

A New Dean, A New Era



Chin-Seung Chung
Dean of KDI School

It has been a little over three months since I have been the Dean of the KDI School. The past few months have proven to be very challenging and rewarding to me. As the Dean of the School, I have come to learn through the work of my colleagues, staff and students how much work and effort goes into creating a true community of learning.

I believe that we have all been blessed. The faculty has been blessed with a fine staff and eager and inquisitive students. Students have been blessed with a superb faculty and classmates of high intellectual capacity, and the staff has been

blessed with wonderful colleagues and an opportunity to work for a truly international educational institution. And as the Dean of the School, I am fortunate to be working, learning and sharing my experiences with such an exceptional group of individuals – faculty, students and staff. We have the essential infrastructure to build a world-class institution of learning. And due to all of your support, we are well on our way.

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As we are all aware, the KDI School is in the business of nurturing promising young professionals into experienced, worldly experts in their respective fields. We must all work together in realizing not only our respective, individual dreams, but also in our mutual dream – to provide our students with visionary

thinking so that they can successfully address various challenges and work to attain economic, political, ecological, cultural, and technological sustainability in the global context.

As the Dean of the School, it is my job to ensure that we not only fulfill our personal ambitions at the School, but also that we help the School mold our students into the leaders we will need to better the state of affairs throughout the world. In order to make this possible, I ask that we all challenge ourselves – academically, socially, and professionally. I invite you to take full advantage of your experiences at the KDI School. You will all learn how priceless these experiences are, as I have and continue to discover.

I look forward to working very closely with all members of the KDI School to help our community flourish in not only academia but also in the global context.



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DEAN's MESSAGE

Personnel Changes

In light of this new era with the new Dean, there has been many changes in the personnel of KDI School.

The new Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs is now



Ju-Ho Lee,
Associate Dean
of Academic and
Student Affairs

Professor Ju-Ho Lee.

The Planning and Administration Department is headed by new Associate Dean of Planning and Administration, Professor Jin Park. He

will also continue his duties as the Director of the KP Center.

The Public Affairs Department is now called External Relations and Development Affairs. The Associate Dean of this department is Pro-



Jin Park,
Associate Dean
of Planning and
Administration



Seung-Joo Lee,
Associate Dean
of External
Relations and
Development

fessor Seung-Joo Lee, and he will also continue his role as the Field Chair of SM.

The GDLN Center has been newly established with Professor Phillip Park as Director.

We wish you all the best in the future in your new respective positions.



Phillip Park,
Director of
GDLN Center

School Calendar

Sep. 1 - Sep. 29	Special Program on Management Innovation—KP Center
Sep. 8 - Dec. 1	Third Special Program on Economic Policy Making—KP Center
Sep. 16 - Sep. 24	Program on Korea's Economic Development and Policy Assignment in Transitional Economies
Sept. 17	Beginning of Classes
Sep. 17 - Sep. 28	Course Add & Drop Period
Oct. 1 - Oct. 3	Korean Thanksgiving (No Classes)
Oct. 8 - Oct. 12	Thesis Supervisor Arrangement (Students in their 3rd Term)
Oct. 13	Open House for 2002 Applicants
Oct. 13 - Oct. 24	Second Special Program for Journalists
Oct. 17	Deadline for Submission of Masters Thesis
Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	Program on Korea's Economic Development and Crisis Management
Oct. 29 - Oct. 31	Thesis Proposal Submission
Oct. 30	Application Deadline for 2002
Nov. 1	Finalize Selection of Subcontractors—GDLN Center
Nov. 21 - Nov. 23	Course Evaluation
Nov. 29	RAPP
Nov. 30	Application Deadline for Evening MBA
Dec. 3 - Dec. 7	Final Exams
Dec. 7	End of Classes
Dec. 10 - Dec. 15	International Workshop for the KDI School Alumni—KP Center
Dec. 14	Commencement and Homecoming Day

FACULTY COLUMN

Trials, Tribulations, and Triumph under the New Freedom of Information Act



By: James C. Schopf
Visiting Professor

Does democratization thwart corruption, or merely engender further graft? Under Korean democracy, stories of bank scandal, from

Hanbo to Hanbit have frequently appeared in the headlines. On the other hand, familiar accounts of high-level corruption extend from the Republic's first President Syng Man Rhee, to Dictator Chun Doo Hwan's infamous dissolution of the seventh largest Chaebol, the Kukje Group under the 1980s Industrial Rationalization Program. Did the numerous reports under democracy signify an increase in corruption, or were they the result of greater transparency, which simply provided the appearance of a rise in bribery, but in fact reduced the scale of hidden exchange?

In order to discern the true relationship between democracy and corruption in Korea, I set out to gather data. One of the greatest challenges, though, was in overcoming the dearth of reliable source material pertaining to corruption, partly due to the fact that those partaking in corrupt exchange had an obvious interest in concealing their activity. At the outset, the task certainly seemed daunting.

One day, however, while browsing through books at the National Assembly Library, I happened across a promising discovery: documents from the 1988 150th General Assembly of the National Assembly's special inquiry into corruption under Chun. The index of the proceedings catalogued various information requested from relevant government ministries by National Assembly members participating in the investigation. The material con-

tained the receipts and records of contributions, analysis by ministries and banks of financial assistance provided to certain groups, and detailed records of firm take over contracts. This was precisely what I needed.

Regrettably, though, the index of requested material served only to tease researchers. All of the documents, the librarian informed me, were sealed, classified information.

It was hard to understand why the National Assembly had continued to keep these documents confidential. Hadn't the general story had been known for many years, having been leaked to newspapers at the time of the investigation? And hadn't the National Assembly, the body democratically elected to represent the Korean people, launched the investigation precisely to disclose the truth behind the allega-

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tions? It seemed like common sense, I thought, for this information to be made public. After all, the titles of the documents were available for all to see.

Unfortunately, my views were not shared by the National Assembly administrative office, in charge of managing the material. The documents, they insisted, were to remain confidential. Prospects were beginning to look bleak when a friend suggested contacting Lawyer Park Won Soon, the General Secretary of a citizen's action group, the People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD), a group that had been active in the struggle to improve transparency in government.

General Secretary Park proved to be thoughtful, kind, and knowledgeable, suggesting that we use the new Freedom of Information Act, implemented just two months prior. So, together

with the PSPD, I applied to view the sealed documents from the National Assembly's 1988 special inquiry into Fifth Republic corruption.

Within one month, the National Assembly administration had rejected our application. We decided to appeal, on to a higher body, only to be rejected yet again a few weeks later. One more appeal, and yet another rejection. Finally, four months later, after numerous appeals had been rebuffed, we were left with one last chance, one final petition to a committee of top officials. After so many rejections, I had begun to despair, expecting that the whole futile effort would soon be over. The PSPD was relentless, though, and General Secretary Park threatened to file a lawsuit. Amazingly, the National Assembly administration relented, and allowed me access to the documents, marking the first use the Korean Freedom of Information Act to view sealed National Assembly documents.

After a month of wading through thousands of documents, the material from the National Assembly Investigation proved invaluable. The solid evidence allowed analysis of the pattern and scale of high-level corruption prior to and following the transition to democracy, and formed the basis of an article published in the September/October 2001 edition of Asian Survey. Indeed, the material substantiated the case that democracy had raised the transaction costs of corrupt exchange, producing a drop in illicit bank lending.

Not only did increased transparency under democracy cut bank-based corruption, it also allowed me to undertake my study! I am therefore extremely grateful to witness the strengthening of democracy in this great country, at a time when academic freedom and the freedom of information are increasingly cherished.

School News

CGUD News: Phase I Completed

The first of five phases of the AI-REFP (Advanced Integrated Real Estate Finance Program) has completed and to commemorate the event, a certificate ceremony was

held on July 27, 2001 in Ambassador Hall.

The students are mid-career professionals from the National Housing Corporation. They will now

embark onto the second phase at Michigan State University to continue their education and gain global experience.



WITT Special Guests

On June 27, 2001, Jay-Kun Yoo, Chairman of the Korea-US Inter-parliamentary Council and Millennium Democratic Party, was the special guest lecturer for the WITT. With his charisma, enthusiasm and huge smile, Mr. Yoo provided much insight into the relationship between North and South Korea and the issues surrounding politics in the Republic of Korea.



Dean of Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, James W. Hughes visited KDI School as the special guest lecturer during the WITT on July 4, 2001.



An expert in demographics, Dean Hughes' lecture included insightful and profound implications of population distribution on the economy of the United States in both the short and long-term.

Executive Vice President of AMCHAM (American Chamber of Commerce in Korea), Tami Overby visited KDI School on July 11, 2001. An eloquent speaker, she argued that the prospect of investing in Korea is the most promising and profitable.



The Special Lecturer for the WITT on July 18, 2001 was CEO of Nisho Iwai Korea, Hidekazu Morishima.

He presented an innovative system called WEIGHT which uses golf analogies to benchmark the economic performances of the countries around the world.

GDLN Set to Open KDI School.

On August 9, 2001, Dr. Le Ahh Vu (Chief Engineer), and Dr. John Middleton (Director of Global Learning) from the World Bank visited

During their visit, they discussed the installation of the facilities and equipment for the new GDLN center, which will be set to launch in the near future.

Library's New Doors

The main entrance of the library, which is the glass doors connected to the outside garden opened on August 20, 2001.

To gain access to the li-

brary through this entrance, you must present your student identification card.



School News

Teachers Receive Straight A's

After two months, the English Lectures for English Teachers in the Eastern District Program was completed, and to mark the occasion, a celebration was held on July 10, 2001.

As part of the KDI School's four-fold mission, the School began this program in 1999 to use its resources to benefit the community.

With the coordinating efforts of Ms. Ho Hyun and the volunteer teaching of Ms. Soo-Young Lee, the program proved to be a success



Straight A's for all: The elementary teachers in the eastern district relieved at the completion of the program.

once again. As a sign of gratitude, the teachers pooled together some money to contribute to the Millennium Campaign.

Expanding KDI School Community Outreach

KDI School expanded on its mission to provide public service by signing a collaborative agreement with Jeoneung Elementary School during the WITT on June 27, 2001.

The collaboration will include cultural exchanges with the international students from KDI School with the students of the elementary school. Thus, preparing the children for a globalizing world.

Already with collaborative agreements with Hongneung Elementary School and Hongpa Elementary School, KDI School continues the tradition of strengthening its ties with the local community and make available the resources of the school to benefit the region.

A student from Jeoneung Elementary School conveys his appreciation and enthusiasm for this collaboration.



KP Center News: For Knowledge!

The Center for Knowledge Partnership continues on its mission to disseminate knowledge for the betterment of the world.

A new program called the "Special Program on Management Innovation" was launched on September 8, 2001.

This program is designed to provide strategies for management innovation to senior employees in public corporations and government supported institutions.

Another new program was launched on September 17, 2001. The "Workshop on Korea's Economic Development and Policy Assignment in Transition Economies" ran until September 24 with the participation of high level government officials.

The Center truly strives to create knowledge partner-

ships with various entities around the world.



Eun-Young Hong (far left) gives a tour of KDI School to the participants of the workshop.

STUDENT COLUMN

I Got More Than One



By: Golam
Shafiuddin
Student IR 2001

An Invisible Relation

I appreciate our beloved professor Kye-Sik Lee for introducing a long forgotten verse to the foreign students in his class. This

verse is known to most Koreans. Rabindranath Tagore, great poet of the Bangla language, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913, wrote the following about Korea:

*"In the golden age of Asia
Korea is one of its lamp bearers.
And that lamp is waiting
To be lighted once again
For the illumination in the
East."*

Today Korea has joined the league of developed countries. To overcome its social and economic defects, tremendous inspiration is required.

Everybody knows that Bangladesh is a very poor country. She has no food, nor clothing for her children. In 'Principles of Economics' by N. Gregory Mankiw, one can read, "The typical resident of Bangladesh lives in abject poverty similar to that experienced by his or her great-grandparents (1st edition, page 517)".

I agree with Mr. Mankiw. This is all true. I have one question for him though, why did he omit this part from the second edition?

Not too long ago, Korea was almost as poor as Bangladesh. Last April, I was walking back to the dormitory from the gym late at night with one Korean friend and true confidant, Jong-Hyun Park. In front of the cafeteria we found Jindalles and Gaenaries in full blossom. It was after a rainfall and the wind was gently caressing the flowers. The wet, moist flowers were sparkling in the lonely streetlight. We were dazzled. So moved, I touched the flower. My friend took a Jindalle and was masticating with it in his mouth. I asked him, what he was doing? "Don't you know that this flower is edible?" he answered. Around 30 years ago when there was not enough food in Korea, children used to eat this flower to calm their hunger. This was his childhood memory. Today there is plenty of food for Korean children.

In the National Anthem of Bangladesh, Tagore writes:

*"My Bengal of gold, I love you,
Forever your skies, your airs set
my heart in tune,
As if it were a flute."*

As a matter of fact, he could not see the Golden Bengal. It was his vision and dream. Learning from the Korean experience, Bangladesh should not be afraid of starting her own journey to a golden future. Korea of a golden age may show a golden way. Lamp bearer, welcome once again!



Birds are crying

At midnight, I heard the wonderful voice of birds in my chamber. Immediately after hearing the voice, I told my friend, Young Hee (Jennie) that this was the first foreign country where I have heard a bird. She replied, "Yes. That's because KDI School is surrounded by beautiful trees and mountains."

I agreed with her and I then expanded my thoughts. I realized that I was looking for exactly the same environment that I could read about in Russian, French or German literature. Back home, in my country, this is quite unimaginable.

Every morning when I prepare my breakfast in the kitchen, I hear the calling of an unknown bird which seems to be very sad. At that time, Young Hee expressed her views, "Yes Golam, your thinking has meaning." Usually in Western culture or English literature, it is said that birds sing, but in Korea, we say birds cry.

Is it because the bird's voice was an expression of sorrow? I agree with Victor Hugo that melancholy is the pleasure of being sad. Or, is it our sweetest songs that tell our saddest thoughts? The nature poet, Jibonananda Das expressed the deepest sorrows of birds. But in Korea, it was absolutely my own discovery.

Upon completing our courses, we will be free like a bird from a cage. And before my departure, I'll cry for Korea. Yes Jennie, sadness has deep meanings. Remember me little, but for long.

MILLENNIUM CAMPAIGN NEWS

Millennium Campaign Dinner

As a tribute to the founding Dean, Gill-Chin Lim, a celebratory dinner was held on June 29, 2001 at Sejong Hall. This event raised a total of 4.2 million won towards the Millennium Campaign.

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Professor Lila Lee at the following:



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Former Dean Gill-Chin Lim with two of his fans, Thi Aye (left) and Tin Aye Han (right).

Some Noted Contributors:

Lee Chan-Woo
Wintell Buredeco
1998 KDI School Students
2001 KDI School IR Students
Joshua Park
Korea Electric Power Corporation
Jordan A. Wolff
Metanet Horizon

Our Goal:
100 Billion Won

eee CAMPAIGN NEWS

Gentleman and Lady of the Month

Every month, the KDI School community elects a Gentleman and Lady of the Month. These people embody the principles promoted in the eee Campaign, raise morale, and promote friendship in KDI School.

June



Zhang Wengang,
Student IR 2001



Lila Lee,
Assistant Dean
for Development

July



Chung Hye Sun,
Student IR 2001



Hun-Joo Park,
Field Chair GD

August



Won Gil-Sang,
Director,
Academic Affairs



Jane Banzuelo
Conception,
Student GD 2001



For more information on the eee Campaign, please visit this website:
<http://www.kdischool.ac.kr/eee/index.htm>

Electronic Tip

Use the USENET news-groups to keep up-to-date.

USENET newsgroups are among the most active and viable sources of information available on the Internet that's more timely than any Web-zine or online news site. When you tap into the right discussion group, you get immediate access to an expert digital community. There is simply no faster way you can get expert information or news. Here are some great sites for searching USENET:

<http://usenet-addresses.mit.edu>
<http://www.tile.net>
<http://groups.google.com>

Notable Quotable

We must make the world honest before we can honestly say to our children that honesty is the best policy.

— George Bernard Shaw—

Photographically Yours



Yummy...



Our security guards, Woong Kim, Young-Hyun Moon and Sung-Ok Ahn (from left to right), keeps KDI School safe from invasion.



So... Who do you think is the best dressed?

As I looked into your eyes...



Guys, don't be shy... be brave!!!

Barry Bonds!!
Can I have your autograph?!



KDI School Members are encouraged to submit their articles, journals, letters, email, or pictures that will appear in the future issues of THE GLOBE. The articles do not have to be academic and can be submitted at any time to THE GLOBE editor. Please contact Harold Kim at 3299-1266 for further information.

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