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Goodbye to the Graduating Class

All good things come to an end.

So it is that KDI School bids farewell to yet another class of talented individuals during the 2002 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 13 at KAIST's main auditorium.

The fourth class to graduate from KDI School reflects in many ways the progress the School has made despite its short history.

parted and the multicultural environment," said **Orlando Marian Voica, MBA**, a student who will be graduating this year.

"The School cannot force students to educate themselves, it should be the students' goal to develop themselves. After all, the School provides more than knowledge: it provides access to an international network that can be of immense per-

Kingdom in Korea.

In addition, as is typical, KDI School will recognize student achievements by presenting special awards to those who have excelled academically or who have actively participated in the School's activities.

After graduation, there will be a special dinner as well as a party in which KDI School hopes that the graduating students will leave the School the



Memories of this year's graduating KDI School students

Among the 77 students expected to receive their degrees this Commencement, are 34 international students and 43 Korean students, representing a class that is as diverse as any that has ever graduated from KDI School.

A total of 20 countries will be represented among those graduating, including Korea, Ethiopia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Hungary, Canada and China.

Across programs, 33 MBA students and 44 MPP students will receive their degrees this year.

"KDI School is a place where people can enrich themselves by enjoying the knowledge im-

sonal benefits to students."

This class, as all others before it and future ones to come, remains difficult to characterize.

"We are all different and we should understand and develop mutual friendships based on these differences," Voica said. "For sure I got to know people from different cultures."

The Commencement Ceremony will include remarks from both KDI School's Rector **Choon-soo Kim** and Dean **Chin-Seung Chung**.

The Congratulatory Address will be delivered by His Excellency Charles Humfrey, the Ambassador of the United

same way they came: with a bang.

THE GLOBE wishes all graduating students the best of fortunes and hopes they will stay in close touch with KDI School.

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Feature

Memories (and Smiles) at Homecoming

KDI School students, faculty and staff put their best suits and dresses on the evening of Oct. 18 to welcome back alumni returning for the 2002 Homecoming celebration.

Around 60 alumni from all majors came back, including graduated diploma and Master's program students, for the chance to catch up with former professors and classmates.

In his speech, KDI School Dean **Chin-Seung Chung** effusively welcomed back alumni

"Homecoming is a very special event because it serves as a opportunity for reuniting and reinforcing the ties that bond us to the KDI School community," he said.

Dean Chung also made a plea to alumni, asking them to continue using the education they received while at KDI School to contribute to their respective countries and the world at large.

"One of the missions of KDI School is to educate future leaders who will be capable of promoting peace and prosperity around the world," he stated.

"I believe many of you have been working diligently to-



Alumni and students enjoy dinner.

wards helping KDI School realize its mission. I am confident in your ability to continuously excel in your chosen field and be productive global citizens, contributing to the development of your respective countries, and inevitably, to the world. Let the educational heritage and values of the KDI School be part of you no matter how long you have ceased being a student and no matter how far in the world you are distanced from it," he noted.

The highlight of the evening came with the official establishment of KDI School's Alumni Association, along with the election of its first officers and a discussion about the organization's future activities.

Newly elected Association President **Mr. Se-il Kong (SM 1998)** welcomed the gathered alumni and said he hoped the official establishment of the Association would represent the beginning of closer relationships among the School's alumni.

Mr. Kong also pledged to work actively in increasing the networking between all students, and said the Association would actively seek to get more

international alumni involved, despite the logistical challenges it can represent.

The Alumni Association will thus strive to increase the networks, communities and links between the School's alumni in order to most effectively help in both the development of individual alumni and the development of the School.

Members of the Association also presented the School with a gift, a beautiful grand stand clock that now adorns the lobby.

The night was also complemented by a PowerPoint presentation in which **Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Prof. Hai-young Yun** explained the changes at KDI School since its foundation five years ago.

Alumni were also reminded of their times at KDI School through a special slideshow presentation that was particularly enjoyable for the memories it sparked.

Homecoming ended on a special note, with an opportunity for past and present members of KDI School to meet and establish new friendships.



Former Dean Gill-Chin Lim greets current staff members.



Dean Chin-Seung Chung addresses alumni.

Feature

KDI School Celebrates 5th Birthday

It's remarkable what one can achieve in just 5 years.

KDI School has rapidly transformed itself from a simple idea on paper into a definite reality, and some might even say, a great success story so far.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of KDI School since it was founded on December 5, 1997 through a government initiative.

The School opened with 8 faculty members and 57 Master's students with the guiding mission of producing experts and leaders for the emerging globalization

Today, three centers established by KDI School – the Center for Global Knowledge Cooperation (KC Center), the Center for National Leadership (CNL) and the Center for Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) – operate with the mission of contributing to the improvement of the world through knowledge sharing programs, adding to the School's global reputation with every activity and seminar they organize.

Continuous infrastructure improvements in the School's campus have yielded state of the art

from alumni, as well as interesting but lesser known tidbits about the School.

In addition, KDI School held a small celebration for its faculty and staff members on Dec. 6, featuring a special cake cutting ceremony with the KDI School's **Rector Chung-soo Kim** and **Dean Chin-Seung Chung**.

The mood was festive as faculty and staff took a break from their hard work in continuing to build KDI School, in order to celebrate the five years gone by and in order to look forward to the many



Rector Chung-Soo Kim gives a speech during the celebration.



Prof. David Lumsdaine welcomes the first class of KDI School.



Cake cutting at the fifth anniversary celebration.

and informatization era.

It is telling to simply compare the figures today and the figures in 1998 when the first class of students arrived at KDI School. Student enrollment stands today at 167 students. Up until the class of 2002, 39 countries have been represented.

Students today are taught by 25 faculty members, including visiting professors. In fact, the faculty has been one of the key driving forces behind the School's rapid growth and its increasing reputation as a premier institution of higher learning.

The list of achievements goes on.

Rigorous Ph. D. programs in public policy and management have been added to the School's academic programs, as was an evening MBA program.

videoconference rooms, an elegant hall used for formal events, and a library that continues to expand both in the volumes of journals and books and in the services they provide to School members.

In commemoration of its 5th year anniversary, KDI School has published the special booklet "KDI School: The First Five Years," which looks back at the early years and features recollections

good years to come.

"Our efforts in our initial years of institution building have placed the School in the global arena of international graduate education for public policy and management," said Rector Kim.

"With a fine faculty and staff such as the one we have here, I am certain that KDI School will steadily build its reputation as a leading educational institution of higher learning. The achievements and development of the first five years, I believe, has set a solid path for inevitable success," he said.



5th anniversary publication

*Happy Birthday
KDI School!*

School News

GDLN Center Officially Inaugurated

The Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) Center at KDI School was officially inaugurated at a special ceremony on Oct 18.

Along with special guests and other KDI School members, the event featured Dr. Mamphele Ramphela, Managing Director of the World Bank, who provided the congratulatory remarks.

The opening ceremony was also followed live via videoconference by GDLN centers in Australia, China, Thailand and Singapore.

"It is my privilege to participate in this joyous occasion," said Dr. Ramphela in her speech. "I am sure the World Bank President James D. Wolfeshohn would have loved to be here personally because this is his dream come true: the idea of a global connection through GDLN centers."

Dr. Ramphela said that she was glad to see Korea join the GDLN network, and said that she was especially proud that KDI School has been chosen as the site for a GDLN center.

"GDLN is aiding an increasing number of countries and decision makers to acquire the necessary knowledge to fight poverty and pursue development," she said. "I especially applaud KDI School's decision to host a (GDLN) Center. Given your great reputation, we are grateful that you will be enhancing our own reputation due to your known excellence."

Following her speech, Dr. Ramphela, along with KDI

School Dean **Chin-Seung Chung** and the Center's Director **Prof. Jin Park**, cut the ribbon symbolizing the official opening of the KDI School-GDLN Center.

The event concluded with brief congratulatory and welcoming remarks via videoconference from GDLN represen-



World Bank Managing Director Dr. Mamphele Ramphela during the GDLN center opening.

tatives in the countries that were following the proceedings.

The GDLN program was started by the World Bank in 1997 in order to help reduce the knowledge gaps between countries around the world by using distance learning activities such as videoconferences.

In January 2001, the World Bank designated KDI School not only as the only GDLN Center in Korea, but also as the Asian Hub for the East Asian and Pacific regions.

Though the GDLN Center at KDI School has already organized several workshops since the videoconference facilities were completed in June of this year, it was not officially inaugurated by the World Bank until this ceremony.

Int'l Knowledge Forum

The GDLN Center at KDI School, along with Korea's leading economic daily Maeil Business Newspaper, organized the one-day International Knowledge Forum on Oct. 22 in the Ambassador Hall on the 7th floor.

The Forum, which was also sponsored by the World Bank, sought to contribute towards building knowledge-based economies in the East Asia and Pacific regions, through taped lectures, live presentations and discussions among decision makers.

In addition, organizers hoped to enhance economic cooperation in the region.

The Forum was attended by representatives from various Asian countries and also connected via videoconference with policy makers in China, Mongolia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the Philippines.

In his welcoming remarks, KDI School Dean **Ching-Seung Chung** said that knowledge sharing among countries in Asia was essential towards the strengthening of the region's collective economy.

"Since 1998, the economic crisis in Asia stressed the need to build a knowledge- and information-based society as the new paradigm for all nations," he said. "We hope (through this Forum) to strengthen each country's financial capabilities to achieve a more balanced development among countries in the Asia and Pacific regions."

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Likewise, Mr. Dae-whan Chang, President of Maeil Business Newspaper, stressed the importance of knowledge sharing during his welcoming speech.

"Sharing knowledge with other countries is essential in bridging the gap between the haves and the have-nots," he said. "The world is undergoing an economic environment characterized by turbulent and dangerous times, making the sharing of knowledge gravely important. I hope this Forum is of great use to many countries."

Seminar on Public Sector Reform in Korea & China

KDI School's Center for Global Knowledge Cooperation (KC Center) and the Beijing office of the World Bank co-organized a three-day forum "Special Seminar on the Reform of Public Service Units in Korea & China" on Oct. 24-26 in the Ambassador Hall at the School.

The forum, which was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Planning and Budget in Korea, sought to have government officials in China and Korea sharing information regarding the reform of the public sectors in the two countries, which organizers said is a pending problem for both.

"Whereas there has been considerable development in the industrial and private fields, the public sector's inefficient management appears to be an obstacle for further economic devel-



Panelists in Korea and China seminar.

opment, making reform a necessity," said KDI School Dean **Chin-Seung Chung** in his opening remarks. "As was demonstrated by the Korean experience, an economic crisis can occur when a nation fails to demand public sector reform."

Among the public officials and scholars attending the event were Mr. Sen Peng, Vice Minister at the State Council Office for Restructuring Economic Systems (SCORES) in China, and Mr. Dong-kun Kim, Chairman of The Presidential Commission on Governmental Innovation in Korea and a Professor at Seoul National University.

Workshop on Training Government Officials

KDI School's Center for Global Knowledge Cooperation (KC Center), under the auspices of the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs, organized the seminar "International Workshop on the Training System for Government Officials" on Nov. 29-30 at the Ambassador Hall in the School.

Policy makers and scholars from various Asian countries, as well as France and the United

Kingdom attended the event.

The Workshop was designed to share knowledge and discuss how to most effectively train government officials at a time when according to the organizers, the world was experiencing a switch from the Industrial Revolution to the Knowledge and Digital Revolution.

Organizers also hoped to explore the role that e-learning can have in training government officials.

"I am very pleased that this Workshop seeks to enhance government official training by sharing institutional perspectives and through furthering the use of e-learning," said Mr. Yong-take Cho, Vice Minister of Government Administration and Affairs in Korea during his congratulatory remarks.

"In keeping with the current trend in information technology, this Workshop starts on the basic premise that e-learning helps governments serve their citizens better," he noted.

Seminar on Gov't Budgets

KDI School's KC Center, along with the Ministry of Planning and Budget in Korea, organized the "International Forum on National Budget Systems" on Dec. 5-6 at the Ambassador Hall in KDI School.

The Workshop was designed to discuss ideas on how to best achieve budget soundness by appropriate fiscal planning and reforms.

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"Korea's quick recovery from its financial crisis was due in large part to financial investment through reforms and adequate budget management," said **Dean Chin-Seung Chung** during his opening remarks. "In order to cope with economic crises under any circumstances, we need to carry out sustained efforts to enhance the soundness, efficiency and transparency of the national budget for the further development of a country's economy." Budget officials from various countries, including the U.S., Germany, Korea, Australia and Japan, attended the seminar.



Participants in the seminar for training officials.

Alumni Workshop

KDI School's KC Center hosted its annual Alumni Workshop on Dec. 9-12 at the Ambassador Hall in the School.

This year's topic was "Workshop on Economic Devel-

opment and Cooperation for Developing Countries." The seminar included presentations and discussions about the current economic situation as well as the mid- to long-term economic development strategies for the countries represented.

The Alumni Workshop gathers former students from abroad and from Korea to provide them with an intensive seminar on important and relevant economic issues.

The Alumni Workshop also strengthens the alumni network and contributes to the School's mission of offering its alumni venues for life-long learning.

KDI School's 2002 Admissions Figures

The year-long recruitment for the 2003 class has been finalized.

After attending several conferences (both abroad and in Korea), answering hundreds of emails and phone inquiries and sending hundreds of brochures around the world, KDI School mailed the letters with its final admissions decision to hundreds of anxious KDI School applicants.

A look at the number of applications received during KDI School's fifth year of existence reveals rising interest in the School among students in Korea and around the world, no doubt in part due to the School's increasing reputation as a top-notch educational institution.

Overall, KDI School received

402 applications, representing a 17% increase from last year's figures.

The School subsequently admitted 149 students, yielding an overall admissions rate of 37%.

Broken down, the School received 198 international applications from over 40 countries around the world, including places as diverse as Eritrea, the Maldives, Papua New Guinea and Tanzania.

The figure represents a 38% increase in international applications from last year. The Admissions Committee subsequently granted admission to 27 students, yielding an admissions rate of 14% for international students.

Meanwhile, KDI School received 204 applications from

Korean students, making for a very competitive applicant pool this year.

Key Dates for Spring 2003 & 2004 Recruitment

JAN. 13: Beginning of Preliminary Term

FEB. 11: End of Preliminary Term

FEB. 12 - Feb. 14: Orientation for new students

FEB. 17: Beginning of Spring Term

MAY 9: End of Spring Term

OCT. 31: Admissions deadline for 2004 Academic Year

Feature

Having a Grand Time by Sipping Wine

The name Fellowship of the Wine may sound like the name of some occult organization, or the club of a group of socialites sipping *bourdeaux* in the wine cellar of somebody's mansion.

However, in KDI School, it is the name of a student-run organization that seeks to promote drinking wine and more importantly, good times.

One Friday night a month, members of the Fellowship of the Wine, or more commonly known as the Wine Club, have organized a party in the Ambassador Hall of the School. For a modest fee, students have enjoyed homemade food, beers, wines and a presentation and samplings of wine from a featured country.

The idea for the club came from **Regina Remenyi (SM 2001)** in February of 2002.

"The students used to organize parties once a month, and Regina wanted to continue that tradition," says club member **Juliet Peeva (MPP 2002)**. "A group of students sat around trying to decide how we could best do that. After talking about it, we decided 'why not have a wine theme?', since all of us there enjoyed drinking and learning about wine."

And so began the Wine Club, which at the beginning was just an informal gathering of students to sample wine in a relaxed social at-



Vernika is dressed in Czech traditional costumes for her presentation on her country's wines.

mosphere. Recognizing the potential of the idea, club members, with **Vernika Vildmanova (MBA 2002)** as their president, decided to institutionalize the club and receive funds from the School.

"It really started as a very small thing, but became bigger and bigger," explains club member **Monique Abrams (Ph. D. 2002)**.

Club members heavily promoted each monthly party and attendance rose, averaging about 60 guests per event.

Each party had a different wine theme run by a different student. The great diversity of international students attending the School has been well reflected in the themes of the parties so far, with presentation and samplings of *Bek Se Ju* (a Korean wine), South African Wine and Czech Wine, among many others.

The large number of people attending the parties meant they could sometimes go for a long time: some have lasted as late as four in the morning, as students relaxed, talked and also danced the night away.

"The more important part of the Wine Club is that it gives an opportunity for KDI School members to get together in an informal atmosphere in order to have a good time," says club member and chef extraordinaire **Tatt Mahapatra (MBA**

2002), who is behind the cooking of most of the foods that have been offered at the parties this year.

"It's also good PR for the School," says club President Vernika. "We have a lot of international people who are friends of KDI School students that come to the event, and it's a chance to socialize with other people."

Besides the network of KDI School members and their friends, other illustrious guests at Wine Club parties have included a couple of ambassadors and even a crew of Arirang TV, the English-language news network in Korea, that happened to be doing a profile on the School at the time and decided to stop by for one of the parties.

The Wine Club was also aided by fortuitous timing. As it happens, Korea is currently undergoing "something of a wine craze right now," according to Monique, making foreign wines easier to find and making possible the presentations on Chilean or Hungarian wines that were done by students at KDI School.

Thus, thanks to the efforts of a group of students, KDI School members have been able to enjoy a newly added cultural experience by learning about wines, but most importantly, have benefited from knowing that at least one Friday a month they were guaranteed good times.



Students sip wine and drinks at a Club party.



Guests listen to a presentation on soju, a popular liquor in Korea.

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