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# KOICA-KDI School International Conference on Capacity Building for African Countries: An Opportunity to Learn from Korea

Reported by Keith Hamusute (2012 MPP, Zambia)

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On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, Ethiopia hosted the conference on capacity building for Africa countries organized by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. The conference was designed specifically to help African countries gain insight into capacity building and was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital.

The KDI School was represented by Dean Sang-Woo Nam and Professor Jinsoo Lee. Notable among the presenters were a number of KDI School Alumni including Severin Kapinga (2011 MPP, Tanzania), Francisca Twintoh (2011 MPP/ED, Ghana), El-Metawaly Mohamed Tolba (2010 MPP, Egypt), Gilbert Cheruyot Kipkirui (2009 MPP, Kenya), and Dr Tadese Kuma Worako (1999 MDP, Ethiopia).

The seminar began with opening remarks from Dean Nam, who stressed the importance of the seminar and the role that capacity building plays in development. He also underscored Korea's increasing involvement with developing countries in helping them with strategies aimed at building capacity.

The seminar had three sessions each which included presentations on specific African country cases followed by a discussion. The first presentation was on Ethiopia's experiences in public sector reform. The presentation highlighted among other things the challenges facing capacity building such as financing, the country's unique demographics, transparency and accountability. The presentation also showed a number of successes that had been scored in implementing different decentralization strategies such as improved public financial

management and the strengthening of oversight institutions.

Professor Jinsoo Lee presented Korea's economic growth through capacity reinforcement and implications for developing countries. He gave an overview of Korea's economic growth from its poor years in the 1960s till it achieved rapid economic growth to be ranked as one of the most significant trading economies in 2011. He showed that it was an economy built on an outward-looking development strategy, backed by strong capacity building through the strengthening of its economic think-tanks such as KDI who provided timely and quality research-backed policy direction. Professor Lee also indicated in his presentation that government had a role to play not only in implementing the adopted strategies but in coordinating the economy in case of market failure. Other important government actions included, recruitment of a merit based civil service and helping establish career bureaucrats.

Further case studies were presented for countries such as Ghana, Tanzania and Kenya. Inter-spaced between the presentations were discussions moderated by Dean Nam. The conference ended with Dean Nam offering his concluding remarks.

Haftom Teferi (2012 Ph.D., Ethiopia) was one of the participants in the conference. He appreciated the knowledge and key insights he had gained through the conference. He noted that the fact that Korea was once as poor as most African countries gave him hope that African countries too can make key gains in development and rise out of the mires of poverty.





# High Level Knowledge Forum Korea's Knowledge Sharing Program

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)

With quiet passion and determination, keynote speaker President Kim of the World Bank Group stated “We don’t yet have all the solutions. But we know one thing. We must find answers to global, regional and national challenges together, through collaboration and the sharing of knowledge. In today’s interconnected world, no country, company or social group can decide its destiny in isolation.” President Kim’s inspiring speech titled “Solidarity and the Imperative for Development” readied participants for a forum where experts shared diverse approaches to change.

The two-day knowledge forum “Expanding the Frontiers in Development Policy under Korea’s Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP)” was held on October 15th-16th at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul. The forum, hosted by the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, the World Bank Group, and the Korea Development Institute, set a rigorous agenda bringing together development specialists from all sectors.

Setting Dr. Martin Luther King’s “why we can’t wait” as the theme for the forum, President Kim reminded participants of the seriousness of the forum. Poverty and inequity seriously affect people’s daily lives. It is only through “solidarity” that we will truly achieve global development and make a difference in individual lives. Dawit Ayele, a student participant, shared his views on the forum; “It was very enlightening and provided me with new perspectives on development in a changing world of technology and climate change. I also had the opportunity to network with other participants and speakers.”



Discussions were grouped under the topics of:

- Development Consensus and New Challenges
- Key Development Policy Issues in a Post-Crisis World
- Institutional Development and Public Sector Performance
- Global Development Debate “Is there a new consensus on development?”
- Building a Competitive Workforce
- Sustainable Development: Regional Development/Green Growth
- Creating an Innovative Eco-system



The KDI School professors were there in full force, proudly representing the School. The conference was moderated was Professor Hai-young Yun, and discussants also included Dean Sang-woo Nam, Prof. Hyeok Jeong, Prof. Joon-Kyung Kim, Prof. Dong-Young Kim, Prof. Taejong Kim and Prof. Sung-Joon Paik. Among other speakers were Dr. John Williamson who coined the term “Washington Consensus,” and Dr. Michael Kremer whose O-ring theory many of us pondered in IDP. When asked about her experience as a participant of the forum, Ji-hyeon Seo (2012 MDP, Korea) spoke of her appreciation for the rare opportunity to interact with top professors and officials. “I found it informative, I gained new insights and I was able to meet persons of top position in their respective fields.”

A message for all of us at KDI as we enter into our various work fields is the importance of building on the networks we formed at the forum, so that we can better effect the changes required in our respective corners of the world. In the words of President Kim, “Today, the time is ripe for a renewed global fight to end poverty by building shared prosperity. The World Bank Group is committed. Join us. Together, we’ll use time in the most creative way possible: by connecting our skills and our passion to make a better world.”



# 2012 Global Government Officials Seminar: More than just a series of lectures

Reported by Keith Hamusute (2012 MPP, Zambia)



“ The KDI School in conjunction with the Central Officials Training Institute (COTI), held a four-day seminar between August 21<sup>st</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, with a further day for sports activities on October 12<sup>th</sup>. They turned out to be four days filled with educative presentations, meaningful interaction, and a change of perspective for the Korean civil service.

For the KDI School students, the seminars offered a chance to not only learn about various aspects of the Korean civil service but to interact with new deputy directors in various ministries. It was a privilege to be among these young officials in whose hands the government policies would be shaped in the future.

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The first lecture was by Mr. Kyung Bae Park who elaborated on public human capital training in Korea. Mr. Park used his extensive experience to show the importance of public officials were in achieving government objectives. His lecture explored the role of COTI and presented participants with a detailed analysis of its inner workings. He illustrated sometimes hilariously strategies the COTI has employed to ensure it achieved its vision of training officials who think fast, big, and fair.

The afternoon lecture did not disappoint either. It was delivered by Dr. Pan Suk Kim, an eminent public administration scholar as well as the current and first ever Korean president of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences based in Brussels, Belgium. His lecture transcended national boundaries as he showed that governance problems were common to all countries with only marginal differences. He demonstrated the reasons why “one-size-fits-all” approaches had failed in the past and challenged participants to come up with home grown solutions tailored to the unique challenges their countries face.

Once the lecture was dispensed with, time was allocated for group discussions on various governance questions generally aimed at coming up with measures to enhance good governance. The groups also offered a further opportunity for interaction between international students and their Korean counter-parts.

The following day was taken up by community work organized according to the groups though this time with most groups split into even smaller components. The groups visited several community service places such as homes for the old and homes for the disabled. Helping the disabled with their work was extremely satisfying beyond words.

Thursday saw a resumption of the series of lectures, this time at the KDI School. By this time it was clear to see that the groups were slowly integrating with the initial uneasiness between Korean and International participants dissipating. The first lecture was on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by Professor Seung-Joo Lee, a member of the KDI School faculty. In the lecture he

showed how important FDI was in achieving development as well as the various types of FDI. Once again, the participants broke into the designated groups to discuss their allocated questions and returned to present before breaking for lunch.

The afternoon was taken up by another lecture thus time by Dr. Joo Dong-Joo a research fellow at Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade, a sister institute to KDI. In this lecture he elucidated on the different types of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and showed how Korea was increasingly occupying a prominent role in this area. Dr. Joo also showed the historical trends of ODA and how Korea has moved from recipient of ODA to donor.

Friday was by far the most exciting of the four day sessions. The morning began with a lecture on leadership by the KDI School's own, Professor Changyong Choi. He challenged participants to portray leadership in their different areas of expertise. He demonstrated how it was left to the people attending the seminar to make a difference in the world by leading exemplary lives and showing the leadership values needed to meet the challenges of our time.

The afternoon had different theatrical and musical performances by the groups in the KAIST hall. Some groups tried their skills at Acappella, while others flexed their dancing skills. The show was however stolen by the drummers with some KDI School students displaying great skill in mastering the Korean traditional drums. The performances finished, we all retired to the seventh floor for some snacks and drinks in an informal relaxed atmosphere. I sought the views of the participants who all were unanimous in attesting to the fact that this was a successful blend of serious lecture and fun activities that will live long in their memories.

October 12<sup>th</sup> brought everything to a climax through the sports day. And while some KDI School students did not attend due to school commitments, those that did, enjoyed the different games on offer.



## OECD Development Lecture Series

Policies For Development:  
OECD at Work

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)

For the second consecutive summer, KDI School students gathered together with OECD experts to discuss issues of inequality in the developing world and the policies that could help improve the situation.

During the 10 day course students were instructed on how the OECD strives to achieve their goals. The participants and the instructors explored various development strategies in Latin America and Africa, paying keen attention to current issues concerning development.

The students worked diligently to gain a deeper understanding of the work done to gain a fairer, better, and stronger economic growth in the developing world. More importantly, they also strategized on what role they might play in the economic growth of their respective countries and regions.

Two students shares their perspectives with the Globe:

Sombo Kaweza (2012 MDP, Zambia) "I think the course was very interesting and relevant. Latin America was well covered with analysis of specific cases. However the perspectives on Africa were too general and therefore fell short of expectations."

Eli Cardona (2012 MDP, Guatemala) "I learnt how Latin America has different development programmes than Africa, Asia, and North America. Our development history is unique and we are not always able to apply models from other regions. We have to create our own models to achieve Latin American development."

Over 40 students completed the course taught by three OECD economists, Rolando Avendaño, Sebastian Nieto Parra, and Jean-Philippe Stijns. Plans are already underway for the third annual OECD lecture series scheduled for next summer.

## Special Lecture



THE WORLD BANK

## The Solutions Bank

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, students filled Lincoln Hall to capacity eager to learn about the World Bank's knowledge achievements and its development agenda. The guest speaker, Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, is the Managing Director of the World Bank with responsibility for the Bank's Knowledge Development, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, and Human Development. Hailed as the "Knowledge Bank" because of its extensive knowledge repositories, the World Bank's core value proposition is amassing global knowledge. The knowledge is then tailored to serve the needs of its clients. The aim is to "produce, customize and connect knowledge to help eradicate poverty."

After an in-depth overview of the evolution of the "knowledge bank", Mr. Mohieldin spoke of recent challenges hindering the Bank's ability to remain at the forefront in providing for its clients. The World Bank took immediate action to restructure so it could continue to "bring the best of global knowledge to every client and partner every time." The Bank worked to strengthen results, increase internal and external connectivity, and improve stakeholders' access to data and knowledge. As the World Bank moves forward with its strategies, it is positioning itself as the "Solutions Bank." This approach has meant an increase in South-South knowledge exchange with the hope that innovative answers to age-old problems can begin to emerge.

The Solutions Bank now measures progress on a three-pronged approach; self assessment, client feedback, and evaluation. For those of you with smart phones, the Bank uses social media to increase the scope of its knowledge platforms. It has also created an innovation fund designed to pilot new ideas and approaches.



## KGLF Program



The G-20 Korea Global Leaders Fellowship (KGLF) Program is a three-month training program designed for mid-career professionals who deal with issues on global development addressed by the G-20. It is scheduled for 11 weeks starting from September 17, 2012 to November 30, 2012. Twenty-nine participants from 22 different countries are participating in the program, taking various courses in Korean economic development as well as G20 agenda related issues. They will also take part in cultural events and field trips to Korea's key industrial sites, experiencing firsthand Korea's remarkable economic growth. The next KGLF program is expected to be held next spring in March, 2013.

## K-Developedia launched



Korea Development Institute and the KDI School of Public Policy and Management are proud to announce the grand opening of K-Developedia on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The K-Developedia has been under construction over the past two years, and is an online database of diverse resources regarding Korea's socioeconomic development. The collection of research papers, statistical data, and seminar materials from local and overseas institutions and international organizations, including the World Bank, UN, and OECD, is now available to the public for free. The database can be accessed at <https://www.kdevelopedia.org>.

## Introducing the KDI School Promotional Video



The KDI School has announced the release of the school's promotional video for the first time in School's history. Two versions are available for the viewing of the audience, "Cradle of Future Policy Experts" aimed at potential students, and "Shape the World, Pioneer the Future" intended to promote the School to other institutions.

Both videos are available for viewing in the VOD section of the School's official website.

## Campus Asia: New Students



Two students, Hyunjoong Kim (2010 MPP/ED, Korea) and Il Kwon Shon (2011 MPP, Canada) departed for GRIPS, Japan as exchange students to the CAMPUS Asia program. Meanwhile, the KDI School welcomed three Japanese students from GRIPS as exchange students, Ami Okamoto, Kento Ozaki, and Yoko Oishi. The three students left Korea in September after the 6-week exchange program.



Completion  
Ceremony

# The end of one road and the beginning of another

Reported by Keith Hamusute (2012 MPP, Zambia)



August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will leave long in the memories of the 2011 Fall students as it was the day their completion ceremony was held. The Ambassador Hall was a hive of activity as friends, faculty, well-wishers, and the completing students gathered to be conferred their completion certificates.

In total, thirty-four students were awarded the completion certificates in a fitting finale to a year spent at the KDI School, learning not only the courses offered by the School but different aspects of Korean life and culture as well. They had been through the blistering cold of the winter, the awe-inspiring beauty of the spring and the frustrating heat and humidity of the summer. They had persevered through all and this day belonged to them.

The ceremony began with Dean Nam making his congratulatory address to the completing students. He acknowledged their hard work during their time as students at the KDI School but stressed that greater engagements will await them when they return home. He indicated that their education would be in vain if they did not implement the things they learnt to make a better world as the leaders of next generation.

Mr. Anton Pak (2011 MPP, Russia) gave the salutatory address on behalf of the completing students. In his impressive address that drew several rounds of applause, he stressed that working together and using the newly acquired skills, everyone could help make the world a better place, and encouraged his fellow students to follow their dreams and never settle for anything less. He was convinced that with perseverance and hard work, there could be no limits to what we could achieve.

Mr. Pak was also the recipient of a special award for academic excellence. The other individual award went to Mr. Abdul Baloch Ghafoor (2011 MPP, Pakistan) for his community service.

I asked Mr. Albert Neba Chindikani (2011 MPP, Malawi), one of the completing students, about his thoughts on the occasion. He went on the record stating his appreciation of the depth of the programs at the KDI School as well as the first-class faculty. He was unequivocal in asserting that he had learnt many things that could only help him be of better service to his country.

It is a view shared by the Globe as we wish all the completing students success in their career. Indeed, the end of one journey is the beginning of another.

## 2012 International Food Festival

# A Foodie Affair

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)

While the body needs food for survival, the sharing of food is an age old custom designed to unite communities and build new alliances. Across cultures food is at the heart of every milestone in human existence. Through food we celebrate life and we honor those who have gone before us. Food brings people together and keeps them gathered long after the last morsel has been swallowed. This proved true on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as 14 groups with a total of 137 participants cooked up a storm in preparation for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual international food festival.

The food festival was created as yet another celebration of the multiethnic community that makes the KDI School so vibrant. Laughter filled the air as staff, students and faculty filled their plates with savoury foods and desserts from all parts of the globe. The atmosphere was made festive by the creatively and colourfully decorated food stands loaded with tasty samples. A lively competition ensued as teams with names like, Nyam Don, KDIS Majib, Aririang Uz and Melting Pot, lured hungry KDI School to sample their foods.

Once again the KDI School students proved that we are truly a community of talented individuals rich in culture and spirit. As Chef Grace of the Philippines said "We didn't enter to win, we entered to have fun." "We ended up expanding our taste buds beyond our comfort zone." chimed in Cham, also of the



Philippines. The event was truly international. Each team was a fusion of friends from different countries cooking, laughing and swapping recipes. Chef Regina of the winning team, World's Top Foodies said "We gained so much from this experience. We became more sensitive and respectful of each other's cultures. We wanted to ensure that everyone could enjoy our food, so we prepared halal and vegetarian foods."

Virgina Woolf once said "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well." We definitely dined well on November 9<sup>th</sup> and now return to our work with full bellies and hearts. Many thanks to the chefs and decoration teams whose food and décor made for an event aesthetically pleasing to both the eye and belly. A big thank you as well to the KDI School Staff who worked tirelessly to make certain the festival happened. Congratulations to the World's Top Foodies for placing first and to the other teams who did well in other categories.





## Korea Field Research and Study

Reported by Maria Charmaine D. Guevara (2012 MDP, Philippines)

For four days in August, sixty-three students took part in the annual Korea Field Research Study (KFRS). This unforgettable experience provided the perfect complement to the theoretical learning and classroom discussions the students have had in the past two semesters at the KDI School. This year's itinerary included industrial visits to Hankook Chinaware, Hyundai Motors and Hyundai Heavy Industries, Wolsung Nuclear Power Plant, and POSCO facilities, which were supplemented with cultural tours at the temples of Bulguksa and Seokguram, the underwater tomb and ancient tombs in Cheonmachong, Gyeongju National Museum and other heritage sites. All the activities proved to be memorable and awe-inspiring for the participants, with some sharing their experiences as follows:



**HUONG MINH NGOC HOANG**  
(2012 MDP, Vietnam)

I had the most amazing time in the field trip with the perfect combination of activities, knowledge, fun, relaxation, good food, friendship and smiles! I couldn't believe how close I could get to a Korean daily life as well as famous brand names such as POSCO and Hyundai in only 4 days! I will carry this impression about South Korea's heroic economic ascent as a template for success in my heart.



**AIZHAN KOCHONOVA**  
(2012 MDP, Kyrgyzstan)

Along with the requisite visits to Korean companies and cultural heritage sites, my deepest and biggest memory from the trip was the ocean! (At the Underwater Tomb of King Munmu) The mighty power of the water element has inspired and charged me with positive energy! Dear KDI School, Go marp seup ni da for this awesome experience!



**MARY GRACE FLORES**  
(2012 MDP, Philippines)

Even though South Korea has undertaken many challenges in the process of modernization and economic growth, I was very impressed on how the Korean people were able to preserve and protect their ethnic and cultural heritage which I believe, along with their chaebols and heavy industries, contributed to the country's economic development.



**AMI OKAMOTO**  
(Visiting MPP Student from GRIPS, Japan)

I find it quite admirable for the Korean local and national government agencies to provide support for the preservation of Korean heritage treasures!



**KENTO OZAKI**  
(Visiting MPP Student from GRIPS, Japan)

The KFRS experience has instilled in me a newfound appreciation and regard for the Korean fighting spirit. As the great Winston Churchill said, "Difficulties mastered are opportunities won," and by overcoming adversity, the Koreans have successfully turned these difficulties into winning opportunities.

The writer of this article wishes to add her two-cents worth: This experience has reinforced her belief that a nation and its people, no matter how poor they are or lacking in resources, can withstand abject poverty and overcome hardships through the strength of conviction, persistence and strong faith. That they can escape and free themselves from the chains of penury and tribulations just like the Koreans did.



## International Field Research and Study

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)



For 5 days this summer (August 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>) Korean students travelled to Japan as participants of the International Field Research and Study (IFRS) program. While on the trip, students experienced Japan's cultural and manufacturing sectors as they toured industrial sites, the Tokyo branch of the Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency, a Shizuoka (Master craftsman village), the National Diet of Japan, GRIPS and Kyoto.

Participant Haeseon Yi (2012 MPP, Korea) chose to participate in the program because of her interest in the CAMPUS Asia Program, as it was an excellent opportunity to visit GRIPS and learn about CAMPUS Asia. For Haeseon the highlight was the visit to a glass manufacturing factory. It was an excellent example of how small and middle sized companies can succeed. One special lecture at the GRIPS focused on Japan's new growth strategy and innovation from the perspective of East Asian cooperation. The talk impressed on her the importance of policies designed to attract innovative people generally marginalized in the social system. "I realized the role of public policy. Public policies should be the bridge (system) creating an enabling environment that attracts social members rather than forcing people to do what I want. This experience will help me to become a good policymaker."

Sharing her experience on Japanese culture and food, Haeseon described Japanese culture as one based on consideration of others. She also felt welcomed because of the friendliness shown wherever she went. "The Japanese people were very kind to foreigners. I think it is Asian culture to treat visitors kindly, as the Korean people are also very friendly to visitors."



## Home Visiting Program

# Make yourself at home

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)

KDI School provided a great opportunity for both Korean and international students by holding 'Home Visiting Program' in summer 2012. KDI School matches the families of Korean students, faculty and staff with international students to provide a chance for international students to understand Korean culture and to enhance friendships and networking. It gives as much pleasure and great experience to Korean host families as it does to the international students.



Bo Bae Lee (2012 MDP, Korea)

In summer, **Bo Bae Lee** (2012 MDP, Korea) hosted two international students, Laura from Honduras and Stilson from Uganda. Ms. Lee said that it was one of the best days she ever had at the KDI School, and that sharing different cultures around the world was the key to stimulate mutual understanding. Even though the students are studying together at the KDI School, it is not always easy to get to know each other intimately as the academic commitments are generally very demanding. The "Home Visiting Program" offered them this chance, and they would cherish its memories for a long time.



The 'Home Visiting Program' has brought many international and Korean students unforgettable and valuable memories. This is a very unique event you can experience only at the KDI School. I strongly encourage other students to participate in this program and seize the opportunity to gain precious memories!



Jihye Lee (2012 MPP, Korea)

**Jihye Lee** (2012 MPP, Korea), another host of this year's 'Home Visiting Program' also shared with the Globe her experience with her guests. Thanks to the 'Home Visiting Program,' she and her friend, Leila from Bolivia not only visited Jihye's home, but also went to the Caribbean Bay in Yongin city. They also had the opportunity to visit various cultural sites and tourist attractions such as Insa-dong and Buckchon Korean village. From this program, she has broadened her understanding of Latin America, an important asset in this global era.



## Where the Sky and the Land Meet and Kiss

Reported by Maria Charmaine D. Guevara (2012 MDP, Philippines)



On its 14<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating the Gimje Horizon Festival or *Jipyeongseon*, the city of Gimje welcomed the KDI School students on October 13-14 to celebrate the 5,000-year old rice farming culture of this region.

What is so special about Gimje? Gimje is the only land-locked place in South Korea where one can see the horizon. Hence, the area is billed as "the place where the skies and grounds meet." *Byeokgolje*, an ancient agricultural irrigation reservoir is also located in Gimje.

During the festival, a memorial service cherishing the spirit of the maiden *Danya*, who sacrificed herself for *Byeokgolje* took place, and the visitors were treated to a wide range of programs.

KDIS students gamely participated in most events. Amra Uth and Nguyen Thuy Hang share their experiences:

### Amra Uth (2012 MDP, Cambodia)



My Gimje experience is one unforgettable memory in my whole stay in Korea. Together with Mya, a 2012 Fall student, we joined the Korean rice cake competition with two Koreans. We shared responsibilities in creating our rice cakes, and it brought out the creative juices in us. The rice cakes we made were simple but elegant and delicious and to my surprise, our team won the first prize!

The festival was an amazing experience for me, and for the other KDIS students who attended. Together with other foreign students, we participated in many activities, especially the torch exhibition and rice-cake making competition. Unfortunately, we did not win the contest, but we thoroughly enjoyed the experience of creating our own Korean rice cakes with the help of two Koreans. We also enjoyed the fireworks show and the food-tasting.



### Nguyen Thuy Hang (2012 MDP, Vietnam)





## Making a Difference VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHING

Reported by Keith Hamusute (2012 MPP, Zambia)

KDI School students have been giving back to the Korean community by volunteering to teach English to under-privileged children. The program began in the middle of the Spring semester and has continued despite some challenges with the scheduling. Initially, more than twenty students were involved, helping out students from Vision, Hope and Love School. However with some students graduating and problems with scheduling, that number has been reduced.



The program was coordinated by Ms Shin, a KDI School staff and Vanarith Oum (2012 MPP Cambodia). I also had the privilege of participating in the Program teaching middle school girls from Vision School. I found the experience not only fulfilling but humbling in a certain way. To see students begin to learn from you and using your lessons provided the greatest satisfaction for me. I took the time out to find out from Vanarith what he thought of the volunteer Program. He responded with the following message:

“Volunteering is what I love to do. Being part of the Volunteer English Teaching Program, it allows me not only carry out what I love to do for a good cause, but also a chance to give back to the Korean community. I am very thankful to the Korean people, whose tax money are used to finance my education here at the KDI School”

These are sentiments that are shared by most of the students that are involved in this Program. While it requires a lot of sacrifice to squeeze in extra-curricular work in our already crowded academic schedule, the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you have made a difference in someone's life is more than a sufficient reward. The KDI School English teaching volunteers are all honored to have been part of that process, imparting their knowledge to students of all levels. In the course of the program, many of the volunteers have forged attachments that will live long in their lives.

Ultimately, this is what it means to exercise global leadership. It means making a difference where you are required to, even if there are no financial rewards to be gained. This Program makes all of us immensely proud of being a member of the KDI School family. We sincerely hope the next generation of KDI School students keeps alive this privilege of global leadership through the Volunteer English Teaching program.

The KDI School has been offering free English classes at Dongdaemun Welfare Center since 2008, where international students volunteer to teach children from low-income families. Acknowledging the positive effect of this community service, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has recently declared KDI School as an exemplary “Donation School.”



Interview with  
KDIS-KOICA  
Scholarship Students

## Living In and Leaving Korea with Good Memories



Reported by Maria Charmaine D. Guevara (2012 MDP, Philippines)

In less than two months, thirty KOICA-KDI School Fellows will embark on a new phase of their lives and return to their respective countries at the end of January 2013, with an additional feather on their caps—a completion certificate from the KDI School, proof that they survived three rigorous semesters of grueling lectures, exams, presentations and other what-have-yous.

For Andrew Prakash, the chance to study in Korea was remarkable. “I am so excited to apply and practice what I have learned in the KDI School in my office, the Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination.” Ashoka Jayasundara from Sri Lanka echoes similar thoughts as he plans to share his acquired knowledge in the KDI School with fellow government executives at the Department of Labor. “If not for this chance given to me by KOICA, I would not have this wonderful and unforgettable experience of living and learning in South Korea.”

“I tried my very best not to be overwhelmed with the workload and requirements of the courses, and the field trips organized by the school gave me the opportunity to unwind from my classes,” shares Amra Uth from Cambodia. Hoang Huong Minh Ngoc from Vietnam agrees with Amra, “The KFRS in August provided me with a balanced experience of the Miracle on the Han River. The industrial visits and cultural tours included in the KFRS ably

supplemented the School courses, and I have learned to appreciate more South Korea's rapid modernization and economic growth.”

On the other hand, Stilson Muhwezi looks forward to going back to Uganda after more than a year away from home. Upon his arrival in Seoul last January, he started his daily countdown; this was the first occasion in his life to be separated for the longest time from his family. Stilson has positive words regarding his experience in Korea, “Aside from my KDI School professors and friends, I will miss the efficient transportation system of Korea, especially the subway. How I wish we could replicate this in my country.”

This writer, who is also a recipient of KOICA's Fellowship in the KDI School, will not only miss the “fastest internet in the world” but also the friendships she has cultivated over the past year, both with Korean and international students, KDI School professors and staff-members, and Korean friends she has met outside school. “I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to KOICA and the KDI School for bestowing on me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live and breathe Korea for a year, to learn and experience Korean education for a year, and to depart Korea with a sense of belonging and attachment that will forever be engraved in my heart. I will surely be back in my adopted country, South Korea, soon.”



## A KAKAO STORY

# Jewel by the Sea

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)

Belize is a small Central American country with strong cultural and historical ties to the British Caribbean. It is located on the north eastern coast of Central America, bordered to the north by Mexico, south and west by Guatemala, and to the east by the Caribbean Sea. Its mainland is about 290 kilometres long and 110 kilometres wide. Belize is a parliamentary democracy based on the Westminster System. It also functions under a Church-State system of education. Join Hyun-Ju on a Kakao story adventure as she explores Juliet Neal's homeland.



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### Fun Facts about Belize

- Originally inhabited by the Maya
- resettled by British pirates in the 1600s
- has the only flag in the world with people on it
- has the largest unbroken barrier reef in the western hemisphere
- is the only English speaking country in Central America
- Is so multi ethnic country every person currently at KDI School would fit right in Belize
- 2012 is not actually the end of the world, it's the end of the Mayan calendar and the start of a new one
- Has the highest population of manatee
- Has the highest number of jaguars



Hyun-Ju

Wow Juliet I love your pictures. ♥  
Where were they taken?



Juliet

I work with the Belize Tourism Board a quasi-ministry in the Ministry of Tourism in Belize. I am the Capacity Building Officer responsible for training and evaluation of all tourism training program on a national level, including the evaluation and redesign of the tourism curriculum.



Hyun-Ju

No wonder you have so many beautiful pictures! I would love to visit Belize. Where would you take me? 🍷



Juliet

Since you are a nature lover, I would take you to the Actun Tunichil Muknal caves. They are one of the best cave systems in Belize and it's quite an adventure to get there. You would cross 3 rivers, hike through the jungle, then swim into the cave. Inside the cave there are remnants of pottery and paintings on the cave walls done by the Maya who originally inhabited the area.

Next I would take you to Caye Caulker, a mini island near to our barrier reef. It has white sandy beaches you can spend the day relaxing with a drink under a coconut tree, swimming in clean, clear blue waters, or fishing.

Finally I would take you to Hopkins Village the hometown village of one of our ethnic groups – the Garifuna. It is a sea-side village renowned for its delicious food and music. We'd end your vacation by going to a spa for our famous mud massage.



Hyun-Ju

I can't wait! I heard Belize only has 300,000 people. Is it true that everyone knows everyone?



Juliet

Pretty much. It is easy to get to know everyone. Any part of the country you travel you will either meet someone you know or someone who knows your family. Therefore networking is very easy in Belize.



Hyun-Ju

What do you like about Korea?



Juliet

The food, the culture, the technology – it is all very different from what I am used to. I have been to Japan before so it was interesting to see how Korean culture differs from Japanese culture. It is very interesting to see how technologically advanced Korea is. The transit system is great here, I enjoy that it is easy to travel around Korea. The most important thing is how safe it is here. I have never felt so secure. There are many things about Korea that I can't wait to share with my friends at home.



Hyun-Ju

I'm happy to hear that. What brought you to KDI School?



Juliet

I loved that the KDI School combines economics and policy. I am coming from a professional background where I am required to take part in groups that formulate legislation and policies. I think it is very important to understand the economic basis for which these policies should be made and the impact they can have. Belize is in a very unique position because we have natural resources that we can utilize to take us forward. I felt that the KDI School with its international environment would be key for me to gain worthwhile knowledge to take back to Belize.



# Good-bye 2012!

## KDI School Year-End Alumni Dinner

The KDI School hosted the 2012 Year-End Alumni Dinner at the Orchid Room of the Westin Chosun Hotel on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The night was a great success with over 140 participants attending the dinner, the biggest number ever recorded at the event.

It was a night of friendship and remembrance, as the alumni caught up with each other and shared many stories. One could easily recognize the strong bond among all the KDI School family members gathered, and it was indeed a time of joy and gladness.

Mr. Dong Sik Jeong (2002 MBA, Korea), the president of the KDI School Alumni Association, gave an inspiring speech on behalf of the association, followed by a congratulatory speech by Dean Sang-woo Nam, thanking all the alumni for their participation. The Orchid Room was almost filled to the full by the alumni, faculty members and staffs.

The highlight of the day, other than the delicious dinner, was provided by current students, who prepared an excellent performance despite their academic commitments. Two winning teams of the School's Song & Dance Festival, a K-Pop team and a Latin Dance team, left a lasting impression on the memories of everyone.

With the Christmas and the New Year's festivities coming up soon, it was only appropriate that the KDI School prepared a raffle event for the occasion. There were plenty of applauses and groans as many alumni struck gold and took home various prizes, but Mr. Chang Won Seo (2009 MBA, Korea) took home the grand prize, a return airplane ticket!

Alumni around the world also joined the fun in holding year-end dinners, with Kenya, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Algeria, Indonesia and China holding their own.

# Stretching out to the World

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)



Alumni Gathering in Chile  
(August 8, Santiago)



Agenda Meeting at UDLAP, Mexico  
(August 6, Puebla)



Brazilian Alumni Gathering  
(August 13, Brasilia)

From August 4<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, a KDI School delegation including Dr. Wook Sohn, the Associate Dean of Planning and External Affairs and Ms. Chul Hee Sheen traveled to Latin America with an eye towards enhancing cooperation with four countries - Chile, Mexico, Ecuador and Brazil. Taking advantage of the meeting, the group held a meeting with KDI School alumni in the four countries, and also held multiple agenda meetings in an effort to further the KDI School's relationship with Latin America.

Later on in the year, Professor Jinsoo Lee and Ms. Hyejung Yang visited four countries between September 16<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to meeting up with the KDI School alumni in Algeria, Sudan, and Ethiopia the delegation held meetings with various

government ministries and education institutions in the above three countries as well as in Morocco. Prof. Jinsoo Lee also held a special lecture on Korea's Development Experience in Sudan.

KDI School alumni number more than 3,000 students in a hundred different countries all over the world. Foreign students applying to study at the KDI School are eligible for scholarships not only from the School but also from KOICA, POSCO, KOGAS, NIIED, and the Colombo Plan. Many students are currently working at both the public and private sectors in developing countries, and are a great asset to their countries, armed with their learning experience from the KDI School.



## Alumni Reunion



Ethiopian Alumni Gathering  
(September 24, Addis Ababa)



Sudanese Alumni Gathering  
(September 22, Khartoum)



Algerian Alumni Gathering  
(September 19, Algiers)



## Alumni show off their prowess:

# 2012 Alumni Essay Contest

The KDI School held the annual 2012 International Alumni Essay Contest to allow the KDI School alumni to share with other members of the KDI School family their lives after graduation. This year's contest was rather special, as the winners of the contests will be invited to the KDI School in Seoul (at the School's expense, of course!) to present their essays.

All the essays were of a very high-quality, and it was very difficult to choose the winner among such excellent writings. However, it was the painful task of the School staff to come up with a winner, and 11 essays were chosen and their writers will be visiting the KDI School in early December to take part in the presentation as well as being a guest of honor in the Commencement.

Here are the highlights from the some of winning entries:

**Dhafer Hasan** (2008 MPP, Iraq), International 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*My experience at the KDI School – South Korea not just advanced my career, it actually defined my career and defined me... I hope that I will be given the opportunity to share the details of my achievements with the world through KDI School.*

**Shomi Kim** (2009 MPP, Korea), Korean 1<sup>st</sup> place

*I have the KDI School to thank for giving fresh meaning to what I considered as the cradle of my vision of making a difference with my life. Looking back, there is every reason to attribute the experience accrued at the school for giving form and substance to what was hitherto a vague portrait of what I considered to be my worldview.*

**Noorullah Jan Ahmadzai** (2008 MPP, Afghanistan), International 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

*... I believe having an understanding of diverse culture and backgrounds helps a lot when dealing issues related to international relation and international development. the KDI School is a place where I had the opportunity to understand the different perspective of issues...*

**Tenzin Lhaden** (2009 MBA, Bhutan), International 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

*The KDI School degree has personally been my gateway... it has taught me to respect as a learner, love as a fellow being, groom as a leader, contribute as an individual not only towards development of the local community but the overall global community and to grow as a better human being.*

**Dana Aleksic** (2010 MPP, Serbia), International 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

*The KDI School has enriched my life professionally and personally. Korea's development experience and the way of implementing policies act as a benchmark in my activities... Thank you, KDI School, for opening doors and making all these wonderful experiences possible in the first place.*

## Life after the KDI School



## With rise of Korea

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)

With the global rise of Korea's status, many Korean have dreamed about developing their careers beyond the national level. Encouraged by Kimoon Ban, the UN Secretary General, and Jim Yong Kim, the president of the World Bank, the dream seems closer to reality. Sangmyeong Cho (2011 MPP/ED, Korea) is currently working at OECD, Paris and shares some insightful words for those who would pursue a career in an international organization.

**Q** Could you explain what your job is at the OECD briefly?

**A** I work for Reform of Public Sector (RPS) division. We find and disseminate the best practices in public sector reform, and also develop indicators to compare and evaluate the public sector reform and manage all the related statistics.

**Q** What did you gain from KDI School?

**A** Even after experiences in working in many fields, my goal was to work in an international organization, and for that English ability and policy analysis skills were essential. The KDI School helped me develop those two skills. Also, studying with colleagues from diverse backgrounds was an asset of my life that I could not get anywhere else.

**Q** Do you have any tips for the KDI students who would like to pursue their careers in international organization?

**A** It is important to determine what and where you want to work. Without this, your dream will unfold. Also, you should steadily prepare for the work you would like to do, and the fact that you are already studying at the KDI School is a good start. Keep up the work on ODA, economic sector, or other specialty areas, the door will be open for you. What I regret the most in my KDI School life is that I often chose courses that were easy, not out of usefulness or necessity. I hope you won't make the same mistake.

Also, statistics experts are essential in each division here at the OECD and elsewhere, so being proficient in statistics will be helpful.

Finally, please learn how to cooperate! Most of the projects are group-based. Team projects at the KDI School are similar to the work you would do at OECD. If you are capable of carrying out team projects successfully, then you have the basic qualifications.



Mr. Cho added that if any of the KDI School students contact him through his email (sangmyeong@hanmail.net) or facebook he would gladly respond to your questions. Good luck and thank you, Mr. Cho!



# Alumni News Updates

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)

**Bo Wen (1999 MPP, China)** welcomed his newborn son Takumi in Tokyo. He is currently working at National Geographic Society as program director for Air and Water Conservation Fund.



**Cha-Seuk Park (2002 MPP, Korea)** was appointed the President of Shinwha Accounting Corporation on September.



**Kyoung Jae Hur (2005 MPP, Korea)** was appointed the deputy mayor of Danyang-gun in September.



**Sang Eun Park (2005 MFDI, Korea)** is currently the Chief Professor of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Dongguk University International Hospital, Seoul.



**Hanseok Yea (2005 MPP, Korea)** was married in October.



**Golam Shafiuddin Uddin (2001 MPP, Bangladesh)** is currently working as Director at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation.



**Seok-young Choi (2003 MBA, Korea)** was elected the Vice Chairman of the UNHCR Executive Committee.



**Bong Kyun Kim (2004 MBA Korea)** was promoted to the rank of Major.



**Dong hyun Kim (2005 MBA, Korea)** has been giving KDI School's international students a free dental care service for years now. Check out his new office at [www.smileblossom.com](http://www.smileblossom.com) which is in Samsungdong, Seoul.



**Md Zahir Raihan (2006 MPP, Bangladesh)** was promoted to Deputy Secretary at International Mother Language Institute, Dhaka.

**Tep Kosal (2006 MBA, Cambodia)** was married in November.



**Murad Ali (2007 MBA, Pakistan)** participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Globelics Academy 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the 10<sup>th</sup> Globelics International Conference 2012 in Hangzhou, China to present his research works.



**Tao Chen (2009 MPP, China)** married **Yi Si Wang (2009 MBA, China)** in October.



**Dong hyun Kim (2010 MPP, Korea)** is currently working as a journalist at TV Chosun.



**Tadachi Shiho (2010 MPP, Japan)** won the "Japan-Korea Friendship" award in a speaking contest organized by the Japanese Embassy for sharing her introduction of the Korean culture.



**PAWLOWSKI, Laurent (2006 MBA)** and **LEE, WooJung (2009 MBA)** got married on September 2012.



**Richard Sajjabi Bukone (2008 MPP, Uganda)** was promoted in June from Senior Assistant Secretary to Deputy Chief Administrative Officer in the Government of Uganda.



**Wendy Montealto (2009 MPP, Philippines)** is working at Asian Development Bank headquarters in Manila.



**Sopheak Chhim (2011 MPP/PM, Cambodia)** is currently working as a lecturer of English at Pannasastra University of Cambodia, University of Cambodia.



**Cholpon Alymbekova (2010 MPP, Krgystan)** and **Cholpon Charynova (2010 MPP, Krgystan)** have received a prize from the World Congress on Global Partnership for Young Women.



2012 KDI School Year-end Alumni Dinner in Globe



Alumni Dinner in China (November 30)



Alumni Dinner in Ethiopia (November 23)



Alumni Dinner in Cambodia (November 23)



Alumni Dinner in Indonesia (December 2)

Alumni Reunion



Uzbekistan Alumni Gathering  
(August 23, Tashkent)



Sri Lanka Alumni Gathering  
(October 4, Colombo)



Myanmar Alumni Gathering  
(November 14, Naypyidaw)

Faculty Interview: **DONG YOUNG KIM**

Green Climate Fund to be based in Korea!!

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)



The board of the United Nations' Green Climate Fund (GCF) announced its selection of Songdo, Incheon City as the site of its headquarters.

The GCF includes projects such as reducing greenhouse gas from energy production and adapting countries to the effects of global warming. These are feasible only with financial support to conduct the climate change adaptation and mitigation projects, and the role of the GCF will be enormous.

One of the factors that contributed to the selection as the host of GCF was the concerted effort not only from government, but the private and academic sector. Dr. Dongyoung Kim, a KDI School professor, took part in the process as a consultant. The Globe managed to interview Professor Kim despite his busy schedule:

Could you tell us about your role in hosting the GCF?

In cooperation with the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, I was involved as a consultant throughout all the stages from proposal designing, rationale establishing, and strategic planning for attracting headquarters of GCF in Songdo, Korea, as well as investigating trends and responses of member countries in the United Nations council.

Apart from all the general predictions, what do you think is the real advantage the GCF would bring to the people of Korea, especially for those who are studying at the KDI School?

I expect the role of the KDI School to expand in terms of international cooperation in the field of green growth. There is a

possibility that the KDI School alumni may work for GCF by accumulating knowledge from related fields of study. Furthermore, international students can act as representatives of their home country to gain financial funding from GCF. Also, students can equip themselves with capacity to work as consultants at GCF. To foster adequate human resource for the above roles, the KDI School is currently recruiting more professors in the field of environment and green growth.

Hosting the GCF would certainly provide a variety of opportunities for Korea. The power of the world is shifting and there are substantial roles to be played by Korea in the field of green growth and environment. By building capacity, we will be able to take part in this change.



Faculty Interview: **SHUN WANG****Life is Unpredictable...  
Let Us Enjoy Life!**

Reported by Maria Charmaine D. Guevara (2012 MDP, Philippines)



"First, be a friend to students. Second, let the students learn to think. Third, let the students talk. Communication creates mutual understanding, and this is vital for cooperation inside and outside the confines of a classroom."

This is how Professor Shun Wang, a development economist, approaches teaching, especially when the students are of diverse backgrounds in terms of undergraduate studies and countries of origin. Adjusting to his "customers" i.e., the students, he tries to avoid using complex economic or mathematic models. "I try my best to explain the basic concepts in economics and mathematics in a comprehensible method appropriate to the knowledge level of MA students." When asked to define what good teaching is to him, Professor Wang replies that there is only one important criterion—students' evaluation of his teaching. "A good product is defined by its customers (the students), rather than its producer (the teacher)."

The combination of his undergraduate degree in Business Administration, MA in Economics, both from Peking University, and his Ph.D. complement his academic interests well: the relationship between development and happiness, and a specialization on development economics with a focus on China's economy and markets. Professor Wang says that

these are currently hot topics, which are also compatible with the focus of KDIS on public policy and management

On the personal side, Professor Wang is married and is a doting father to three-year old twin boys. He met his wife on his first-ever flight in his life, from Shanghai to Vancouver, on his way to study his Ph.D. "I kindly helped her put her luggage in the storage bin. I found out that she worked as a flight attendant for one of the major airlines in China. She made my journey a memorable one, and the shy guy in me disappeared for a moment when I asked her for her MSN account before departing ways. This small and unexpected event permanently altered the path of my life. Life is unpredictable, just like the stock markets. Let us enjoy life!" Professor Wang leaves us a piece of free advice, especially for those eager to find a life partner, "Talk to the person sitting next to you on the airplane, train, subway, or even bus, instead of playing games on your iPhone. Even if he/she is much older than you, he/she might have a daughter/son who would be a potential significant other."

For more tips on economics or finding a life partner, Professor Wang encourages students to drop by his office at 9413. Welcome to the KDI School, Professor Wang!

Faculty Interview: **Ji SUN BAEK****KDI School welcomes  
Prof Ji Sun Baek**

Reported by Florence Goldson (2012 MDP, Belize)



Professor Ji Sun Baek is an economics specialist who received her M.A and Ph.D. in Economics, both from Columbia University. With the memories as a student still fresh in her mind, she had many helpful advices for the KDI School students. One advice in particular would be of a great interest to the current students who will soon be writing their thesis – how to work effectively when writing your thesis. "First, you need to have a topic and a question to answer," said Professor Baek. "Then I recommend you break up the work and make weekly mini goals. When you accomplish your small goals, you can celebrate those victories. If the joy of achievement is delayed for too long it makes students frustrated and tired. When you complete all the steps you will see that you have arrived at your final goal."

She has no preference between the Android and the iOS, as she owns both a Galaxy Note and an iPad. Rather, she is a rational consumer who chooses a product that provides the best quality at the best price at the moment she is looking to buy. As Professor Yoon-Ha Yoo would say in his AMPP class, she maximizes her utility as befitting an expert economist.

Which brings us to the class she is teaching, the microeconomics. Professor Baek understands the subject is very analytical and often appears unnecessary for research and real world application. However, she emphasizes the fact

that it provides a foundation understanding for current theories and policies, and that there is a direct link between policy and development. "I think microeconomics is the key to policy design because it examines individual firms or behaviors. Microeconomics theory provides the prediction regarding their behavior and the possible outcome of policy." She concedes that such predictions may differ from reality, but points out that that they will provide some sense of how they will react and the source of that reaction, making it a key element in policy design.

She is looking forward to meeting and interacting with the students, and to observe how those students will aid the development of their respective countries. She had one more advice for all the students who will soon be leaving Korea for their home countries:

"Participate in the KDI School trips and events, they are fun and education. Also, just be open to the experience of Korea and go explore, try all the different foods, and make Korean friends."

I am sure all the students can attest to the advantages of this helpful advice, and that they'll take her up on the advice and explore the aspects of Korea they haven't yet visited during their last few weeks in the country.



Faculty Interview: **SHU-CHIN LIN**

**Be Positive, Enjoy Life**

Reported by Keith Hamusute (2012 MPP, Zambia)



“Dear Keith, I am not really interested in doing an interview for The Globe. But if it is really necessary then you can come by my office at 11AM on Thursday”. That is the email that stared at me in reply to my request to interview Professor Lin Shu-Chin. Professor Lin is a new member of the KDI School faculty currently teaching Finance and Development. I quickly replied that it was necessary and I would be at her office at the agreed time.

It was with a bit of understandable nervousness then that I knocked on her office door at the appointed time. “Did I scare you?” asked Professor Lin. I failed to answer the question but simply smiled as we settled down to the interview.

Professor Lin is originally from Taiwan however she is married to a Korean. She insists Korea and Taiwan are similar in many respects apart from the language which she is still struggling to come to terms with. However Taiwanese are so similar in custom, food and general way of life to Koreans, she insisted. With a small disclaimer, that actually Korean food is spicier than Taiwanese.

She was glowing in her praise of the KDI School and its students. She admitted that the unique composition of the students posed different challenges to “normal” graduate

school as most of the students were government technocrats. “You tend to lean more on what the students need than the typical syllabus” she opined. She went to say how to her surprise the classes are always engaging with plenty of contributions from students. “I love it,” she added almost as an afterthought with a glint in her eyes.

Professor Lin hopes the KDI School students can experience Korean life aside from the classroom. She reckons the opportunity to study in Korea becomes only unique when it is experienced both in the lecture room and outside. Knowing the way of life of the people, their traditions and their values. Something she admits she needs to be doing more herself.

“So then do you listen to K-pop, see Korean plays and sample the arts here?” I asked. “My children listen to K-pop but not me” she replied before turning the same question on me. I managed to wriggle myself out of answering the question.

It was left then for Professor Lin to impart some nuggets of wisdom. She looked at me, with that same glint in the eye “live life, be positive. Life is short and mostly tough. Live it when you have it.” I cannot add anything to that.



**Faculty News Update**

Reported by Inja Jeon (2012 MDP, Korea)



**Professor Jungho Yoo** published his research papers titled “The Myth about Korea’s Rapid Growth” in Y. B. Choi (ed.), *Institutional Economics and National Competitiveness*, New York: Routledge, 2012 and “Proper Role of Government” in *Review of Institutions and Economics*, Vol.6, No.2, (Aug. 2012), a journal of The Korea Institution and Economics Association.



**Professor Joonkyung Kim** conducted a lecture for foreign journalists on Korea’s economic development experience on October 21<sup>st</sup>. 19 journalists from 18 countries attended the lecture.



**Professor Seongwuk Moon** received an award for an outstanding paper from the Korean Technology Innovation Society for his paper *How Does Openness Influence Innovation of Korean Manufacturing Firms?*



**Welcome New Members**



**Professor Seulki Choi**  
Education: Ph.D. in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Research Interest: Demography, Social Quality



**Professor Sherzod Shadikhodjaev**  
Education: Ph.D. in international law, Korea University  
Research Interest: International law, trade



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**Keun-Hyuk Lim**  
External Relations & Development Division



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Development Knowledge Bank