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New Dean Opens Another Chapter for the KDI School

Sang-Moon Hahm

On October 15, Dr. Sang-Moon Hahm, former Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, was inaugurated as the KDI School of Public Policy and Management’s 4th Dean. Dean Hahm’s inauguration is even more significant in that he has been with the KDI School since its initial establishment in 1997. During the past 10 years, the School has been able to build a network

consisting of students and alumni from the private and public sectors, NGOs, media, and other countries. Furthermore, the institution has been able to observe the transition many of its students have undergone to become international leaders. As the KDI School continues to fulfill its mission to deliver academic excellence, research, and expertise, Dean Hahm states that he “aspires to lead the KDI School to top-notch standards by recruiting quality faculty and students.”

Background	
1998 - present	Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
2004 - 2007	Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
2001 - 2007	Senior Research Fellow, Korea Development Institute
2000 - 2001	Director of Research, KDI School of Public Policy
1993 - 1997	Senior Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Finance, Seoul
1992 - 1993	Assistant Professor, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada
1984 - 1992	Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia
1989 - 1990	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1984	Ph.D., M.A., Economics, University of Chicago

A Decade of Sharing Knowledge, A Decade To Celebrate “KDI School 10 Year Anniversary”

Reported by Rodrigo Vasquez (2007 MPP)

The KDI School celebrated its 10 year anniversary on October 19. To commemorate this important day, the school organized a day of activities that brought together not only its current student body, faculty, and staff but also international scholars who were invited as special lecturers.

10 Year Anniversary Conference

Divided into two sections, the conference provided a stage for international guests to discuss important issues. Serving as the essence of the celebration, the conference allowed for different ideas and opinions to be exchanged.

Session 1, *Global Trends in Public Affairs in Education*, began with opening remarks from Sang-Moon Hahm, the newly inaugurated Dean of the KDI School. *In Search of Relevance in a Changing World*, presented by Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Dean of the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University, defined in a very effective approach five observations about the future of public policy affairs education.

The second lecture of the morning, *Charting the Future Waters*, was presented by Barton Wechsler, Director of the Harry S. Truman School of Policy Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The lecture shared several reflections on policy education in the new century.



Session 2, *Public Policy and Management Education at the KDI School*, was presented by three different speakers from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Hong-Gab Kim, Director-General of HR Development Bureau from the Republic of Korea Civil Service Commission, presented a paper titled *Strategic Blueprint for Human Resource Development of the Korean Government*, which explained how important the development and innovation of human resources is.

Evan M. Berman, Huey McElveen Distinguished Professor of Louisiana State University and Editor-in-Chief of ASPA Book Series Taylor and Francis in Public Administration & Public Policy, gave a presentation commenting on the advances made by the KDI School over the past ten years. He also remarked that challenges still lie ahead in order to achieve the ASPA Certification.

Finally, Professor Younguck Kang, a faculty member at the KDI School, presented an internally commissioned paper covering how the KDI School measures up against international standards and trends, ultimately providing an illustrative answer on the advances the school has achieved towards the accomplishment of the NASPAA standards.

The conference was concluded with final remarks from KDI School faculty member Professor Yong S. Lee, during which he thanked the special lecturers and audience for enriching the conference with their questions and comments.



10 Year Anniversary

10 Year Anniversary Celebration Ceremony

The ceremony took place in the KAIST Auditorium, with a number of close friends and distinguished guests joining in the festivities. KDI President Jung Taik Hyun began with the welcoming remarks, after which the founding President of KDI, Mahn Je Kim, and Vice Minister of Finance and economy of Korea, Lim Young-Rok, stepped up to the podium.

After an award ceremony to thank those who contributed to the KDI School during the past 10 years, the attendees were able to enjoy a performance sponsored by CBS.

Dinner

Afterwards, a dinner was hosted in the Atrium, located inside the KAIST main building. Students, professors, and staff members came together to celebrate a truly great milestone.

During the dinner, the winners of the 10 Year Anniversary Contest were announced. The winners were called up to receive their awards along with a sizable check.

Video Contest:

First Prize: So Jeong Choi from Korea (MBA 2007), Second Prize: Tran Hoang Nam from Vietnam (MPP 2007) and Third Prize: Sung Jin Choi, KDI School staff member.

Photo Contest:

First Prize: Laurent Pawlowski, from France (MBA 2006), Second Prize: Shirley Cosolan, from the Philippines (MPP 2006) and Third Prize: Xingzheng Xiao, from China (MPP 2006)

Other Activities

To commemorate the event, an exhibition was constructed in the first floor of the main building. In the exhibition, records and memorabilia from the School history, life at the School, and the staff and faculty members were displayed. Pictures of the KDI School since 1997 were also exhibited.



The Miracle of Han River flows into the Ganges “Maxwell IAS Program: Emulating the Miracle”

Reported by Sung won Yoon (2007 MBA)



The Maxwell Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Program, developed by the Maxwell School at Syracuse University for Indian government officials in 2005, is the largest mid-career education reform initiative to date. The program includes 6 weeks of training in India, about one week of field studies, and a policy-making project. During this particular program, Korea was designated as a field study location, with courses offered by both the Maxwell School and the KDI School. The purpose of this visit was to examine economic development strategies currently pursued by Asian countries in order to build a more robust economy. Such strategies include economic incentives, infrastructure, and education.

Indian government officials consider Korea to be an ideal model for development because of its tremendous turnaround from an agricultural country to an industrial powerhouse in a short period. At the same time, President Roh's visit to India in 2004 and Indian President Abdul Kalam's visit to Korea in 2006 also signaled strengthened ties between the two countries which eventually resulted in the Maxwell IAS program.

The participating officials came to Seoul expecting a hands-on experience in Korea; one that may not be possible in Western developed countries, such as the United States. The government officials from India noted that they hoped to learn how Korea achieved the miracle of the Han River, and to apply the know-how to India's own development.

The KDI School was selected to arrange the program in recognition of its long-standing know-how in providing customized economic development consulting programs for Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Turkey, Cambodia and Algeria.

This included an introduction to the development of the Korean economy, commercialization, investment in social infrastructure, government reform, and education policies. The program also allowed for visits to the Office of the Prime Minister, Seoul City Hall, the Korean Folk Village, and industry inspections to Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, Hyundai Heavy Industry, and POSCO.

Since India, one of the BRICs nations, is expected to grow to the world's 3rd largest economic player by 2020, the new economic and political context has changed the role of the IAS from a doer to a facilitator, a provider, and a supervisor. The new role of the IAS in society requires officials to possess adaptive efficiency and the ability to manage and direct changes, such as the transition from a planned economy to a competitive market economy. Against this backdrop, the program is expected to have a perceptible effect on the officials through vivid demonstration of the Korean example.

Because of the fact that the 102 participants of the Maxwell IAS program are intermediate-level officials, they are expected to contribute to bringing stronger economic and political cooperation between the two countries both in the short-term and long-term. Furthermore, the program is expected to bring in other benefits such as increase in trade, foreign investments, and future market to explore.

Student Activities

Reported by Sophaseila Sakett (2007 MBA)



Savor the Taste - International Food Festival

The International Food Festival, held on November 2, 2007 in Lincoln Hall, was a bustling event attended by KDI School students, faculty, staff, and guests from embassies and other organizations. Most international students participated in this annual event by sharing the culture and cuisine from their native countries.

This year, more than one hundred people milled around, weaving their way through the lines that wrapped around eight colorful booths. Guests sampled low and high-end cuisine from more than 19 countries, listened to music, and participated in the activities the festival offered as well.

Students participating in the event were divided into eight groups by region and were asked to prepare four or five dishes, each representative of the typical foods eaten in their countries. Each table also boasted colorfully decorated booths. A poll was conducted to find the guests' favorite team. Each guest was given two votes: one for the best cuisine, and the other for the best cultural presentation.

The biggest visual attraction that caused much photo-snapping was when the students stepped on stage wearing their traditional costumes, the colorful array momentarily stopping the movement in the lines. At the end of the event, Dean Sang-Moon Hahm presented the first prize to the team of students from Thailand and Vietnam. "Each team won a different prize," said Kethia Lim, MPP 07 from Cambodia. "But the most important thing was that we all had so much fun preparing the food and presenting our cultures."

Chuseok - Harvest Festival Day



Every fifteenth day of the Eighth Month, Koreans celebrate Chuseok, one of Korea's major holidays. It is a day of thanksgiving for a good harvest. As on Lunar New Year's Day, many Korean families return to their hometowns from all across the country to celebrate together.

KDI School students also celebrated Chuseok by watching the *Gang Gang Sul Rae* (Korean traditional folk song) and the traditional sights at the cultural theatre of Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation on September 21. After watching the performance, one student commented that most people are either too ignorant or uninterested in their own musical legacy, and that Korean folk songs are enjoyable and easy to listen to. Without a doubt, everyone had a great evening.

Gimje Horizontal Festival



During this two-day trip starting from October 6, some students chose to spend the night on a farm. One of the students was Min Deng, MPP 2007 from China. She commented that it was really a great experience, and that she had been well taken care of.

Organized by the International Friendship Club of Korea (IFC), the objective of the trip was to raise the awareness, especially amongst foreign residents and international

students, of the beautiful natural environment surrounding the golden fields. Not only that, it was an educational opportunity to learn about the rice harvested in Gimje, the center of Korean rice farming culture.

An Invaluable Experience “KDI School Field Research and Study Trips”

Reported by Rodrigo Vasquez (2007 MPP)

Every year, KDI School students visit leading business enterprises inside and outside of Korea. These trips provide them with an invaluable opportunity to experience first-hand the diversity of these industries, helping them understand important political and economic issues, and also providing them with the opportunity to share some time outside the school with their friends and staff members.

International Field Research and Study



This course allowed students to observe businesses and governments in action, and to interact directly with corporate and public policy leaders.

During their stay in the United States, students were also exposed to private firms and government institutions. On these excursions, they were able to listen to lectures given by international scholars. To many, it was a first to be able to observe so many global industries such as banking, communications, and software.

The students departed from Seoul and landed in San Diego on August 22. Upon arriving in the US, they visited Sony Electronics Inc., Hynix Semiconductor, and Google Inc. During the ten days spent there, they also had the chance to enjoy different tourist locations like the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Nevada, and San Francisco.



MFDI Field Research and Study

This course provided students with a unique opportunity to experience government and businesses in relation to foreign direct investment(FDI). It included special lectures by international FDI scholars and was complemented with visits to FDI- focused organizations.

They departed from Korea to Vietnam on August 30, spending five days there; during this period, they had the opportunity to visit different places like the Hanoi Securities Trading Center and LG Electronics, as well as spend time visiting Hanoi and Halong Bay.



Campus Life



Korea Field Research and Study

This Field and Research study was designed to educate international students on unique social, cultural, and industrial aspects of Korea.

The KFRS offers students a chance to visit key historic and cultural sites, as well as Korea's leading industrial companies. The course also allows them to enjoy Korean life, nature, and culture as well as strengthen their relationships with faculty members and friends.

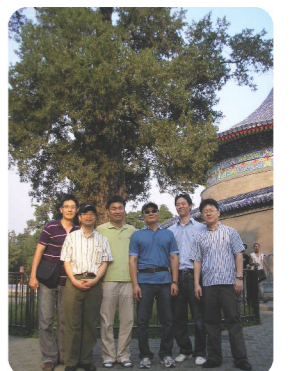
The course took place from September 3 and ended on September 6, with fifty students participating. The students visited different places like Pohang Iron and Steel Company, Hyundai Motors Company and SK Refinery Plant, Nongshim Snack and Food Company, Ubiquitous Exhibition Center, as well as the Gyongju Cultural Heritage site.

MAM Field Research and Study

The 2007 MAM Graduation Field Trip was designed for 2006 MAM students, giving them the opportunity to build strong friendship, remember the good times they shared at the KDI School, and to share their future plans after graduation.

The field trip took place in Beijing, China from August 31 to September 2, with a total of 19 participants; 16 students, 2 faculty members, and one staff member.

Students toured Tian An Men Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall, Thirteen Mausoleums in the Ming Dynasty, and the Summer Palace.



New Faces, Fresh Ideas, and Knowledge for Everyone

“Interviews with New Faculty Members”

Report by Rodrigo Vasquez (2007 MPP)

Professor Cho, Yoon C.



Why did you decide to come to the KDI School?
The excellent teaching and research environment made me join the KDI School.

What is your major field of study?
Marketing, particularly internet marketing, is my major field of study.

Which courses are you going to teach at the KDI School?
I have been teaching and expect to teach marketing related courses such as Internet Marketing, Marketing Research, Marketing Management, and Consumer Behavior (tentative) at the KDI School.

What can you tell us about yourself or professional experience?
Before I joined the KDI School, I have taught marketing-courses for over five years as an associate professor at the Hawaii Pacific University, where I also served as advisor for the American Marketing Association (AMA)-HPU Chapter. I received a Ph.D from Rutgers and MBS from Cornell University and published research papers in various academic journals such as the Advances in Consumer Research (ACR), Journal of Consumer satisfaction, Dissatisfaction and Complaining Behavior (JCS/DCB), Hawaii International Conference on Systems Science, among many others.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I enjoy cooking, traveling, watching films, listening to music and designing home pages among others.

Any thing you would like to say to the KDI School Students?
Be positive, happy and enjoy your life in this awesome school environment! Do believe that learning at the KDI School will enhance your quality of life!

Professor Moon, Seung Wook



What made you come to the KDI School?
I think the KDI School is one of the best research institutes in Korea. It also attracts people from all over the world, which is why I came here.

What is your major field of interest?
Basically Economics and Strategy. What I am doing is analyzing strategic decisions and market interaction using an economic approach. Specifically, I am interested in Organization Economics, Industrial Organization, and Innovation and Technologies.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I used to play tennis, but since my son was born my free time has been reduced. Nowadays I try to spend my free time with my wife and son.

How would you define the KDI School?
It is a unique environment to improve your intellectual capital, and have good relations with the international students here.



Professor Seo, Jongil

Why did you choose the KDI School?
KDI School is well known for its excellent teaching program and great research environment. In fact, many Korean scholars in the U.S. are interested in the KDI School and they want to join. I didn't hesitate.

What is your major field of study/interest?
My primary research interests focus on corporate governance and top management teams. Specifically, I am interested in how psychological and cognitive aspects of top executives affect their strategic decision making.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I like watching movies and listening to music. I love all kinds of movies and classical music. Bach is my favorite composer. Sometimes, I want to learn to play a musical instrument.

Anything you would like to say to the KDI students?
Enjoy your privileges as a student. You are preparing for a better future. Maximize your potential. You will gain your momentum in the near future.



Professor Lee Yong S.

Why did you decide to come to the KDI School?
Last summer, I was at Korea University to teach U.S. Law in its International Summer Program. It was during this time that Dr. Chin-Seung Chung, then the Dean of the KDI School, asked me if I would be interested in joining the school. We had a couple of meetings since then. I thought that the KDI School had a unique vision of professional education and training program that focuses on the mid-career professionals in Korea and in developing nations. I also thought that teaching all classes in English, a rare and ambitious undertaking in Korea, was clearly right on target in the age of global education. I was excited about the challenging vision and attendant opportunities, so I decided to join the KDI School.

What is your major field of study?
By training I am a political scientist. Within the field of political science I have specialized in American politics, American constitutional law, public administration, organizational theory and public management, and human resources management.

What can you tell us about yourself or professional experience?
I am a professor emeritus from Iowa State University (ISU). I took an “early” retirement (by U.S. standards) from ISU last year. I had taught at ISU for 30 years. When I retired from ISU, the Thurgood Marshall College of California, San Dieg offered me a lectureship on “Justice in a Constitutional Democracy.” Outside this appointment I write a newspaper column for the Korea Daily (Joong-Ang Il Bo) in the U.S. I write a bi-weekly column titled “Constitutional Essay.”

Anything you would like to say to the KDI students?
Many things, but I'd better not go overboard. Long time ago, in his “Ash Wednesday” T.S. Elliot wrote something like, “Time is only time and place is only place; what is real is only at one time and in one place.” I really treasure this passage. In a similar vein, I'd suggest that while at KDI you take every moment afresh, relentlessly expand your horizon, dream dreams, and trust your future. Life unfolds quite unexpectedly.

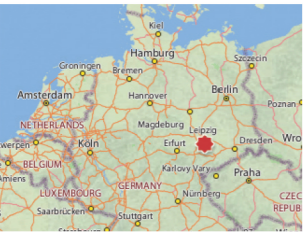
Interview



Meeting New Faces from China and Germany

Reported by Sophaseila Sakett (2007 MBA)

As much as the Globe emphasizes the School’s exchange programs abroad, let’s not forget to highlight the new exchange students who come to study here at the KDI School. Currently, the school has four exchange students from China and Germany. They have taken some time to enlighten us on a different perspective of Korea and their home countries.



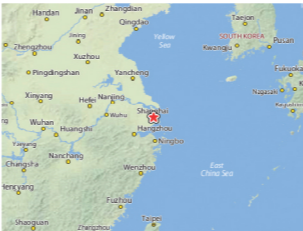
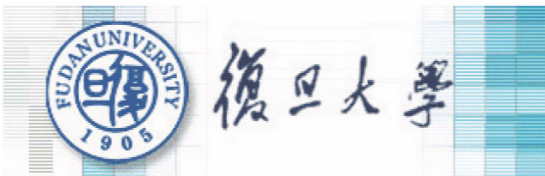
VERENA NEDON is an MBA exchange student from the Handelshochschule (HHL) Graduate School of Management studying at the KDI School 2007 fall semester, majoring in Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship.

Globe: Where is your hometown in Germany?
Verena: Currently I am studying in Leipzig but my hometown is Loebau, a small city in the very east of Germany.
G: What was the hardest thing to adjust to?
Verena: That’s easy. The answer is the Korean (spicy) food.
G: Why did you decide to study at the KDI School?
Verena: I decided to go to South Korea as I’ve never been to Asia before. Nowadays everybody always chooses to go to China but I wanted to try something different.
G: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
Verena: I like to travel in my free time, which is rare.
G: What is the biggest difference you have noticed between Korea and Germany?
Verena: There are so many differences. The biggest one would be the way Korean people, especially bus and taxi drivers, drive their cars. It seems to be very chaotic and aggressive.



MARKO SCHAEDLICH is another MBA exchange student from the HHL Graduate School of Management studying at the KDI School for 2007 fall semester, majoring in Strategic Management and Finance.

G: Where is your hometown in Germany?
Marko: My home town is Halle but I study in Leipzig.
G: What was the hardest thing to adjust to?
Marko: Probably the food. It is very spicy and quite different from German bread, potatoes, and sausages.
G: What is your fondest memory of your country?
Marko: As for bad memories, it would be the World War. But Germany also has some famous musicians like Beethoven and Schubert, and some well-known writers like Goethe and Schiller. On top of that, Ballack, Beckenbauer and Mathaeus are very famous German soccer players as well.
G: Why did you decide to study at the KDI School?
Marko: It is an exciting new place, boasts a booming metropolis, and of course, there is the reputation of the KDI School. I am also fascinated by the rapid economic development and political situation, which is similar to what Germany experienced twenty years ago.
G: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
Marko: I love soccer and almost any sport that involves a ball. Also, I like sightseeing, discovering new cultures, and meeting new people. For instance, I met one guy from Canada with Singaporean nationality and Cambodian background.
G: What is the biggest difference you have noticed between Korea and Germany?
Marko: Food, people, and their behavior in some ways.
G: What is your favorite thing about the KDI School?
Marko: The people.



HU SI ZHEN is an MBA exchange student from the Fudan University studying at the KDI School for the 2007 fall term, majoring in International Trade.

G: Where is your hometown in China?
Zhen: Hangzhou city, Zhejiang Province.
G: What was the hardest thing to adjust to?
Zhen: The food here is a little bit spicy.
G: What is your fondest memory of your country?
Zhen: I miss Chinese cuisine.
G: Why did you decide to study at the KDI School?
Zhen: KDI School impresses me with its multi-national culture and atmosphere which is very conducive for learning.
G: What do you enjoy doing with your free time?
Zhen: I enjoy chatting with other students especially international ones. Exploring Seoul city is amazing and I like reading as well.
G: What is the biggest difference you have noticed between Korea and China?
Zhen: I was very impressed by two things. One, the school staff members are very friendly and helpful. They are very responsible in their jobs. Second, all professors are quite easy- going and understanding.
G: What is your favorite thing about the KDI School?
Zhen: Its multi-culture atmosphere. The diverse student body offers a good opportunity for me to learn about different cultures and people.



WANG CHAO is an MBA exchange student from Fudan University studying at the KDI School for 2007 fall term, majoring in Finance.

G: Where is your hometown in China?
Chao: My home town is Suzhou. It’s about one and half hours driving distance from Shanghai.
G: What is one thing you miss about China?
Chao: Sometimes I miss home, but I enjoy the challenge. The thing I miss the most, however, would have to be my friends and family.
G: Why did you decide to study at the KDI School?
Chao: I always wanted to visit Korea. Of the three Korean universities that have a partnership with my school, the KDI School is the best in every aspect.
G: What do you enjoy doing with your free time?
Chao: I like playing ping pong, basketball, and watching movies.
G: What is your favorite thing about the KDI School?
Chao: The students are very kind.



The Globe hopes that the stay of the new exchange students in our school will be both fruitful and enjoyable, and that they will return to their home universities with pleasant memories of the KDI School, and of Korea.

KDI School: A Talk Show

Reported by Sung Won Yoon (2007 MBA)



Lim, Chung-yeon (The 14th Economic Policy-Making Course Korea)
Director of the Office for Government Policy Coordination

What is your work at the Office for Government Policy Coordination?

The role of the Office for Government Policy Coordination (OPC) is to manage and promote major policies of each ministry and simultaneously address current issues. I have been dealing with coordination and regulation reform in the areas of education, culture, and national patriots as well as veteran affairs policies. I am currently in charge of providing support to facilitate the general work of the OPC in sectors such as budget, audit, and security with the National Assembly.

What made you decide to take the KDI School Economic Policy-Making Course?

I had anticipated a chance to improve my overall perspective on economic policy. One of my senior officials, who had already taken the course, recommended that I take it as well, so I decided to follow suit.

Do the courses pay off at work?

Yes. I came to have a broader view not only on the economic policies related to finance, labor, and real estate, but also on other issues like diplomacy, national security, and diverse social issues. With a rational and balanced view, now I can do my job better in controlling major policies and pending issues of each ministry.

How was your school life at the KDI School?

The lectures were good indeed. What was also good about the KDI School was that I could get along with people from various fields such as the National Assembly, the press, and financial sector. Personally, I enjoyed the 3rd class, where classmates stayed late after class, continued having discussions, and got to know each other better over a glass of draft beer at times. It would have been great if I had joined the discussions more often.

Is there any advice you would like to give to the freshmen or those considering taking the KDI School Economic Policy-Making Course?

I believe it is very important to be more active in class, since there is only one class on Wednesday, that is to say, once a week. If the topic of the week is related to your work or is of your interest, you should take part in the class with extra enthusiasm. This case applies to the 3rd class especially. And I personally think it would be beneficial to continue to have regular gatherings even after the course is finished.

What word best describes the KDI School?

The KDI School is a talk show, as it gave me great opportunities to satisfy my curiosity about various social issues and build good relationships with many people.

Where are they now?

KDI School: A Golden Fish Farm

Reported by Sung Won Yoon (2007 MBA)



Jung, Woonki (2002 MBA, Korea)
Deputy General Manager of Woori Bank, New York Agency

When were you posted to the New York office and how is your life in Manhattan?

I was appointed to the New York office on the 16th of February this year. Since then, here in Manhattan, I have been busy learning new work and picking up American culture by trial and error. Wow, I didn't even realize that it has already been 8 months since I came here.

What do you currently do at Woori Bank?

Currently, I am in charge of coordinating and administrating all the internal controls such as Compliance, Credit Review, and Internal Audit.

How is it different from the work you used to do in Korea?

Before joining the New York office, I used to work at the International Banking Department of Head Office located in Seoul. My main job was coordinating all the marketing activities and serving as the primary contact point for all transaction related to international financial institutions.

What made you come to the KDI School and take the MBA course?

While I was in charge of Banking Risk Management, our bank was recruiting those who prefer to study more in order to cultivate talented staff. By chance, I learned about KDI School and became interested. That is how I decided to study for an MBA. So, I gave it a shot and I was luckily admitted, which is one more step to the ultimate goal of my life.

Are the courses you have learned at school applicable to your work?

Actually, during my school days at the KDI School and Michigan State University, I had been bent on doing homework and preparing for quizzes to get a higher GPA. Looking back, all the courses had been a great help for me and I still refer to some of the materials which I used at school. Furthermore, even after graduation, when I conducted international conferences, I was fully guided and encouraged by many of the professors and staff at the KDI School. There are too many people who helped me to name at the moment. Hereby, I would like to thank them all.

Is there any advice you would like to give to the freshmen or those considering to study the MBA program at the KDI School?

I had many chances to take courses in other schools in Korea and in the US. Among them were Hanyang University, Korea University, Sogang University, Seoul National University in Korea and Michigan State University in the U.S. However, I can surely say that the faculties at KDI School are so excellent that the school can compete not only with any school in Korea but also with the Top 10 universities in the U.S. On top of that, the talented students from various fields and countries are excellent networking resources that I keep a continuous relationship with even after graduation. To add one more, in 5 to 10 years, there will be an abundant number of leaders produced by the KDI School.

What word best describes the KDI School?

KDI School is a golden fish farm, where one can catch golden fish.

Alumni News Update



Chung Myong Cho (1998 SM, Korea) became the president of the Vietnam Project Task Force at POSCO.



Soojin Kim (2005 e-MBA, Korea) was promoted as a Sales Cooperation Team manager at Lafarge Korea



Jae Duk Choi (2002 e-MBA, Korea) is working as an Executive Life Planner at Prudential Financial.



Arshad, Muhammad (2006 MPP, Pakistan) has been promoted as Assistant Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance and Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan on August 24, 2007. He also got married on the same day.



Chamroeun Sok (2003 MPP, Cambodia) is working as Cambodian Vice-Chief in the Department of Local Administration at the Ministry of Interior.



Edith Halim (2006 MBA, Indonesia) is working for Procter & Gamble Nordic (Stockholm Office) as Financial Analysis Manager for BabyCare Nordic. She and Hao (Xu-Hao Truong, MBA 2006) also became engaged on 23th June 2007.



Eun Sun Lee (2004 MBA, Korea) started a new job in Vivisimo, a U.S. Enterprise Search Solution company, as an Applications Engineer from Oct 1st.



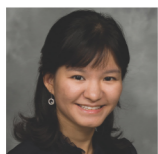
Gantur Ulzii (2006 MPP, Mongolia) was promoted as a Senior Supervisor of the Supervision Department at the Bank of Mongolia, and is expecting a baby in November.



Jae Hoon Chung (2004 MBA, Korea) is working for IBM Canada (based in Markam, Ontario, Canada) in Marketing Management for Public Industries.



Laurent Pawlowski (2006 MBA, France) was promoted as international purchaser at Valeo Compressor Korea.



Min Jung Kang (2004 MBA, Korea) is currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student in Finance at Michigan State University.



Sanjin Bogdan (2006 MBA, Bosnia and Herzegovina) is Currently working on eHealth strategy for B&H as a business consultant in Exit IT business consultancy.



Yong Chamroeun (2004 MPP, Cambodia) is studying in the PhD program at Sogang University, sponsored by NIIED.

School News

Reported by Sophasella Sakett (2007 MBA)



First Steps in Asia “1st Comparative Public Conflict Resolution Workshop”

Beginning on November 15, the Center for Conflict Resolution and Negotiation hosted the first international workshop dealing with Comparative Public Conflict Resolution. Subtitled “Development of public policy consensus building theory and practice in Asia”, the workshop looked into methods of building negotiation skills, particularly in Asian countries.

Mainly, the workshop sought to achieve three objectives. The first was to better understand common and different challenges that Asian countries are facing. The second was to create a professional network from the workshop. The third was to provide an opportunity to explore how participants could use their expertise and ideas to produce a series of written documents, including academic journals, proceedings, and books.

The workshop began with three group brainstorming sessions on specific thematic topics. The main objective of the activity was to understand the interaction among Asian countries in depth, and to communicate sometimes conflicting views and ideas among the participants. The second day provided for more open and larger discussions. Beginning with a keynote speech, the day included presentations from various speakers. A diverse audience consisting of government officials, scholars, practitioners, and KDI School students made the session even more diverse.



KSP Dissemination Seminar

The KDI School held a Cambodia-Algeria Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) Dissemination Seminar on September 18 in the Sky Ballroom at the Palace Hotel. The seminar is a component of the development assistance program within the Comprehensive Development Framework, initiated in 2004 by the Korean government, under the collaboration of the Ministry of Finance and Economy and the KDI School.

The objective of this KSP is to provide policy consultancy and technical assistance to Development Partnership Countries (DPCs), such as Cambodia and Algeria. This is sought to be done through the enhancement of policy development and management abilities on the basis of Korea's own economic development experience.

The opening ceremony began with opening remarks from Dean Sang-Moon Hahm, followed by congratulatory remarks from Jong Chan Choi, Senior Advisor to Lotte Company and Former Minister of Construction and Transportation, and Director General Kwang-Myung Ahn, from the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The seminar began after an introduction of the KSP by Taihee Lee, Head of Center of Economic Cooperation of the KDI School.



Media Academy Program

Established in 2006, the Media Academy program at the KDI School helps journalists make their mark in the finance world. The objective of this program is to give journalists the opportunity to advance their knowledge in the field of finance and economics.

From October 5 to December 7, the course is conducted in Korean by Professor Kun-Ho Lee every Friday from 8 to 12 AM. Byong Kwon Lee, Media Academy program coordinator from the Center of Executive Education, reported that 17 journalists are enrolled in the program this year. Because of the success of the program so far, the School is planning to continue the program again next year. “I think there's a large demand for the course,” Lee said. “It would be good for journalists to know something about the business side of the media.”

With a focus on the finance and economics that successful careers in journalism and publishing require, the Media Academy is ideal both for journalists who work in the field and for those who are interested in pursuing a new career path but need more training to do so.

Faculty News



Professor Wook Sohn presented his papers at the Financial Management Association in Orlando, the Joint Conference on Business Administration in Busan, and Korea University Business School.



Professor Hun Joo Park's new book, *Diseased Dirigisme: The Political Sources of Financial Policy toward Small Business*, The Institute of East Asian Studies, The University of California, Berkeley, will be published at the end of the year.



Professor Kyong-Dong Kim's new publication is a collaboration work of Kyong-Dong Kim and Hyun-Chin Lim and is titled *East Meets West: Civilizational Encounters and the Spirit of Capitalism in East Asia*.



Professor Yuri Mansury's manuscript (joint with Porus Olpadwala of Cornell University), titled 'Finance and Production in the United States, 1928-2001: An Empirical Note', has been published as a book chapter in *Developing Nations in Global Finance: Integration, Exclusion, and Speed-Breakers* edited by Amiya Bagchi and Gary A. Dymksi.



Lecturer Jason Jarvis was recently elected to be the President of the All Asian Debate Championship Executive Council.



Professor Tae-Hee Choi celebrated the birth of a new son on November, 20.



Professor Yu-Sang Chang will be awarded the 10,000 Dollar Academic Paper award on December 20 for his paper, *Dynamic Competitive Paradigm of Managing Moving Target; Implications for Koreans Industry*, which was published in the Korean Social Science Journal. Professor Chang will be the first recipient of the award.

New Faculty



The School has appointed Dr. Woo-Hyun Won as a new visiting professor. Dr. Won is currently President of the Korean Social Science Council. In 2004, he was the Dean of Graduate School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Korea University, and received a Ph.D. in Mass Communications at Boston University in 1977.

2007 COMMENCEMENT

**You and your guests
are cordially invited
to attend**

*on Friday, December 14, 2007
at 11:00 a.m.
in the KAIST Auditorium
of the KDI School Campus.*

Program

11:00~12:10
Commencement Ceremony
12:10~12:30
Congratulatory Performance
12:50~13:50
Reception

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“Hola! Amigos at the KDI School”

Reported by Sophaseila Sakett (2007 MBA)

Five MPP students from South America are currently studying at the KDI School. Let's see what they can share with the Globe.



Republic of Guatemala, a small country not long emerged from three decades of civil war, is the Mayan heart of Central America bordered by Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Guatemala, with the capital city called Guatemala City, produces the best premium coffee in the world. Mayan dialects are spoken alongside Spanish, the official tongue, in many parts of Guatemala. Many Guatemalans are of mixed Amerindian-Hispanic origin.

“On top of that, Guatemala is one of the most beautiful countries in Central America, thanks in part to its highest and most active volcanoes, exotic orchids and birds, and Maya ruins,” said Josue Roberto Castaneda, MPP 2007 from Guatemala.

The Maya, Guatemalan indigenous population, make up about half of the entire population. “One of the most intriguing cultural aspects of Guatemala is the infinite and exotic variety handmade, traditional clothing of the Maya,” said Rodrigo Omar Vasquez, another Guatemalan 2007 MPP student.



Honduras, a democracy with a developing economy, declared independence from Spain in 1821. It is the second largest country in Central America and boasts natural resources like gold, timber, silver, and copper. Although English is widely spoken in the Bay Islands, the national language is Espanol. The climate is generally pleasant and temperate, with dry and wet seasons.

Yara Tatyana Vasquez, MPP 2007 from Honduras, commented that Honduras, heir to ancient cultures and a rich colonial tradition, is a magical spot which has one of the richest biodiversities in the world. It is also a melting pot of different cultures that are forging the promise of a better future.

With a population of 7.1 million, the majority of the country's citizens are Mestizo, a mixture of Amerindian and European. “There are small minorities of European, African, Asian, Arab, and indigenous Indian descent,” said Tatyana. “Most Hondurans are Roman Catholic, but Protestant churches are growing in number nowadays.”



Peru, with its capital Lima, is divided into three regions: the coast, highlands, and jungle. While the coast features deserts, beautiful beaches, and fertile valleys, highland is a mountainous area dominated by the Andes. The last region is jungle, which is a vast region of tropical vegetation in the Amazon River Basin, home to Peru's largest natural reserves.

“Although this simple division is a fair portrait of Peru's geography, the reality is much richer and far more complex,” said Carlos Andres Chau, MPP 2007 from Peru. “In Peru, nature appears to have taken on particular characteristics which have turned its plains, jungles, valley, and mountains into unique habitats.”

As part of its rich cultural tradition, Peru features many different languages. Enrique Pintado Espinoza, another MPP Peruvian student, said that although Spanish is commonly spoken across the country, Quechua is spoken with regional dialects in many parts of Peru. He added the lost city of Machu Picchu and the Andes are major tourist destinations in Peru.

