus here in Seoul, including the library, archives, and computer lab.

The new students also had a chance to meet with their advisors.

The advisors gave advice on the courses the students should take, depending on their interests and backgrounds. The day ended with a briefing and group meetings for the different scholarship groups. This gave them a chance to bond together, choose a representative, and know more about the specific details of their scholarship programs. The Korean students meanwhile, had small group career consultation which also included briefings on the various academic exchange programs they can participate in.

The next day the school gave the students a briefing on life in Korea, including a session with the police representative and a very interesting presentation on Korean culture. Students were able to try Korean delicacies and dress up in traditional Korean attire. This was followed by a very thorough medical examination that showcases the advanced Korean medical technology.

The final day of orientation involved a Seoul tour, which for the majority of students, was their first glimpse of Korean traditional life and the contrast and balance between traditional and modern architecture and culture.



## Strengthening the KDI School Community through Sports

### 2014 KDI School Sports Day Report

Rigoberto Banta Jr. (2014 MPP, Philippines)

Adrenaline was high under the blazing sun during the KDI School Sports Day last September 26. An annual tradition, the KDI School Sports Day 2014 was an event that enabled spring and fall students, existing and new professors, as well as the KDI School staff to interact with each other. Ilhomjon Abdurahimov (2013 MDP, Uzbekistan) reflects that the sports day was an opportunity to break the ice among the old and the new, and brings the team as one. With its success, he even suggests the event should be held twice a year, one in spring and in fall.

Different teams, White, Yellow, Red and Blue, were formed from a mix of students, faculty and staff members. Notably, all of the five events (Catch the Tail, Dodge Ball, Football, Tug-of-War, and Relay Race) all required the teams to have line-up that will consist of a specific number of students, faculty and staff members, observing as well a proper gender proportion. Jude Wetangula (2014 MPP, Kenya), adds, "The sports day enabled students to show their emotions outside of the academic environment—it

was a chance for us to know each other one level deeper than what we usually see in the classroom."

The whole day spent for the sports day had another purpose: a chance to introduce the new campus of the KDI School in Sejong City. Students were able to see firsthand the new facilities of the KDI School and take a glance at the new classrooms, auditorium, lounges, cafeteria, and other facilities and amenities of the new campus, providing a glimpse of what student life will be by the time the KDI School finally moves to its new home.

After the opening speech from Dean Sang-woo Nam, who announced as well the generous participation of KDI through its president Joon-kyung Kim the event was officially started. After the warm-up exercises, the games began with the event Catch the Tail. As a starting event, everyone was given equal scores after it. It was in the next event, Dodge Ball, which fired the competitive spirit among participants, where Team Yellow won.



The next event, Football, while dominated by male students, has let newfound talents shine. Female students and faculty members joined the line-up. It was during Football as well that the cheering squads of each team roared to support their players, closely observing the game. After a fierce fight and missed free throws, Team Yellow wins this event as well.

For Tug-of-War and Relay Race, however, the ability of the winning teams of these events to strategize and cooperate with each other was shown. Team Blue won the Tug-of-War, and Team Red won the Relay Race. In both of the events, coordination and cooperation was the deciding factor. Especially in for the Relay Race, exceptionally gifted runners in the KDI School were seen in action, both students and professors alike!

In the end, it was Team Yellow that became the overall champion of the 2014 KDI School Sports Day. However, everyone was given something to take home as well. Taejun Cha (2013 MDP, Korea), reflecting on the games, says that on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest, he will probably give the event an 11, because this year's event was able to reach different goals all at once. Shernett Roberts (2014 MDP, Jamaica), sees the importance of group dynamics as the key of the sports day. "In the future, group activities should be given more focus, engaging and strengthening the KDI School community through sports."





## Autumn in Korea : Gimje Horizon Festival ✕ Nammi Island ✕ Seoul Suburb

Marjorie San Pedro(2014 MDP, Philippines)  
Rigoberto Banta Jr.(2014 MPP, Philippines)  
Brian Dzansi(2014 MDP, Ghana)

### **Gimje Horizon Festival**

Situated in the heart of the Honam Plain, near the west coast of Korea, in North Jeolla Province, Gimje is not only one of Korea's most important agricultural regions but also one of the few places so flat that you can see the actual horizon from a landlocked area. Hence the "festival of the horizon", was put together to celebrate the birthplace of Korean rice cultivation.

The Gimje horizon festival is mainly held in October since it is the harvesting season in Korea. Most of the activities are related to harvesting rice with the intention to inform foreigners on Korean traditional rice culture. This year's festival was held from the 4th to 5th October and the KDIS students had the opportunity to be part of the wonderful experience.

At Jipyeongseon, the venue of the Gimje Festival, two huge dragon structures were carved out of huge bamboos at the entrance gate. It was a signal of an amazing weekend ahead. The kite flying contest with over 1000 participants was the ice breaker. Participants were then treated to heart-warming melodies performed by the Jipyeongseon jazz and song ensemble while playing some traditional Korean games.

Day two began with the global food cooking competition. The KDI School was fully represented with four teams, comprising of three students. Each team had to prepare rice burger and rice

cake. After minutes of cooking, the judges tasted and declared the winners. Three out of the four KDIS teams made it to the final round of the competition and won prizes.

Other interesting activities during the festival were the Traditional Wedding, Samullori (traditional percussion quartet), fireworks, rope polling contest and many others.

### **Autumn Adventure: Nami Island**

Autumn might be the first time for a lot of the international students, and it would be a great chance for them to better appreciate Korea's famous attractions. Indeed, just a quick train and bus ride away from the KDI School will take you to a beautiful place for everyone to fully imbibe the beauty of the season and to leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind.

Located in Chuncheon Gyeonggi-do, Nami Island is a short train ride from Seoul. In 2006, the small island declared its "cultural independence" and styled itself as the micro nation Naminara Republic, complete with its own flag, insignia, passports, stamps, coins and telephone cards. After going through the immigration center to pay for your visa, visitors embark on a five-minute ferry ride to the island. It is also peppered with art installations, book corners, and galleries. It also hosts cultural activities, inviting well known artists to feature their work in the island.



### **Autumn in the City: Enjoying the Season's Bright Colors in Seoul**

Like in spring where the flowers are in full bloom only for a limited time, the foliage of Korea's autumn can only be seen for a limited time. For some, they spend their autumn travelling outside of Seoul enjoying the different sceneries that the country has to offer. To some students, however, due to time and other constraints, opt not to go out of Seoul. What places do the KDI School students recommend to visit during autumn?

David Akhvlediani (2014 MPP, Georgia) recommends visiting Korean traditional palaces in autumn. He explains that while every season has something new to offer, the autumn foliage inside the ancient royal palaces of Seoul is a must-see. "Traditional Korean palaces in Seoul are complemented by the colorful leaves of autumn, uplifting the beauty and grandeur of the palaces. It's simply one of the places that

anyone in Seoul shouldn't miss." In addition, he recommends visiting the palaces in the evening as the palaces are now opened for extended hours. "The palaces look different in the evening. With the cool breeze of autumn and proper illumination, the scenery of autumn during the nighttime is extremely fascinating and new to the senses."

Nino Phengdy (2014 MDP, Laos PDR) explains his experience at Jara Island. A nearby destination from Seoul, he says that the scenery of the island is a perfect getaway. "I went to Jara Island in the early part of the season during the annual jazz festival. The weather was simply great, perfect for a small picnic that we had there. The guerilla concerts and jazz music was a great plus when we went there." Including the annual Jarasum Jazz Festival, the island holds various events throughout the year as well.



# 2014 International Food Festival: The Original Taste from Around World

Sopheana Bronh (2013 MPP, Cambodia)



Since 1998, the International Food Festival is one of the biggest and the most important events of the School community where students can have a great chance to share not only international cuisines, but also different culture. This year, the 15th International Food Festival was held on November 7, 2014 at Lincoln Hall and Chun Ji Lounge of the KDI School. There were over 250 participants including faculty members, staffs, students, friends, and families from many different countries.

Students from more than 60 countries around the world formed 12 teams to participate in this big traditional event. On the day of the event, the Lincoln Hall and Chun Ji Lounge became a small globe decorated with many diverse national flags, traditional customs, and many other symbols of national identity. Sang-Woo Nam, Dean of the KDI School, said “Food is important for the world in general, and for each nation in particular because it represents the culture of a nation.”

More than 250 guests tasted cuisines from seven continents: Chicken Curry from Cambodia,

Pupusas from El Salvador, Rice Bubble Treats from Canada, Bean Paste Stew from Korea, Phad Thai from Thailand, Afghan Cookies from New Zealand, Olivier Salad from Russia and Central Asia, and many others cuisines from the places that participants could never imagine.

The voting result come out within fifteen minutes, after all participants voted for their favorite booth. Professor Jin Park was invited to come up to announce the two 2nd place winners who were given to the teams named “Taste of ASEAN”, and “Irie Latino”. Afterwards, Dean Nam was invited to announce the 1st place winner, which was given to the team named “WOW.”

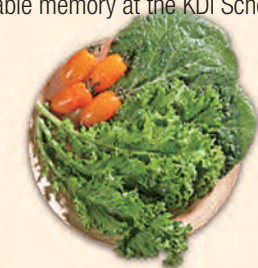
Issam M.M. Danadneh (2014 MDP, Palestine), a WOW team representative, told the Globe secretes of how his team could win the first grand prize. First, he made sure that the guests could try different



Prize	Team Name	Countries
1st Prize	WOW	Palestine, Kazakhstan, Russia, New Zealand, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, Korea, India, Ethiopia, Yemen
2nd Prize	Taste of ASEAN	Cambodia, the Philippines, Laos, Korea
2nd Prize	Irie Latino	Korea, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala

cuisines from 12 countries only from his team alone. Second, most ingredients were brought directly from the native land, and last but not least, he focused on decorations to catch people's eyes. To Issam, the 2014 International Food Festival was fun and amazing because students had a chance to bring a part of their home countries to Korea. “Food is culture, but we can exchange not only culture, but we learn a lot more: leadership, cooperation, coordination. Those are the life experiences that I will never forget.”

The festival finished with friendship and enjoyment. It made students another unforgettable memory at the KDI School.





# Seoul Bus Tour for 2014 Fall Semester Students

Leah Waweru (2014 MDP, Kenya)



The Seoul tour program for 2014 spring and fall semester students took place on September 5th, which was a brand new experience. The tour started from Namsan Hanok Village in Central District of Seoul, which was a well-preserved place with a long history dating back in 1826. The interior of each house is designed to reflect different walks of life from the middle class government officials to royal families from Chosun Dynasty (1393-1910). The village is open to public and it displays traditional craft-wood exhibitions as well.

The N Seoul Tower at Namsan Tower was the next destination. It is open to public since 1980, and it presents a variety of spaces for cultural events as well as the

places for souvenir on the third floor. What caught students' eye was the terrace filled with thousands of locks which symbolize everlasting love. The tower also offers a digital observatory with a 360 panoramic view that shows Korean history through 32 LCD screens.

The following destination after lunch was the famous Gwanghwamun Square. It is located in the middle of the hectic city for citizens of Seoul to rest and socialize. At the center of the square stand a statue of King Sejong the Great and a statue of admiral Yi Sun-sin.

The best part of the tour was a stroll to Cheonggyecheon stream. Cheonggyecheon is an 11-km long public recreation space in Seoul. The stream was covered with an

overpass after the Korean War (1950-1953) as part of the post war remnant, but in 2003 the overpass was removed to restore the stream to its present form. The stream starts from Cheonggye Plaza, a popular cultural art venue and passes under a total of 22 bridges before flowing into the Han River with many attractions along with its length to include the coin wish.

The tour came to an end at Insa-dong. It is one of the most memorable attractions in Seoul for Korean traditional culture and crafts. Insa-dong district stretches over 700 meters, filled with restaurants, traditional teahouses and various folk crafts. It is a center for Korean art, painting and artists. Overall, this was a day well spent in that students learned extensively with unforgettable memories. It was a meaningful time for students who just started their life in Korea, filled with excitement and expectations.



# Feel the Vibe : Home Visiting Program

## Make Korean Friends, Learn Korean Cultures

Sopheana Bronh (2013 MPP, Cambodia)

Korea is a country with its own distinctive culture. Kimchi, for example, which is served at every single mealtime both at Korean home and restaurants, is a signature dish that you will never forget even after you go back home.

To provide opportunities for international students to experience this unique culture and to encourage networking, the KDI School has established a program called the "Home Visiting Program," which Korean students, alumni, faculties, and staffs as host families invite the KDI School's international students as guests to their homes.

Sophe Sem (2014 MPP, Cambodia), who was invited by a Korean student as a guest, said the Home Visiting Program was interesting since it was a good chance to build friendship with Korean friends, and got to know more about the Korean lifestyles. "It was excited and fun," said Sophe. When she visited her host family, she noticed that Korean people really respect the elderly.

Home Visiting Program also allows students to take a break from their study for one or two days. Yifei Yu (2014 MPP, China) registered the program and visited Andong, the home of Confucianism in Korea. Besides seeing Hahoe Village, Confucian Schools, and Mask Museum, Yifei had a chance to visit her host' house where she was surprised to see the Korean special Kimchi refrigerator designed specifically to keep various kinds of Kimchi.

Young Eun Tae (2014 MPP, Korea), who was on of the host family, invited three international students to visit her house at Incheon and took them to many attractions such as China Town and Wolmi Island.

The international students currently at the KDI School are recommended to join this program, and it will bring you a remarkable memory back home.





# 2014 Homecoming Day: Welcome Back Alumni, Goodbye Hongneung!

Sopheana Bronh (2013 MPP, Cambodia)



Strong alumni network is one of the things that the KDI School prides itself in. Korean alumni of the KDI School are invited to many different school events such as Alumni Hiking, Year-End Dinner and Homecoming Day. This year's Homecoming, however, had more meaning to it because it was the last chance to visit the Hongneung campus for the School is about to move to a new campus in Sejong City.

The 2014 Homecoming Day was held on October 18th at the KDI School campus, participated by 74 alumni and their family members along with faculty and staff. From 3:30 PM, some of the alumni gathered around the sports field with the warm welcome from Mr. Chang-Ouk Lee (President of the KDIS Alumni Association). After short exchanged greetings, players were divided into different teams to play unique Korean game called foot volleyball. The events were finished after alumni enjoyed playing four games by taking around two hours and a half, and then moved to KAIST main gate for group photo before heading to the KDI School lobby to join the reception ceremony.

At around 6:00 P.M. the school lobby and parking lot of the KDI School were becoming crowded, and exchanged greeting conversations were continued as more and more alumni arrived. Prior to the dinner session, the alumni enjoyed old photographs displayed at the lobby. Some alumni was excited to see photographs of themselves which reminded them of their happy school days with old friends from different countries around the world.

Ji-Kwang Ryu (2009 MFDI, Korea) said he is happy and



excited to see those photos, which reminded him of the old school days. "I have been enjoying all of the school events because I can meet up with my old friends." he said.

Shortly after the arrival of Dean Sang-Woo Nam, the opening ceremony was started. In the opening speech, Dean Nam welcomed all alumni who participated in this special event with the brief information about the process of moving the KDI School the new campus at Sejong City in December this year. Following his speech, Mr. Chang-Ouk Lee(President of the KDIS Alumni Association) greeted the KDI School family with the message of strengthening the Korean alumni network.

After speeches, participants enjoyed dinner, which was served with different traditional Korean foods and drinks in the chilly evening of autumn along with slow classical Korean music and songs. This was definitely the most excited time of the year for all participants. The 2014 Homecoming Day was finished at around 8:00 P.M. with unforgettable events and conversations.





## “KDI School Alumni should stand in Solidarity for Development”

### 2014 Year-end Alumni Dinner

Rigoberto Banta Jr. (2014 MPP, Philippines)



At the 2014 Year-end Alumni Dinner, the KDI School showcases the strength of its alumni network, expanding not only from different fields but also in different countries. The Alumni Association President calls for solidarity among the KDI School alumni to strengthen professional network and reaffirm the role of the KDI School in the world.

The 2014 KDI School Year-end Alumni Dinner was held on November 21, 2014 at the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Chosun Hotel, Seoul. Attended by more than 200 alumni from various professional fields, this year's alumni dinner is the biggest and most successful. The attendance for this year's event was higher than before, with the collective effort of both the KDI School Alumni Association and the KDI School External Affairs Division.

Lee Chang-Ouk (2002 MBA, Korea), the president of the KDI School Alumni Association, called on fellow alumni to help in giving back to the school at his opening speech. “The KDI School Alumni spans in many different fields, including development, government, media and finance, among



others. We should be mentors to current students in order to strengthen the alumni network of the school.” He stresses that the role of alumni is as important as the role of the school in molding successful leaders ready to accept the challenge of the development.

Professor Jinsoo Lee, Associate Dean for Planning and External Affairs, was happy to announce in the event that apart from the strong alumni association domestically, the school has successfully established 25 international alumni associations across the globe, each with an assigned representative. “This year, we have successfully undergone the various events with high participation rates, thanks to all your help. As such, we look forward to continuous support in the future.”

Dean Nam reports in his congratulatory address about on-going changes, including the new campus of the KDI School in Sejong City. Among the updates, he reports about the introduction of MPM (Master of Public Management), NASPAA accreditation

of MPP, and the continuous successful implementation of the MDP program (started 2012). “More and more KDI School Alumni are present in international organizations such as the World Bank and United Nations. This is a reflection of the success of the educational programs that KDI School offers. We shall continue to do our best to provide better to our students.”

Dean Nam believes that there is still a lot to be done. “The homework of the KDI School is still far from finished. Please continue your support to the School and your juniors through various programs such as the Mentoring Program, and rest assured that the school will be doing its part.”

The annual event held raffle draw from the voluntarily donated gifts from the alumni, as well as classical performances. School promotional booths such as K-Developedia and souvenir booths were set up for alumni to get in touch with new advancements in the School.



## 2014 International Alumni Meetings



Bhutan Alumni Gathering



Cambodia Alumni Gathering



USA Alumni Gathering



Guatemala Alumni Gathering



Czech Republic Alumni Gathering



Costa Rica Alumni Gathering



Sri Lanka Alumni Gathering

2014 Fall/Winter had many alumni gatherings being held all across the world, which proves the strong tie among the KDI School alumni. One new alumni association was formed in Czech Republic this semester. Pavla Kubinova (2008 MPP, Czech Republic) is appointed as the representative of the Czech Republic alumni while Polina Petkova (2010 MPP/PM, Bulgaria) is the Secretary.

## Alumni News Update



### Kongchheng Poch

(2010 MPP/ED, Cambodia)

He was awarded a scholarship by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) to participate in the "International Seminar for Young Scholars on Economic Development Issues" in China from August 24th to September 21st, 2014.



### Jianwei Li

(2012 MPP, China)

Li, Jiawei got married to his beautiful wife Wang Li on July 12th, 2014.



### Michael Choo

(2001 Global MBA, USA)

He is currently the General Manager, Overseas PR Team, Kia Motors Corporation. He was named the 2014's 50th Most Influential PR People in Asia Pacific by PR Week Magazine.



### Nurul Laeva Nigora

(2011 MPP, Uzbekistan)

Nurul Nigora is currently working as a Second Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Uzbekistan, State Protocol Department. She married to an alumni student (2010) Karimov Nodirbek and changed her name to Karimova Nigora. In July 2014, they are blessed with a baby boy.



### Byungjun Yun

(2010 MPP, Korea)

He is working as a HR Advisor in Performance at Barclays Group Centre in Vilnius since October 2014.



### Indrė Bimbiryte

(2010 MPP/PM, Lithuania)

She is working as an Executive Assistant to CEO at Omnitel (TeliaSonera Group) in Vilnius, Lithuania as of August 2014.

### Aram Yaseen Faraj (2007 GLP, Iraq)

Aram Yaseen got married to Ms. Hawzheen Dashty. He works at Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Iraq, Directorate of Tendering Erbil Governorate.



### Sergey Kononov (2003 MBA, Russia)

Sergey Kononov married on 18th October in Murom, Russia, and went on a honeymoon trip to Korea.



### Jaemin Kim (2005 MDP, New Jersey)

Kim is currently working as a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, teaching Strategic Management.





## Faculty & Staff News Update



### Professor Kye Woo Lee

has just published his recent research result in a SSCI registered journal as follows: "Enhancing the Link between Higher Education and Employment," International Journal of Educational Development. He also presented his paper "The Role of Aid in Korea's development" at a seminar in Washington, DC in September 2014, and the paper was subsequently published in the Korea's Economy 2014, Korean Economic Institute, Washington D.C.



### Professor Yu Sang Chang

has recently published two papers. The first one is entitled "Comparative Analysis of Long-term Road Fatality Targets for Individual States in the US -An Application of Experience Curve Models", Transport Policy 36 (2014) 53-6. The second one, which is coauthored with Professor Jinsoo Lee is entitled, "Kinked Experience Curve", Encyclopedia of Business Analytics and Optimization, (2014), 1358.



### Professor Wook Sohn

Professor Wook Sohn's papers about bank supervision in Korea and microfinance in Pakistan were accepted at an SSCI journal, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, and a Western Economic Association conference. These papers were coauthored with the KDI School PhD candidates, Eun Sup Sim and Laila Ume, respectively.



## Welcome New Members



### Jihye Park

K-Developedia Team



### Jun Ki Hong

Administrative Division



### Juyeon Moon

Budget and Accounting Division



### Ki Jung Kim

Administrative Division



### Minah Park

Student Affairs Division



### Minji Kim

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