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YEAR 2000, CLASS OF 2000

One hundred and seven new students have newly joined the KDI School's voyage into the new millennium this year. They are the Class of 2000 to whom the KDI School must mean something very special. Why? Because they have chosen to open their new millennium, their new future at, and with, the KDI School.

This year, the KDI School recruited 107 students from Korea and around the world. This year's select pool of students consists of 70 domestic students and 37 international students from 20 different countries— that is 65.4% domestic and 34.6% international. With this newly added group, KDI School now has a total of 163 master's program students and 45 diploma program students including two exchange

students from Leipzig Graduate School of Management, Germany and one transfer student from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

Economics and Public Policy (EP) has 32 students; Strategy and Global Management (SM) 31; International Relations and Political Economy (IR) 17; Growth and Development Studies (GD) 14. Real Estate Finance program, which is specifically designed for students from Korea Land Corporation, has 13 students enrolled this year.

Some rules and regulations regarding academic and graduation requirements have been changed also. These changes are only applicable to the Class of 2000 and on, and students may refer to the Student Handbook for

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Dean's Message



On behalf of the faculty, students and staff of the School of Public Policy and Management, KDI, I extend my warmest welcome to the new members of the school. You are the class that starts in the first year of the new millennium. This year is also the School Year Three. As you are all aware of, the new millennium brings many challenges to human beings—poverty, inequality, conflicts, war, environmental decay, human rights, corruption, democratic governance and so on.

WELCOME TO THE KDI SCHOOL

Our mission is to educate and work with people who endeavor to solve these problems. To be effective in this endeavor, our school provides students with educational programs which combine vision and knowledge. We try to offer not only the practical concepts and tools, but also accountability and morality. In this vein, beginning this year the school will offer three core courses that encompass the essential elements of global policy environment, policy-making processes and research methods. We shall learn from each other, debate and enhance the problem solving capacities. We also empha-

size the importance of mastering English and other languages, learning information technology and strengthening communication skills.

The ultimate purpose of our school is to serve the need of the people around the world. We are concerned with advancing the quality of life through knowledge-based action. Therefore, you are encouraged to gain from the richness of other activities at the school such as research, conferences, internships and fieldwork.

This year, we have students from 20 countries. The diversity of our students will further enrich the cultural atmos-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & IMPORTANT DEADLINES (Jan. 3 – May 24, 2000: Spring Term)

Jan. 3 – Feb. 29	Thesis Writing Course
Jan. 15 – Jan. 21	Tuition Payment for Spring Term, 2000
Jan. 24 – Feb. 23	Special Preparatory Program (SPP) -- Intensive English & Economics Courses
Feb. 4 – Feb. 5	School Closed (Lunar New Year)
Feb. 21 – Feb. 26	Study Tour Program for Vietnamese Government Officials
Feb. 24	Orientation for Class of 2000
Feb. 25 – Feb. 28	Course Registration for Spring Term, 2000
Mar. 1	March First Movement Day
Mar. 2	Education Program for KAMCO Begins/Classes Begin
Mar. 2 – Mar. 15	Course Add & Drop Period
Mar. 11	KDI Anniversary
Mar. 8 – Mar. 9	OECD-Korea Workshop on Territorial policies and Issues
Mar. 20 – Mar. 22	Thesis Supervisor Arrangement (Applicable for students in their 3rd Term)
Apr. 5	School Closed (Arbor Day)
Apr. 18 – Apr. 20	Course Registration for Summer Term
Apr. 22 – May 27	Special Program on Economic Policy Making
May 5	Children's Day
May 8 – May 10	Thesis Proposal Submission Period (Applicable for students in their 3rd Term)
May 8 – May 21	KOICA-sponsored Program on Export Promotion Strategies
May 11	School Closed (Buddha's Birthday)
May 12 – May 18	Tuition Payment for Summer Term
May 18 – May 24	Final Examination Period
May 24	RAPP -- Review and Proposal Preparation/Last day of classes

1999 COMMENCEMENT



1999 Commencement, with Canadian Ambassador Arthur C. Perron

The 1999 Commencement was held on Friday, December 17, 1999 at the KDI School. It

was the first graduation of our School, as we are only in our third year now, and therefore it was especially meaningful for all of us.

Thirty three students who have successfully completed their course work and thesis requirements were conferred a Master's degree; 60 students were conferred

a certificate for completing all course requirements; and 14 students were conferred a certificate for the diploma program after completing 18 credits of course-work.

Some one hundred guests filled the Ambassador Hall, sharing this joyous moment and congratulating the KDI School's first graduates. Congratulatory remarks were delivered by His Excellency Arthur C. Perron, Ambassador of Canada to Korea.

For group or individual pictures from the 1999 Commencement, please contact Ms. Keum-Joo Choi at 3299-1105.

STUDY TOUR PROGRAM FOR VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Six Vietnamese government officials from the Ministry of Finance visited the KDI School to participate in the Study Tour Program for Vietnamese Government Officials, sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and hosted by the Center for Executive Leadership and National Development of the KDI School, from February 21st to 26th.

This program aimed at sharing with the Vietnamese government officials Korea's know-how on budget operation, financial policy, and structures and organization of budget and finance related ministries and agencies and Korea's ODA experience, thereby contributing to the development of budget pol-

icy-making of Vietnam and successful operation of ODA project.

During the program, participants attended seminars on Korean Economic Development, Korean Accounting and Budget system, Korean ODA Project, and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Management and visited the Ministry of Finance and Economy and other various govern-



With Vietnamese Vice Minister of Finance, Ms. Le Thi Bang Tam, at the KDI School

ment agencies and financial institutions.

They also went on a field trip to Incheon International Airport construction site and Daewoo Mo-

What is CHUNJI Sky Lounge?

The Chunji Sky Lounge was officially opened on March 19, 1999. It is a members only establishment, open only to members of the KDI School and their guests. During each week's W.I.T.T. students, faculty and staff can help themselves to a drink from the bar. Where do the drinking beverages come from? Each member of the School contribute a bottle of his/her favorite drink to the collection, which makes the global community of liquid entertainment.

FACULTY COLUMN



Working Together

Professor Ju Ho Lee

When I was about to start my career as an economist, I did

not expect that my calling would involve so much extensive collaboration and cooperation with others. After years of digging into one narrow academic area to complete a Ph.D. thesis, I thought the career before me would be like a marathon, a lonely and tiring race during which nobody can really help you out. At that time, I was too young to know much of anything.

Luckily, I have had the privileges of working for the KDI and the KDI School, where chances of active collaboration with excellent colleagues were abundant. Struggling with complicated public policy issues, I learned that good policy research often requires meeting with many people with various interests and backgrounds and

discussing extensively with people with diverse expertise and positions. Time and again, I was able to come up with interesting and useful ideas after having discussions with others. And I realized that collaboration with colleagues kept me from being idle and complacent. I sometimes found myself working with a silly motivation--not to disappoint my colleagues. I also became fond of working together with my colleagues on policy reports, papers, and research projects. It is fun to learn from others while working together. All in all, I learned a lot more from my colleagues than I learned during my days at universities and graduate schools.

Recently, I became interested in multidisciplinary studies, working together with people from different academic disciplines. Economic crisis of Korea was a shock and a frustration to me. I believe one important lesson from the crisis is that we need to broaden and

deepen our understanding of the problems in our economy and society through extensive multidisciplinary studies.

When it came to the issue of labor reform, many Korean labor economists would point out what labor laws and practices needed to be reformed; however, none of us could clearly suggest just how to reform. Consensus making on reform ideas and measures and how to implement them have always been and are still a black box to policy researchers and policy makers in Korea. In many advanced countries, particularly in the United States, economists have been most active in their pursuits of working with people from different disciplines. Sometimes they are not welcome and misunderstood as economics imperialists, but most of them are contributing to maximizing public interests in various areas, which often times are harmed by vested interests.

KDI School, with its competent professors with diverse backgrounds and disciplines, is an ideal place for my multidisciplinary interests. Part of my expectation has already been realized in our new curriculum for this year. In the new cur-

What is WITT?

WITT stands for Wednesday International Tea Time. Originally, it was FITT which was held every Fridays, but after an all school survey it was moved to Wednesdays to make sure that nobody has conflict with his/her personal schedule. The objectives, through which we promote "participatory democracy", of having such a meeting on a regular basis are:

- *Administrative purpose:* through WITT, various academic, administrative notices and announcements are made.
- *Academic purpose:* through this time, the KDI School invites high ranking government officials, renowned scholars from Korea and abroad, professionals, CEOs, experts in various fields, etc. as guest speakers.
- *Cultural purpose:* through WITT, students from various different countries and with different backgrounds share their experiences and thoughts, promoting better understanding of our differences.

ALUMNI, STUDENT & STAFF NEWS

Mr. Seong-Soo Kim, a member of the 1998 class, had a stroke. He had brain surgery lasting six and a half hours and regained consciousness. His surgery was a successful one and he is slowly recovering, however, he is still experiencing local paralysis and must remain hospitalized for quite some time.

Mr. Kim has been involved in the NGO movement all his life and has previously served as the Secretary General for Green Consumers Network of Korea. He was serving on the Second Council of the Korea Sustainable Development Network when he had the stroke.

To help Mr. Kim with his soaring hospital bill, many people helped out. The following is

the list of those who made contributions up to the middle of February. A total of 3,447,000 won was collected.

KDI School Alumni

KDI School Faculty

KDI School Staff

Sung-bong Ahn

Jae-min Chung

Il-Woong Park

Hak-Joo Kim

Prof. Hai-Young Yun

Yoo-Hun Lee

Elizabeth Pyon

.....Assoc. Dean Jong-Il You

**The list has no particular order.*

Mr. Seong-Soo Kim is in Room 5517 at Seoul National University General Hospital, and visitors are welcome.

Those who wish to make contributions, please contact Ms.

Chan-Mi Kim at 3299-1255.

Mr. Seung-Chul Park is finally married to Ms. Jin Chun. His wedding ceremony was held on Saturday, February 12, 2000, at 3:00 pm, in Onnuri Church in Dongbu-ichon-dong. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Park!

Ms. Ae-Sil Sung, a staff of the KDI School, had a baby girl on Thursday February 23, at 00:05 am at Kyung-Hee University General Hospital. She is now a mother of a healthy, 2.95 kg girl. She will be returning to the School from her maternity

If you have any announcements or updated news, please contact the editor at <anna@kdischool.ac.kr> or 3299-1269.

KDI School held a Winter Staff-Faculty Meeting during January 17-19, 2000 at Muju Resort. Thirty three members of the School participated in the three day meeting. The members were divided into three discussion groups and had intense discussions and shared free ideas on School's development, faculty-staff welfare, and creating a friendly environment. This meeting was a success, bringing all staff members together to listen to one another's voices. The School has committed itself to reflect



2000 Winter all staff meeting at Muju Resort
their ideas and opinions as much as possible.



1999 Christmas party at Dean's place

International students and some staff members who reside on campus had a special Christmas party. Dean Lim invited them, most of whom are away from their homes, to his place for dinner and a good time. Some twenty people came and shared food and music. After dinner, they sat together, played some games, and socialized with each other.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear KDI School members:

How are you?

I am still here in Princeton finishing up the grad program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. Many people here are amazed of the knowledge that I brought back from Korea, which I owe to the KDI School. My deepest apologies for missing the KDI Commencement. Unfortunately, my schedule can't permit a trip to Korea these days. But I would like to extend my congratulations to you and the rest of the school for a wonderful and successful year. May you have more prosperity to come!



NOTICE

Official English names for Academic Affairs and General Affairs have been changed to:

Office of Academic & Student Affairs
Office of Administrative Affairs



International Relations and Pacific Studies (IRPS) in which I am enrolled now is a Master's program. It's different from the KDI School's IR program in that IRPS emphasizes regional studies. Meanwhile, IRPS does not have as many mid-career students compared to the KDI School. However, I see a good mixture of culture since 40% of IRPSers are international students. In fact, since this is the school of pacific studies, most students are of non-western cultural backgrounds. This makes a big difference. Here you get to know many different people. They understand each other's culture well. Therefore, each time we study different countries, we always have some people from those areas, and the application of studies becomes very realistic for we share real experiences with each other.

My first quarter in the US had been quite hectic. However, with the help of Professor Euy-Sung Kim, I got accustomed to everything after a while and began to enjoy the new challenges.

Before the actual classes began, we had several social gatherings

to get to know each other and shared many different cultures, experiences, and opinions on various social issues. Not like class competition or dry discussion, we could open up our minds and listen to each other.

On September 30, my first class started. I liked it although I suffered a lot. In fact, the program is very demanding but it was just as hard as it was at the KDI School. If anyone asked me what I have learned here, it would be hard to answer since I have learned so many things that I could not have learned in Korea.

First, I learned that the world is a lot bigger than you think. When I was in Korea, I thought that just knowing Korea would be enough to start my career. Now I know it is not. The more I learn, the more I realize that I have been short-sighted and there is this huge world out there with many job opportunities waiting for qualified young pioneers.

Second, I learned that I need to be trained and ready to be professional. There are a lot of job opportunities but if you are not qualified, you have no options. In America, all companies provide internship programs through which students can gain practical experiences, and the companies benefit from their fresh and brilliant ideas; hence, maximizing the synergy effect. Korea needs to develop such internship programs and utilize

such effects.

Third, classes are different in perspectives and student participation. IRPS has many top-notch professors like the KDI School does. Here, I could learn about American perspectives and main interests when the role of the US still remains critical in this globalizing world.

Fourth, student participation is a lot more active than it is in Korea. Not because of their grades, but for the sake of sharing different ideas and helping each other understand one another better. They have self-confidence on what they know and what they have experienced, and they constantly contribute to class discussion. They are also involved in various extracurricular activities. I had a chance to join a "Habitat of Humanity" project. In this project, people including students from all over the country join and provide their labor and build houses for the homeless. I hope these kinds of social work programs and activities can be adopted also in Korea.

Looking back on my last quarter, I cannot say I was one of the best students. I would rather say I was the one who has learned the most. Now I am ready to run at the fastest speed for the remaining time in the US. By the time I am back in Korea, I want to be able to say "I am an expert in my field."

Thanks to the faculty, staff, and my classmates at the KDI

PROFILE



Dr. Michelle Lorenzini earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She is at our school as a Visiting Assistant Professor for one year. Her primary teaching and research interests include international and comparative political economy, focusing on East and Southeast Asia. She enjoys traveling and experiencing new cultures and is an avid baseball fan. As a new member of our School, she says, "there is a real sense of community at the



school. Everyone is committed to developing and maintaining a top caliber international institution. I am excited and grateful to be part of the KDI School community"

Dr. Heung-Rae Kim, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Government and Home Affairs has joined the KDI School as a Visiting Fellow as of February, 2000. He has a Ph.D. in Public Administration and has served as a Mayor of Naju-si and Mokpo-si after passing a national civil service examination in 1971. Through



Mr. In-Sung Na has joined our School as a new member of the Office of Administrative Affairs as of February 10, 2000. He previously worked at Han Kook University of Foreign Studies in charge of budget and as part of General Affairs office of Information and Communications University in

Daeduk research complex in charge of personnel affairs. Mr. Na will be in charge of personnel affairs at our School, and he says the following: "Thank you all for giving me such a warm welcome. Let's work together in loving, caring for,



and being proud of our School. Also, please let me know if you have any questions regarding personnel affairs."

Mr. Hyun-Woong Lee is another new member who recently joined the KDI School. He is currently in a Ph.D. program at Seoul City University in Urban Administration and at the same time working as a researcher at the Center for Global and Urban Dynamics under the leadership of Director Hee-Soo Chung.

The Center for Global and Urban Dynamics will be hosting several projects of great weight



Mr. Sung-Jae Chung is a new member of our School's Computer Center. He has worked at the KDI's Computer Center for several years before coming to our School. Although he is not yet physically here with us at the KDI School, for he still has some unfinished projects

in which he is engaged at the KDI, he has our warmest welcome. Mr. Chung's presence in our already competent Computer Center, with Team Leader Eui-dong Hwang, In-Kyun Im, and Jung-



Hwan Park, would certainly contribute to making our School one of the most computer-intelligent, hi-tech, and information advanced schools in the world.

Mr. In-Kyun Im is another new member who joined the Computer Center as of February. As a new member, he has a new resolution for his career: "I am glad that I joined the KDI School with the beginning of the new millennium. It means something to me. I

I am a SPOKESPERSON, I am a PROBLEM-SOLVER, I am a TEAMWORKER for the SCHOOL!

KDI SCHOOL PHOTO GALLERY



His Excellency Arthur C. Perron,
Ambassador of Canada



Let's party! – Last day of preliminary
session

First WITT for Year 2000



Ethiopian students, with Associate Dean
Jong-II You



Dean Lim with Mr.
Chan-Soo Park and his
family



Mr. Gill-Sang Won and Byung-Soo Yoon with
Vietnamese Study Tour program participants

You got a nice
smile, dude!



Professor Cameron Gordon at WITT special
lecture



Grads of 1999, with Dr. D(David Lumsdaine, IR)

Members of the KDI School are encouraged to submit their articles, journals, letters, or pictures that will appear in the future issues of the GLOBE newsletter. The article should be no longer than 300 words in length and can be submitted at any time to the GLOBE Editor. Please contact Anna Song at 3299-1269 or <anna@kdischool.ac.kr> for further information.