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Message from the President

KISDI paves the way to the digital world by enhancing the quality of life

For the successful implementation of the national agenda for information technology, 'Best IT Nation', our research institute is involved in the analysis of various national issues, expansive theoretical and practical research, policy recommendations as well as international cooperation. In addition, as one of the foremost government sponsored research institutes, KISDI plays a critical advisory role for all IT policy issues in Korea.

Since its establishment in January 1988, KISDI has played a pivotal part in strengthening Korea's position as an IT powerhouse through national policies in informatization, IT industry, telecommunications & broadcasting convergence, fair competition, postal services and international cooperation.

In the future, KISDI aims to become the leading IT think-tank for the digital world in the 21st century. KISDI will make every effort to pave the way for Korea to become the 'Best IT Nation' in order to bring a more enjoyable and secure life through information technology.

With the world changing at an accelerated pace, we are living a global era that is racing at the speed of light, transcending time and moving beyond physical borders of East and West. The changes we are experiencing are the result of the rapid growth of the IT industry where technological advances have led to the increase in productivity and competitiveness of our nation as well as forming the building blocks towards a true welfare state.

KISDI is also involved in bridging the digital divide between nations, supporting the entry of IT companies overseas and strengthening not only cooperative relationships within Korea but also between countries. Furthermore, KISDI maintains interest in the reunification between South and North Korea through our efforts to strengthen cooperation in information technology.

We are committed to fully investing our efforts to ensure the growth and development of information technologies in Korea, contributing to the realization of the information society and forging partnerships in research and the private sector.

As we enter the new digital era, we ask for your continuing support and guidance to firmly establish KISDI as the leading research center in Korea and the new millennium.



John H. Lee
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President

KISDI

Major Research Areas

IT Industry Policy

- Changes in industrial structure and international competition in the digital economy
- R&D and competitiveness of IT businesses and consumer rights
- New IT strategy for the 21st century

Formulating plans to facilitate growth of new industries / Providing development strategies for the next generation

Informatization Policy

- Socio-cultural changes in Korea in the Knowledge and Information Age
- Legal framework to meet technological and social changes
- IT infrastructure policy from an economic and social point of view

Promoting the advancement of the information society / Designing Blueprints for 'Future Korea'

Telecommunications - Broadcasting Policy

- Advanced telecommunications infrastructure and competitiveness of the telecommunications service industry
- Broadcasting industry and deregulation under the WTO regime
- Entrance barriers, spectrum trading, and scarce resources management in major economies

Responding swiftly to market changes / Directing market-oriented reforms in the regulatory structure

Fair Competition Policy

- Fair competition policy for the rapidly changing telecommunications sector
- Competition issues and regulations related to e-commerce
- Effective competition in the telecommunications market

Developing appropriate regulations and controls / Creating a 'model theory' of fair competition

Postal Business Strategy

- New postal business strategy
- Competitiveness and core competencies of postal business

Becoming the distribution hub of Northeast Asia / Shifting to 'management innovation'

South-North IT Cooperation

- Information and database on the IT industry of North Korea
- Telecommunications industry policy for the Gaeseong Industrial Park
- Closing the inter-Korean gap in the telecoms sector
- Legal framework for inter-Korean cooperation in IT

Sharing prosperity between South and North Korea / Building a unified IT infrastructure

IT International Cooperation

- International cooperation and trade in IT
- Foundations to improve Korea's national image as an IT leader and advance into overseas markets
- International projects to close the digital divide in developing countries

Helping to bridge the digital divide / Leading the forefront of IT nations

KISDI International IT HRD Program

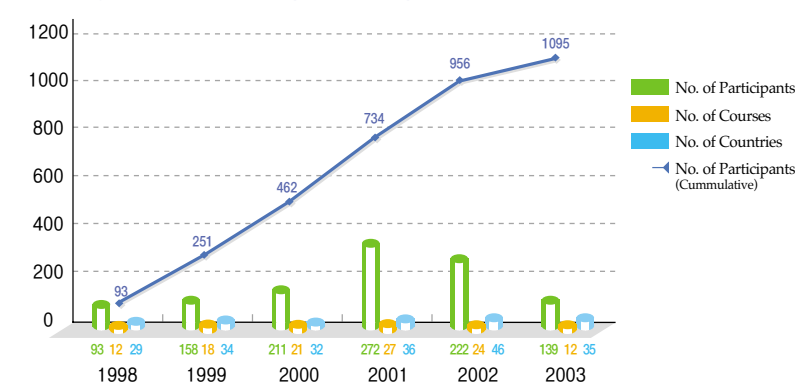
The KISDI international IT Human Resource Development (HRD) Program, one of Korea's major initiatives for bridging the digital divide, enables developing countries to acquire the necessary skills and information in order to improve their capabilities by way of knowledge transfers, shared experiences, human resource development plans, and dissemination of information, in order to build human capacity in the IT sector.

APII-Cooperation Center HRD Program

The IT HRD Program was first launched in 1998, as a joint project with APEC TEL. The courses cover a wide range of ICT topics, that includes current issues and technologies through in-class training and activities during a 7 ~ 12 day period. The IT HRD Program aims to share Korea's experiences and expertise in the IT sector and to provide training opportunities in Korea's telecommunications sector for participants representing developing countries. In particular, major targets of this program are policy makers, regulators, business managers and engineers of the IT sector.

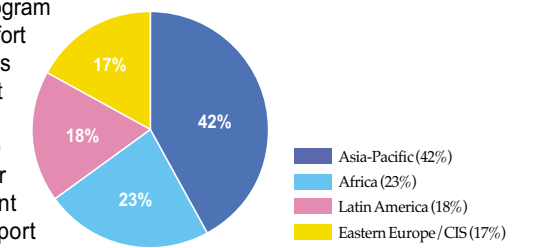
Since the establishment of the program, KISDI has offered more than 110 training courses to approximately 1,100 trainees from 72 countries. Success of the IT HRD Program has been made possible through the strong commitment from the Korean telecom industry, which includes service providers, equipment manufacturers and R&D institutes as well as the Korean government.

Program Participants (1998-2003)



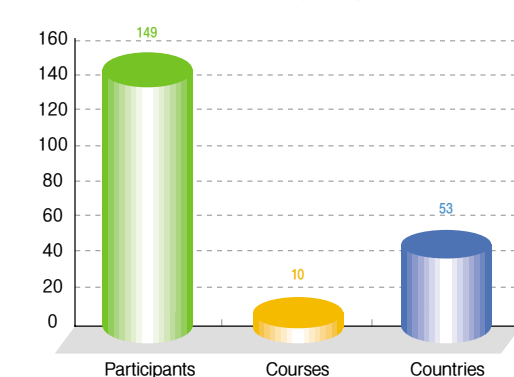
DGF-KTC HRD Program

The DGF-KTC HRD Program was formed from the joint effort with the World Bank. For this program, the Development Gateway Foundation-Korea Training Center (DGF-KTC) was established in November 2002 based on an agreement with the World Bank to support DGF programs for poverty reduction and sustainable development through education in the use of ICT for economic development. The key objectives of DGF-KTC are bridging the digital divide in developing countries through ICT human resource development, technology transfers to stimulate IT industry growth, national informatization through shared policy experiences, as well as pursuing co-prosperity of both developed and developing countries through digital equality.



In the first year of the program, a total of 8 courses, covering trends in information technology and market developments in telecommunications were offered from December 2002 to August 2003. Courses included informatization policy, regulation and reform in telecommunications, and high-speed access networks and wireless technology. Over 120 participants, representing key regulators, communications managers and IT service providers from 51 countries, have participated in the 1st year of the program. For the second year, KISDI plans to extend the variety of course offerings to 10 subjects for more than 150 participants expected to attend in August 2004 session. Till to December 2003, KISDI has offered 2 courses to 22 trainees from 14 countries.

Program Participants (2004)



KISDI Vision

To become a leading strategic research institute for the global information society of the 21st century

KISDI Goals

- To serve an advisory role on national initiatives for the construction of an advanced information society
- To provide recommendations on the blueprints for 'e-Korea'
- To contribute to the development of IT policies for Korea
- To become an international organization of global leadership

KISDI History

- Feb. 1, 1972 Established the Korea Research Institute of Telecommunications (KRIT)
- Feb. 4, 1985 Expanded and reorganized KRIT as the Institute for Communications Research (ICR)
- Nov. 28, 1987 IT Development Research Institute Act
- Jan. 30, 1988 Established the Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI) as a government sponsored research institute affiliated with the former Ministry of Communications; succeeding ICR
- Nov. 5, 1994 Relocated to the new KISDI research complex in Juam-dong, Kwachun, Kyonggi-do
- Oct. 11, 1996 Launched the APII-Cooperation Center (APII-CC)

- Aug. 30, 1997 Changed the official Korean name of the Institute
- Jan. 29, 1999 Changed affiliation to the Office of the Prime Minister under the Korea Council of Economic and Social Research Institutes
- Feb. 1, 2002 Established the Postal Services Research Center
- Nov. 13, 2002 Established Development Gateway Foundation-Korea Training Center (DGF-KTC)
- May. 7, 2003 Changed the official English name to 'Korea Information Strategy Development Institute'
- Jun. 11, 2003 Established the North Korea IT Development Center; Renamed 'Postal Services Research Center' as 'Postal Services & Management Consulting Center'