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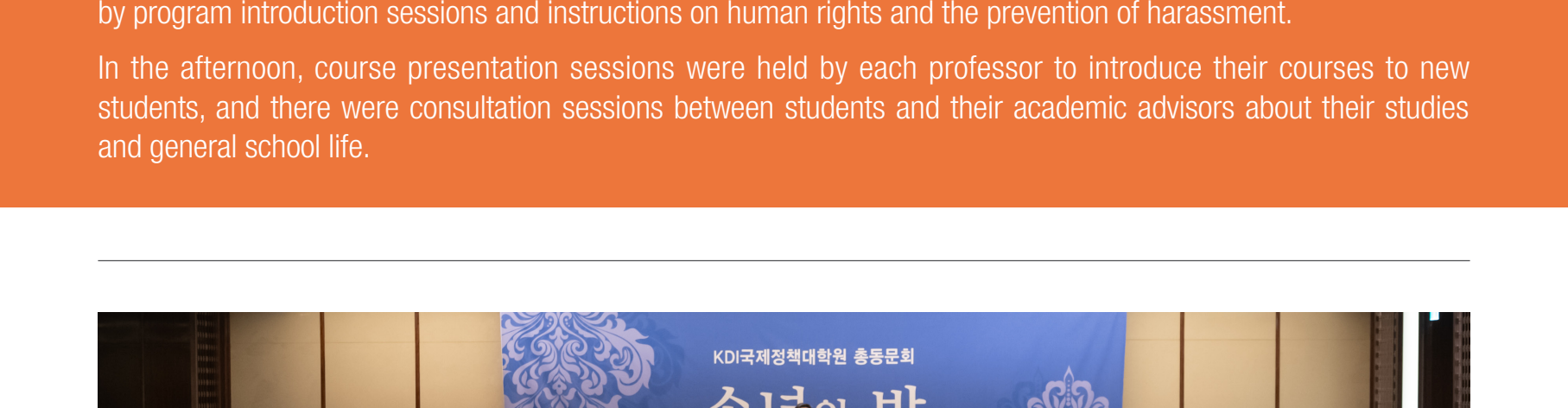
## 2019 Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony and orientation for all new graduate students of the 2019 spring semester were held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

This year, KDI School welcomed 230 full-time and 65 part-time students, representing 55 countries. In particular two students from Gabon and Spain newly joined KDI School this year.

Each event began with warm welcomes from President Jeong-Pyo Choi and Dean Jong-Il You of KDI School followed by program introduction sessions and instructions on human rights and the prevention of harassment.

In the afternoon, course presentation sessions were held by each professor to introduce their courses to new students, and there were consultation sessions between students and their academic advisors about their studies and general school life.



## 2018 KDI School Year-end Alumni Dinner

KDI School's 2018 Alumni Dinner was held at the prestigious Westin Chosun Hotel in Seoul on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.

This year-end party drew a warm and joyous gathering of more than 140 alumni, faculty, and staff members.

During the dinner, KDI School shared its major accomplishments of 2018 and celebrated distinguished alumni's special achievements in their workplaces and social lives.

A group of KDI School students called 'Zumba' also participated in the Dinner, building a bond between the alumni and the student body.

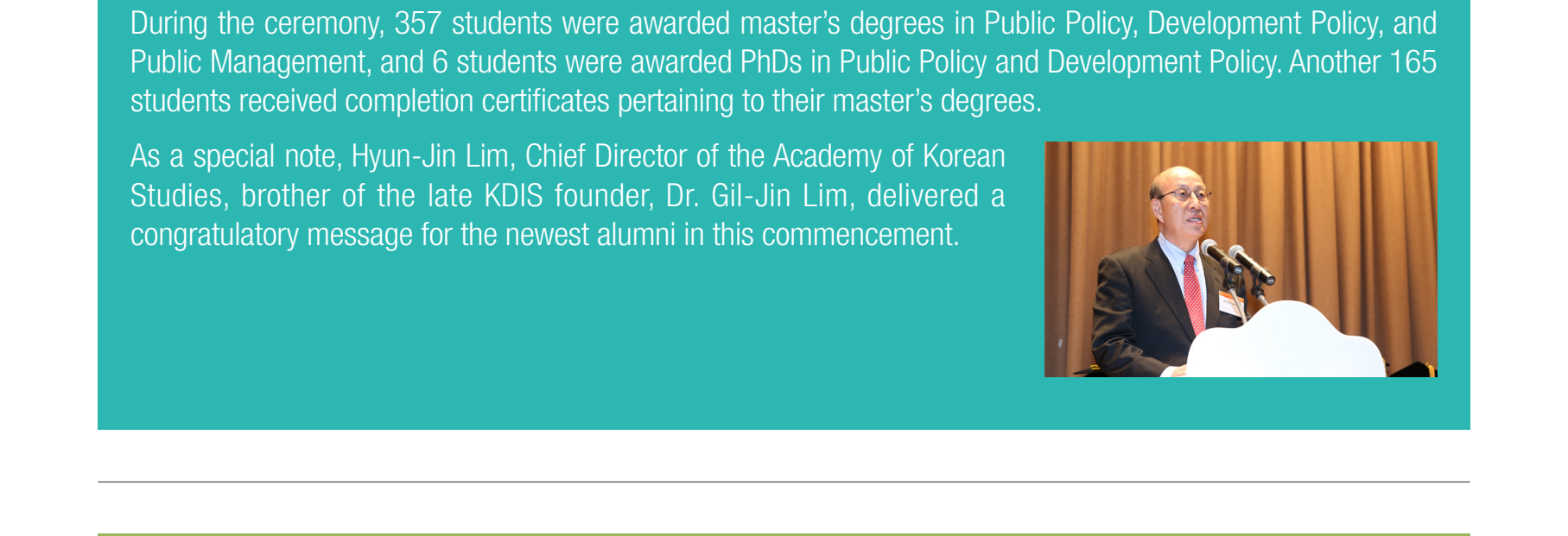
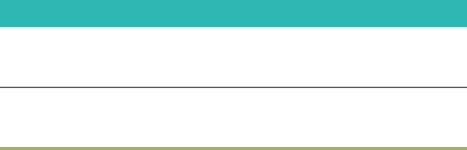


## 2018 KDI School Commencement

KDI School held its 20<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

During the ceremony, 357 students were awarded master's degrees in Public Policy, Development Policy, and Public Management, and 6 students were awarded PhDs in Public Policy and Development Policy. Another 165 students received completion certificates pertaining to their master's degrees.

As a special note, Hyun-Jin Lim, Chief Director of the Academy of Korean Studies, brother of the late KDIS founder, Dr. Gil-Jin Lim, delivered a congratulatory message for the newest alumni in this commencement.



## 2018 High-level Alumni Policy Dialogue

To build the network and strengthen the co-operational platform with our alumni and their home countries, KDI School held the 2018 High-level Alumni Policy Dialogue from December 3-8, 2018. Three high-level international alumni; Andres Fernando De La Vega Grunauer, the Vice Minister of Interior in Ecuador; Abdul Careem Mohamed Nafeel, the Additional Secretary of the City Planning and Water Supply in Sri Lanka; and Kieu Thu Phan, the Secretary General of Colombo Plan in Sri Lanka, were invited to participate in this policy dialogue. During the lecture session, they shared about the political issues of their countries and discussed relevant policy options and solutions with KDI School faculty members.



## Capacity Building Workshop for Inclusive Growth

Having been selected as the winners and excellent writers of the 2018 International Alumni Essay Contest, fifteen of our alumni and five representatives from the KDI School alumni associations were invited to the Capacity Building Workshop for Inclusive Growth from December 3-8, 2018. During the workshop, they presented on their experiences following graduation, especially pertaining to how they have applied their educational experience to their career development.



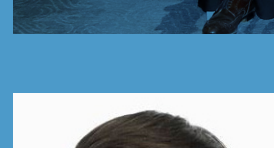
## KDI School-World Bank International Conference

**The Changing Nature of Work: Are We Ready?**

Date: December 3-11, 2018 | Venue: 18 Mar. of Dongguk University

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## KDIS NEWS UPDATES

### Alumni

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for KOICA Essay Contest

KOICA held its 2018 essay competition and has selected six essays from among those submitted by the KOICA Scholarship Program fellows who have effectively applied the knowledge gained through this program to their jobs.

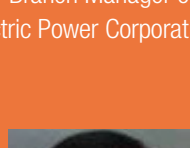
Mr. Shekhar Ratna Shakya, a 2014 MPP graduate, was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the KOICA Essay Contest for his essay, "Modernization of General Post Office in Nepal by Utilizing Learning from Korea." We are proud of his achievement, and KDI School will continue to do our best to help our students to contribute to their national development.



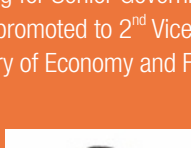
#### Publication in SSCI-Listed Journal

Mr. Dong-Hwan Kim (2014, MPP) has published a journal article entitled, "Cross-National Pattern of Happiness: Do Higher Education and Less Urbanization Degrade Happiness?" in *Applied Research in Quality of Life* (indexed in SSCI), which is the Official Journal of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.

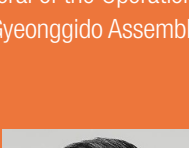
He is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Houston, Texas, USA. His research interests include happiness research with urban, educational, and economic perspectives. He also specializes in using remotely-sensed data to understand the Earth System and improve quality of life.



**PARK, Seong-Cheol**  
(1998 MBA) has been promoted to the Branch Manager of Korea Electric Power Corporation in Ulsan.



**Koo, Yun-Cheol**  
(2000 Special Program on Economic Policy-Making for Senior Government Officers) has been promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Minister of Ministry of Economy and Finance.



**SHIN, Nang-Hyun**  
(2001 MPP) has been promoted to the Director General of the Operation Assembly at Gyeonggi-do Assembly.



**KWON, Yong-Soo**  
(2002 MBA) has been promoted to the Branch Manager of Korea Appraisal Bank in Chuncheon.



**CHA, Young-Hwan**  
(2003 MBA) has been promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Minister of Office for Government Policy Coordination.



**JO, Chang-Hyun**  
(2004 MBA) has been promoted to the Principal Partner of KORN Ferry Korean Branch.



**DOH, Kyu-Sang**  
(2006 MPP) has been promoted to Presidential Secretary for Economic Policy.



**CHO, Seong-Min**  
(2007 MPP) has been promoted to the Director of Financial Supervisory Service.



**LIM, Dong-Soo**  
(2008 MPP) has been promoted to the Managing Director of CBRE Korea.

### Faculty & Staff

#### Sabbatical Leaves of Absence

Prof. Shun Wang is on sabbatical leave from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 at Fudan University of School of Economics.

Prof. Seul-Ki Choi is on sabbatical leave from January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 to January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at German Federal Institute for Population Research.

#### Celebrations

Gina Lee(English Director) gave birth to a baby boy on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Send us any updates about you! We offer small gifts through the draw. Contact the PR Division at KDIS\_pr@kdischool.ac.kr