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- peace creation and peace diversion

Professor Chrysostomos TABAKIS

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It is widely believed among historians and political scientists that the most important reason for establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951 — the original predecessor of the European Union (EU) - was the desire to avoid another devastating major war in Europe. In the words of the Schuman Declaration, which was presented by French foreign minister Robert SCHUMAN on 9 May 1950 and proposed the creation of the ECSC, the pooling of coal and steel production would make any war between age-old rivals France and Germany "not merely unthinkable, but materially impossible."¹⁾ The pacifying role of the EU and its forerunners was recognized by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in 2012, which awarded to the EU the Nobel Peace Prize. In its official announcement, the committee stated, "The stabilizing part played by the EU has helped to transform most of Europe from a continent of war to a continent of peace."²⁾ In the article "Regionalism and Conflict: Peace Creation and Peace Diversion"- published in the Journal of International Economics in September 2016 - Professor Costas HADJIYIANNIS, Dr. Maria S. HERACLEOUS, and Professor Chrysostomos TABAKIS investigate both theoretically and empirically the implications of preferential trade agreements (PTAs) for interstate conflict. In particular, they explore whether, in line with the EU case, PTAs reduce the likelihood of conflict between member countries. At the same time, since PTAs have important ramifications for the bilateral trade relationship between member and non-member countries, they also analyze the impact

> members and non-member states. Their dynamic game-theoretic model shows that a

of PTAs on the likelihood of war between PTA

PTA, in the form of either a free-trade area (FTA) or a customs union (CU), renders the eruption of war between member countries less likely. Hence, their results establish that PTAs exert a "peace-creation" effect on their members, which is in line with the EU experience. However, their analysis illustrates that both FTAs and CUs can also be detrimental to peace as they increase the likelihood of conflict between member and non-member countries, producing a "peace-diversion" effect. At a broad level, the peacecreation and peace-diversion effects of PTAs that emerge from the analysis of HADJIYIANNIS, of Hadjiviannis, HERACLEOUS and TABAKIS are somewhat reminiscent of the trade-creation and trade-diversion effects of PTAs originally identified by Viner (1950).

They finally use data on militarized interstate disputes from the Correlates of War project to empirically test their predictions. Their sample consists of 260,781 annual country-pair ("dyadic") observations over the period 1958-2000. After carefully addressing the possible endogeneity bias with respect to membership of FTAs and CUs, their empirical results provide robust evidence of both peace creation and peace diversion in relation to PTA establishment. In terms of economic magnitude and focusing, for instance, on the EU, their estimates imply that when the United Kingdom joined the European Economic Community (EEC) — the predecessor of the EU — in 1973, its probability of conflict with Argentina increased by 0.055 percentage points, while right after Greece became a member of the EEC in 1981, its probability of conflict with Turkey increased by 0.041 percentage points. SIGLOBE

¹⁾ See http://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/symbols/europe-day/ schuman-declaration_en.

²⁾ See http://nobelpeaceprize.org/en_GB/laureates/laureates-2012/announce-2012/



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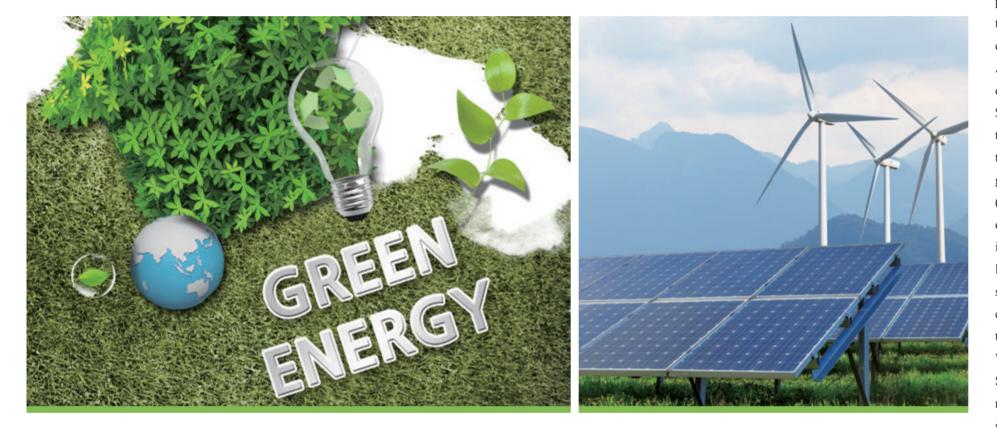
Renewable energy and government support

time to "green" the SCM agreement?

Professor Sherzod SHADIKHODJAEV







Professor Sherzod Shadikhodjaev published his article entitled 'Renewable Energy and Government Support: Time to "Green" the SCM Agreement?" in World Trade Review (a top-tier WTO-initiated journal), Vol. 14 (2015) DOI: http://dx.doi. org/10.1017/S1474745614000317. This paper highlights the need for WTO rule book reforms to better accommodate green energy policies across the globe.

With global warming becoming today's reality, many countries have implemented various programmes for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, development of green technologies, or replacement of fossil fuels with eco-friendly substitutes. Government-driven stimulation of the production and consumption of renewable energy - typically, wind power, solar energy, and biofuels - has become part of national climate mitigation agendas. These efforts are partly encouraged by internationally pursued initiatives. As of early 2013, at least 138 countries had policy targets for development and deployment of renewable energy technologies; 127 countries pursued renewable energy support policies, with two-thirds of them being developing or emerging economies. According to the International Energy Agency, the estimated amount of renewable energy subsidies in 2011 stood at \$88 billion, with \$64 billion going to electricity and the remainder to biofuels. Solar photovoltaic received more than any other green technology for electricity generation (\$25 billion), followed by wind power (\$21 billion) and bioenergy (\$15 billion). The size of all renewable energy subsidies is projected to increase significantly over the next two decades at least. Many governments provide such subsidies to shift from 'dirty' but cheap fossil fuels to 'clean' but expensive renewable energy. For most countries, these subsidies are subject to the disciplines of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM), a multilateral trade treaty on subsidization and antisubsidy measures.

Recently, public incentives in the renewable energy sector have been challenged through both WTO dispute settlement procedures and domestic countervailing duty investigations. As of 31 December 2013, there were 102 dispute cases brought under the SCM Agreement, and six of them concerned renewables. All six cases were triggered from 2010 onwards vis-à-vis green subsidies contingent upon the use of local content. At issue were government incentives granted in relation to renewable energy (e.g. biodiesel) and/ or power generating inputs and equipment (e.g. solar cells). Apart from WTO cases, the United States investigated two countervailing duty cases on renewable energy goods, namely Chinese solar cells and wind towers. Compared to the United States, the European Union launched a larger number of investigations, with three on imports of renewable energy as such (biodiesel and bioethanol) and two on green-energy-generating products (solar panels and solar glass). One may expect that trade frictions in this field will intensify over time. Although the Appellate Body made a few climatefriendly interpretations in Canada – Renewable Energy / Canada – Feed-In Tariff Program, it is now members' turn to carry out meaningful rule-making reforms.

This article examines the state of play in anti-subsidy actions on renewable energy and argues that the SCM Agreement should be amended to prevent the escalation of trade tensions in this sphere. For this purpose, it first reviews domestic policies of energy promotion that affect fossil fuels and renewables. Then, it considers both WTO disputes and countervailing duty investigations, and offers some proposals on (i) exemption of green subsidies from legal challenges, (ii) relaxation of the countervailing mechanism, and (iii) application of WTO general exceptions to such subsides. The author concludes that with the missed opportunity to effectively restrain fossil fuel subsidies under the WTO system, expanding the policy space for the clean energy promotion remains a more practical solution to make renewables competitive. ...GLOBE



KDI School and KODIT sign MOU agreement



KDI School and VIDS sign MOU agreement

KDI School continues to develop its cooperative network both in Korea and abroad. On November 9, KDI School signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Korea Credit Guarantee Fund (KODIT). The newly minted agreement covers exchange in both human resources and information resources. In particular, KODIT is expected to offer internship opportunities to KDI School's international students.

KDI School also signed an agreement with the University of Leeds to facilitate student mobility. The School's well-celebrated Global Master's Program (GMP) now has another potential destination for its students to study in the UK.

Also active in establishing cooperative ties was the K-Developedia Team at KDI School. K-Developedia Team, which operates the K-Developedia platform online, signed a new MOU agreement with the Vietnam Institute for Development Strategies (VIDS). The K-Developedia Team and VIDS agreed to develop the Vietnamese equivalent of K-Developedia (i.e. V-Developedia) as well as the new Development Knowledge Open Access (DKOA) platform which will be funded by the Ministry of Strategy and Finance of Korea. DKOA is expected to offer



an open online environment where content on development scattered across the world can be gathered accessed i.e. become a "one-stop shop" of development related resources.

As for VIDS, the organization was established in 2009 on the foundation of two departments – the former State Planning Committee (now the Ministry of Planning and Investment) and the Department of Long-term National Overall Economic Planning and the Department for Economic Zoning and Planning. The institute is mostly involved in research on socioeconomic development.

K-Developedia coordinator Hwanhee JEONG revealed that K-Developedia will help build a repository for development related content in Vietnam. K-Developedia Team will be responsible for assigning and developing a local administration group which will take care of the management of materials and metadata for the national repository.

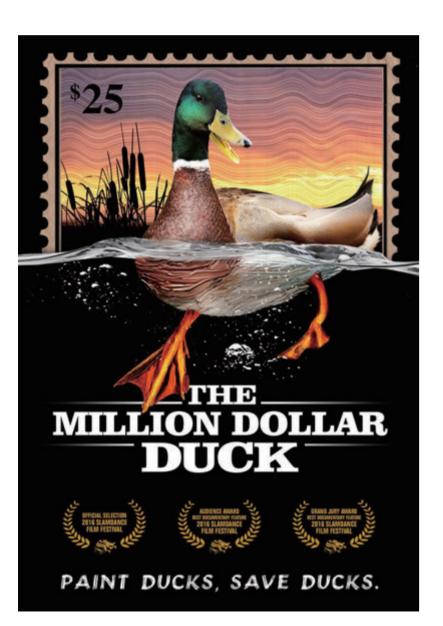
Moving forward, the K-Developedia Team is expected to expand its partnership in similar programs with other countries like Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Singapore, and Malaysia. JEONG said, "We are trying to build relationship with developing country to assist them to build open access repository." "GLOBE



Award Winning Documentary

The Million Dollar Duck

Marian GRASS (2015 MPP, Egypt)



It's not every day your professor works as part of an award-winning documentary film. Professor Kye Woo LEE at KDI School did precisely that! Professor LEE worked as an Associate Producer for 'The Million Dollar Duck" a feature-length documentary that won the Grand Jury Award and Audience Award in the Best Documentary Feature category at the 2016 Slamdance Festival as well as the Audience Choice Best Documentary Film at the 2016 OMAHA Film Festival.

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> The documentary covers what is called the Federal Duck Stamp Contest in the US. The only art competition run by the US Government, the Contest is held annually to select the illustrations used on the face of Federal Duck Stamps where sales revenues of the Stamps are directed into a conservation fund for the National Wildlife Refuge System in the US. According to the New York Times, Mark ANDERSON, the 2004 Federal Duck Stamp winner, "In music you have the Grammys. If you're an actor, it's the Oscars. If you're a wildlife artist, it's winning the Federal Duck Stamp Contest."

The Million Dollar Duck looks into the lives of different contestants who enter into the contest year after year to win the Holy Grail of wildlife art in America. It also addresses some of the challenges the Contest faces to keep the conservation fund and program in the future.

The Globe met with Professor LEE to get some of his thoughts while producing the documentary. **GRASS** What motivated you to join the production of the Million Dollar Duck film/video. and what was your role?

LEE I liked the two themes of the film. A long-time friend of mine invited me to join the production of the film as an Associate Producer. My role was mainly to advise the production team, especially the Director, on how to strike a right balance between the two themes of the film. **GRASS** What were the most difficult and interesting aspect in the process of the film production?

LEE The main challenge was how to reconcile the two themes of the film in an amusing but educational manner. The film has two themes: First, the film tries to give you a vivid sense of achievement and recognition after years of lonely dedication to your set objective, that is, your painting is selected as the US milliondollar duck stamp of that year. For some people it was one or two years of endeavor, but for others it was 27 years of conscientious and repeated human devotion. Second, the film tries to teach us how the government can be good, creative, and practical to mobilize and incite all walks of citizens to participate in the preservation of nature and biodiversity without giving a feeling of being exploited or unduly imposed financially. Each



individual only buys a 15 cent duck stamp, but so many people collectively and voluntarily amass 25 million dollars every year for the conservation of nature, especially the wetlands and endangered animals, in the US.

In the end, the film weaves the individual human endeavors and the grand public policy issues in an artistically brilliant way. That is why the film was awarded the coveted Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature, in addition to the Jury Award for Documentary Feature at the 2016 Slamdance Film Festival.

GRASS What do you think are the important lessons that members of KDI School can draw from this documentary film?

LEE Public policy should be thought out with simple and clear objectives, and it should be implemented in a creative and practical manner by inciting citizens to share the grand public objective and by urging them to join voluntarily. Public policy and its delivery should appeal to human nature and it also should be entertaining and amusing as much as possible. It does not have to be an expensive and grand project.

For those interested, Professor LEE's intriguing documentary is available at Amazon.com so please go online and search "The Million Dollar Duck" to stream the video instantly. "GLOBE



KDI School international students finish productive internship programs in Korea

Marian GRASS (2015 MPP, Egypt)



With a significant contingent of international students, KDI School is constantly looking out for internship opportunities for its students from abroad. In 2016, KDI School was able to create internship programs at Sejong City Hall, Korea Electric Power Corporation Engineering & Construction Company (KEPCO E&C), and Korea Credit Guarantee Fund (KODIT). In all, 14 students (seven at Sejong City Hall, two at KEPCO E&C, and five at KODIT) served as interns.

The Globe went out to interview a couple of international students - Edwin GUTIERREZ (2016 MPP, Nicaragua) who interned at KODIT and Grace JOVENA (2016 MDP, the Philippines) who interned at Sejong City Hall – who took part in the internship program.

GRASS: Can you introduce yourself and the internship program you took part in?

JOVENA: I am Arian Grace JOVENA (2016 MDP, the Philippines). I interned in the 2016 Sejong City Global Internship Program. **GUTIERREZ:** My name is Edwin GUTIERREZ (2016 MPP, Nicaragua). I took part in the internship program run by KODIT. GRASS: Can you please share with readers, the time you started, ended and where you were located?



JOVENA: I started on August 1, 2016 and my program ended on August 31, 2016. It was a one month, paid internship. I was assigned at the Healthy Family Support Center in Dodam-Dong Community Center. For a month, I reported to that office which is basically an infant and day care facility in the Dodam-dong area of Sejong City.

GUTIERREZ: KODIT Global Internship Program was held between from August 8 to August 17, 2016. I spent one week in KODIT's headquarters located in Daegu Innovative City. For the remainder of the program, I stayed at the KODIT training center located in Seoul. **GRASS:** What was your motivation an interest in joining the program?

JOVENA: I was curious of what it's like working in Korea and the work environment overall, so I decided to apply to see it for myself. Also as someone who was working in the City level back in my country, I am very interested to learn the City level governance in Korea, the programs and services and its dynamics. GUTIERREZ: I was interested in learning how KODIT works, its work processes, legal framework, working life and all underlying issues about their daily functions. Also I wanted to learn how they help improve the Korean economy.

GRASS: Can you describe the roles you played while you w there?

JOVENA: Since I was assigned at the Healthy Family Supp Center, I dealt with families especially children and their pare mother. The facility is similar to a daycare or infant care cent where parents where mostly the mothers bring their child to play with them there. I mainly assisted the center's Head managing the daily operation of the center such as the cleanlin



and order, assisting in preparing the materials during weekly that was related to finance and sustainable development which covered how different industries, with the support from the credit programs for the parents, answering inquiries and looking after the children making sure they are safe and sound while playing. guarantee system by KODIT, can help overcome financial crises **GUTIERREZ:** As an intern. I had to take lectures and training and economic problems, I was glad to see it in action from upsessions given by KODIT specialists and consultants. I also close. attended field trips to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in **GRASS:** Do you have any fond memories to share with readers? business with KODIT such as Hanjung NCS, Industrial Bank of **JOVENA:** Though the children and I could barely understand one Korea (IBK), and the National Bank of Korea to take lessons and another because of the language barrier, we were able to build earn practical experiences from those institutions. In addition, I had special bonds with each other. I will really truly cherish those to prepare a presentation relating to the credit guarantee system moments. development in my home country (Nicaragua) and submit other **GUTIERREZ:** Our meeting with the Head of KODIT was memorable assignments and tasks set by the internship supervisor. to me. He encouraged us to be confident to talk to him about the GRASS: Did you enjoy working with and building relationships economic situation of our respective countries. We also talked about which kind of financial and monetary policies they can use with different people? JOVENA: As a social worker it is part of my profession to build if our countries were to develop any kind of system similar to the rapport and relationship with different people and so I'm used to Korean Credit and Guarantee System to help SMEs. deal with various people from all walks of life. Personally, I am a very social person and so I enjoy working and building relationship Based on the resounding success this year, KDI School plans

with different people. to seek additional internship programs with other partner

GUTIERREZ: Of course I enjoyed every minute because was a good opportunities to create oversea networking and also learn much

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more about their working culture, their lifestyle and fellowship. **GRASS:** What was the main advantage of your program? JOVENA: It was the support from the City Hall as well as KDI School. They provided us with detailed information on the City's governance systems and there were always helpful staff members

on both sides waiting to help.

GUTIERREZ: All the activities of my internship were correlated with the knowledge I learnt in classrooms. Since I had taken a course



organizations in the following years. MGLOBE



KDI School, the World Bank, Chinese Academy of Governance gather to tackle aging society

Michael MUGISHA (2015 MDP, Uganda)

According to a United Nations Report (World Population Aging Report 2015, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs), Korea is one of the fastest aging countries in the world. As of 2015, in terms of the proportion of the population aged 60 years or over, the US Virgin Islands leads the way at 11 percentage point increase per annum followed by Japan at 9.9 percentage points, Malta at 9.3, Finland at 7.3, and Korea at 7.2. Compounding the issue for Korea is the fact that aging is expected to accelerate between 2015 and 2030,





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with the 60+ population projected to increase at 12.7 percentage points per year during that

China remains out of the top five in terms of the pace of aging for the time being. However, due to the sheer size of its population, China accounts for the largest number of old (60+) persons in the world with more than 200 million (second largest is India with approximately 100 million) and as such, it needs to begin addressing the issue sooner

In order to foster discussions on the issue of aging population and lay the groundwork in finding common solutions, KDI School and the Chinese Academy of Governance (CAG) along with the World Bank co-hosted the "KDIS-WB-CAG Policy Forum: Aging Society" from October 17 to 22, 2016 at CAG, Bejing.

Professors Taejong KIM, Seulki CHOI, and Shun WANG were featured extensively at the Forum, either as moderators or presenters. Professor KIM moderated session 1 on day 1, "An Overview of Aging Society", followed by Professor WANG who gave an intriguing presentation on "China's Demographic Change into Aging Society". Meanwhile, Professor WANG moderated session 3 on day 2, "Aging Society and Policy Responses: Case of China and Korea", and Professor CHOI gave his presentation on "Family Planning Policy for Changing Family Structure". Professor KIM led various sessions for the rest of the Forum, giving a presentation on "Socio-economic Policies for Distributional Improvement and Social Cohesion" as well as leading the wrap-up session and the closing session. The common thread among various "solutions" to address aging population was the fact that governments and societies must develop policies and strategies well in advance i.e. before the population reaches an aging society status.

But more importantly, the Forum was an opportunity for KDI School students to work in an international setting and interact with participants from CAG. 26 KDI School students travelled to China for the Forum which featured discussion sessions and site visits to organizations and venues relevant to aging population (Sijiqing Homes for the Elderly, China National Working Committee on Aging etc.).

Regarding the Forum, one participating student commented that, "This program significantly broadened my knowledge about aging society issues and policy options to tackle it, especially I gained better perspectives of China, in terms of culture, politics, and attitude towards the elderly." However, students asked for more CAG participants to attend the Forum and engage in group discussions. Also, students wanted more case studies showing the effects of aging population policies to be addressed in the presentations.

Aging population is an inevitable outcome for all societies. As such, KDI School intends to continue strengthening its ties with CAG and the World Bank to further its dialogue on the issue and seek solutions that might help address various problems stemming from an aging population.



KDI School, a gateway to improved competence around the world

Ranel Ram CHENG (2016 MPP, The Philippines)



Morocco Economic Development Strategy Program

reform and good governance, the e-government system in Korea, and public service systems in Korea. Given the fact that the Incheon Free Economic Zone provided good examples of pioneering and creative government policies in Korea, the delegation travelled to Incheon in order to visit facilities such as the U-City Integrated (Ubiquitous) Urban Control Center - which controls the city's traffic, power, policing, administration all in one integrated system – and the Rural Development Administration – which uses cutting-edge technology e.g. advanced greenhouse technology to increase productivity. The delegation also met with Vietnamese students studying at Incheon National University and Vietnamese expatriate workers at the Incheon Namdong Industrial Complex. These capacity building sessions are also designed to foster reciprocal cooperation between Korea and the

Capacity Building for High Level Public Officials in Vietnam

The Capacity Building Center at KDI School hosts a number of short term training programs for foreign governments and organizations in developing countries around the world. In 2016, the Center is set to host a total of 36 programs, involving more than 1,000 participants from countries such as China, Vietnam, India, Thailand, and Myanmar. Most programs involve a combination of lectures followed by site visits to relevant organizations.

The most notable training program in 2016 took place between July 31 and August 13, 2016. Titled, "Capacity Building of High-level Officers of Communist Party (Vietnam)", the Capacity Building Center invited 15 high-level government officers at the Commission for Economic Affairs in Vietnam. The delegation, led by Vice Chairman Dong Hai NGO, 15 officers arrived in Korea to participate in the capacity building program featuring lectures and site visits to relevant organizations.

As part of a three year master plan (2016~2018), this year's program for the Vietnamese high-level government delegation began with an orientation session at KOICA followed by lectures on the Korean economic development experience, government



Morocco Economic Development Strategy Program



Capacity Building Program for the Academy of State Governance in Uzbekistan

invited countries. For instance, the capacity building session for Vietnamese high-level officers facilitated discussions between Incheon and Hai Phong city in Vietnam (the sister city of Incheon) to increase cooperation and help the Incheon Tourism Corporation develop tourism products with Hai Phong.

KDI School is putting more emphasis and support behind these training programs hosted by the Capacity Building Center. Given KDI School's network and content available in the field of economic development, the Capacity Building Center can help the School achieve its primary mission of developing experts in the field of public policy, development policy, and public management. In other words, the Master's degree programs at KDI School take care of long term demand for education from developing countries and the Center's programs can look after more immediate and short-term demand for education. The Center expects to bolster its short term programs in the coming years based on the success it has had so far projected demand. ***GLOBE**

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KDI School Food Festival



Taste in Diversity

Arifenie FITRI NUR (2016 MPP, Indonesia)









KDI School hosted the 2016 International Food Festival on Friday, October 28, 2016. The Festival gave the KDI School community an opportunity to enjoy a diverse range of foods from all over the world in order to promote unity and a more colorful culture. A dozen teams featuring students from 36 countries served up more than 57 dishes and beverages to compete against one another in a showdown to find the no. 1 team for national dishes.

The event kicked off at 3:00pm and remained buzzing until 5:00pm. All guests were free to taste whichever dish they wanted to. After sampling all the food, they had to pick one team for the best taste and another for the best decoration. The winner for each

category was selected based on popular vote. As part of a collaborative effort between Asian teams, Asia's Touch and Asia's Taste prepared ten exotic and aromatic dishes. Students from Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Korea and Sri Lanka cooked street food like Tteokbokki. Ondeonde, Spring rolls, Martabak telur, and Satay. Also included on the menu were Shrimp pad thai, Chicken green curry, Bath moju, Fried rice, and Red bean soup. Yanuar IMBI (2015 MPP, Indonesia), representative from the Asia's Taste Team, said she thoroughly enjoyed the Festival. To her, it was not only a place to eat several delicious dishes from many countries but also a chance to see some colorful and traditional dresses as well as traditional performances. "I think only in KDI School I can find this kind of opportunity," Yanuar said.

The first performance was a flash mob from the Asian Team with the lines dance, Poco-Poco - a dance popular throughout Indonesia. The lyrics described a man's admiration for a beautiful woman making her feel shy and embarrassed. These feeling were reflected into the dance movements. But at the same time, the dance also showed farming activities of the people in Sulawesi in Indonesia such as picking cloves, planting the paddy, hoeing the fields, and peeling coconut fibers.

Besides Indonesia, there were other

performances from other countries. Gulkaiyr EMIIR-RAADIK KYZY (2016 MPM. Kyrgyzstan) said that there were four performances including traditional dances from Central Asia - Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. They wore traditional clothes called Kalpak, Chapan, Kiyikcha, and Tyubeteika. "By performing the dance, we were able to show our culture in a beautiful and memorable way," said Gulkaivr

Preparing the food, however, was no easy task. Gulkaiyr told that they prepared the horse meat as one of the menu but they had to buy the ingredients in Seoul and ordered them from a central Asian restaurant. Gulkaiyr and her friends at the Crazy Tasty Team cooked Pilaf, Deruny, Meat Pie, Kattana, Chack-Chak, and Pancakes. Their dishes were from Uzbekistan, Kyrgiztan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Turkmenistan and Armenia. "Our team was composed of Post-Soviet countries so our team was based on the culture of central Asia mixed with Slavic nations," said Gulkaiyr. The Crazy Tasty Team won the Best Chef Award.

The African Mouthwatering Cuisine Team produced dishes like Nyama Chorma Chaptati, Banku and Okro Soup, Africa Red drink. Eru and Gari, and a traditional Cameroonian mixed chicken dish

The team from Latin America, Finger Avengers, prepared Korean, Mexican and Nicaraguan food. They came with Tacos, Quesadilla, Aroos conleche, and Buritoos. "We also prepared Bunuelo, a sweet dish from Nicaragua, but we had difficulties to find yucca. So we bought it in Itaewon, Seoul," said Rony RODRIGUEZ RAMIREZ (2016 MDP, Nicaragua). Meanwhile another

Award. it was held outdoors and it invited the local



Latin American team, The Leftovers, in partnership with Italy, prepared Empadas, Bagna Cauda, Pizza, and Quiche.

Meanwhile, Falestin NOUBANI (2016 MPP, Palestine) said that it was difficult to manage time between members when preparing the food. Their team consisted of members from 13 countries. On the day, they provided Middle Eastern, Indian, Bangladeshi, and Ghanaian food. "Other difficulties were limited space, budget and trying to make enough food for everyone and also different taste," said Falastin. Falastin and her team, The 5 Star Chefs, won the Best Decoration

Associate Dean Jaeun SHIN explained that the 2016 IFF was unique compared to previous events. For the first time ever,

5-Star Chefs

community outside of KDI School. Along with KDI School students, KDI and KDI School staff, children from Pruni

Kindergarten, and local residents could taste all the IFF had to offer. In particular, for the children, they could try the food and practice their English as well. They asked the name of the food and which country it came from and then, they wrote it in a piece of paper. "It creates more opportunities to interact with the local community and show the value of School," Associate Dean SHIN said. Based on the success of this year's event, KDI School intends to keep the IFF as a community event next year. MGLOBE





The 2016 IFRS and **KFRS programs end in success!**

Arifenie FITRI NUR (2016 MPP, Indonesia)

As short as they may be, the summer holidays at KDI School is a great chance for our students to create some invaluable memories. The Korea Field Research and Study (KFRS) and the International Field Research and Study (IFRS) are two great examples of what students can do during their summer break. Both designed to give KDI School students some first-hand experience regarding the best practices in various organizations, KFRS is offered to international students while IFRS is offered to the School's domestic students.

International Field Research and Study (IFRS)

Meanwhile, the 2016 IFRS got under way between August 23 (Tuesday) and September 1 (Thursday). Students were instructed to read the information packet in advance and take part in a group project. By the end of the study trip, students were required to submit a 'research and team consulting report' outlining their experience during their visit. Students flew into London to visit organizations such as the Bank of England and The Lloyd's Company in the United Kingdom. After their visit to the UK, students moved onto Geneva to visit the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). Here, students were able to meet an official from UNOG and learn the differences between four UN offices around the

Korea Field Research and Study (KFRS)

76 international students applied for the 2016 KFRS which was held between August 2 (Tuesday) and 5 (Friday). The group visited destinations including the Gyeongsangbuk-do Provincial Government Complex, Hahoe Village in Andong, POSCO Steel Mill, Bulguksa Temple, Hyundai Heavy Industries, and the Samsung Smart Center. It was an opportunity to experience both the working environment and historical/cultural aspects of Korea, two things that our international students don't get to experience on a dayto-day basis in school. Overall data from the satisfaction survey conducted for KFRS suggested that the 2016 KFRS was highly successful, scoring a 4.84 out of 5.00 points. Students highly recommended the tour to prospective students giving a score of 4.87 out of 5.00 points to the question asking whether or not they would recommend the trip to others. Such sentiment was also apparent in the survey's comment section where one respondent answered, "Please provide this tour for more students."









KDI School Sports Day 2016

Gloomy weather? No problem!

Micheal MUGISHA (2015 MDP, Uganda)

Attended by over 200 students and staff members, the long awaited Sports day was held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at the KDI Sports Park. A matchup among four teams; Red, Blue, Green and the Grey Team unfolded before a once-in-a-year backdrop in Korea's new city, Sejong. KDI School's mini-2016 Olympic games included; the Plate Flip Game, Obstacle Race, Dodge Ball, QX Quiz, Soccer, Tug of War, Relay Race and in place of gold, silver, and bronze, Raffles and Prizes were awarded to the winners.

With the perfect weather, right outfit, high energetic levels, students and staff matched to the sports park early morning and by 11:00am the sports park was flooded with students looking spectacular in their team colors. Associate Dean Jaeun SHIN opened the occasion, encouraging fun, a competitive team spirit and a showcase of talent in different sports. She concluded by stressing fair play and that every team would be winner. The event then kicked off with startup exercises.

First on the games line up was the Plate Flip Game. The rule of the game was that the team that had the most number of plates flipped when the final whistle was blown would emerge as the winner. Taking home "gold" was the green team that flipped over 10 plates with the first whistle. Next off was the obstacle race. Team participants were required to race with the one foot inside a cut-circle shaped soft board hole,



eventually the Red team which had collective effort took home "gold" in this one with the green team coming in close second.

The Q and X quiz conducted by the event's MCs Ngane MPENGULA (2016 MDP, Zambia) and Anna LALOVA (2015 MPP, Bulgaria) asked simple but factual questions which tested the students general knowledge on KDI School and highlighted on the importance of being update with school history, previous, current and future activities/events. One of the most interesting games of the day was dodge ball, it combined both efforts from participants and those off the court while showcasing the importance of team spirit. The trick that determined the victor in this game was that teams had to cooperate with their team members outside the court to have an edge over the team that had more members getting knocked out of the court. Ultimately, the Green team showed the best strategy and it emerged the winner. Time check, it was midday, lunchtime and a chance for students to refill their energy levels for the remaining second half of the event. As the tradition has been for year now, the KDI School provided delicious lunch that catered for all cultures among students. The second half of the event kicked with Soccer. "This game is so passionate to me, I have to showcase



both my ability to run and score and secure a win for my team and a place in the final game," exclaimed a member from the Blue team. The toughest soccer game was between the Blue team and the Grey which ended in penalty shootouts. But the final showdown was between the Green team and the Grey team.

In the tug of war game, the blue team emerged victorious. And finally, the relay race gave students the opportunity to display their athletic abilities and teamwork, the Blue team emerged as the winner followed by the Green team, Grey team and Red team. As the Associate Dean had announced at the beginning of the event, every team would be winner and every participant would receive a gift, all four teams were awarded prizes namely; the Green team- Knowledgeable, Blue team- Devoted, Grey team- Integrated and the Red team- Strategic. In addition to this, raffle prizes were also awarded with majority of them going to the Red team members and souvenirs were also awarded to students. Also among the awardees was designer of the Logo for the sports t-shirts Shokirjon RAKHMATOV (2015 MPP, Uzbekistan). The long awaited KDI School Sports Day 2016 ended successfully with light rain drizzles, students and staff sharing moments and events of the day that were memorable! MGLOBE



International Relations Forum

Life in the diverse KDI School community



The KDIS International Relations Forum (KDISR) is an academic community created by a group of KDI School students in order to foster a better understanding of global affairs. KDISR's main mission is to encourage debates on international affairs facing our world today, ensure cooperation among other forums at KDIS, and to raise awareness of international issues among the KDIS community. In this regard, KDISR plans to organize numerous special activities, wherein students and faculty members will be able to discuss topics on international relations, raise questions related to global affairs, and experience diplomatic meetings through special simulations.

More specifically, KDISR is engaged in activities including Model United Nations Conferences; workshops about the UN System, current international issues and diplomacy; inter-forum dialogues/discussions/debates between KDIS Regional Forums; conferences, lectures and debates about international issues; discussions and debates in parallel to major world economy or politics events; promotion of KDI School students and lumni business, ideas and services to potential professionals.

KDISR Forum: a commitment to KDI School's philosophy

Since its creation on June 1, 2016, KDISR has put KDI School's philosophy in the center of its action. Located in the heart of South Korea with a unique multicultural student's body, KDI School is a perfect venue to interact about international issues. KDI School provides support for student organization and makes its various facilities available for use. In addition, the school hosts students from all over the world with different cultural and professional backgrounds. Included in its student roster are also professionals and academics in various fields, such as ministry officials, diplomats, and NGO workers. Such unique environment has provided a golden opportunity for the KDISR to gather different visions about the world and facilitate a high quality exchange of opinions. This commitment from KDISR and from KDI School concretely translates the school's philosophy "Shape the World, Pioneer the Future". **KDISR Forum previous events: towards a positive** action for the world

KDISR has engaged both students and the academic community since its creation. The Forum's first main event discussed: "BREXIT, Trump and Our Time". KDISR became among the very first organizations in the world to tackle this particular issue, just one day after the BREXIT's referendum. This lecture given by Professor Byoung Joo KIM shed the light on the rise of nationalism in Europe that resulted into BREXIT and linking it with the rise of new political figures like Donald Trump on the other side of the Atlantic. This Fall semester, KDISR comprehensively addressed the Syrian Refugees Crisis. Professor Baran HAN gave a lecture about "The Socio-Economic Impacts of Syrian Refugees and Possible Policy Responses". The aim of this lecture was to shed light to the humanitarian crisis in Aleppo, Syria, by

explaining the origins and complexity of the Syrian crisis from the International Relations perspective. Using scientific evidences and political economy, it also became an opportunity to present various policy responses to this global crisis. As a result, future policy makers at KDI School were able to gain knowledge about different ways to address the socioeconomic issues rising from the refugee crisis in general.

KDISR: a multicultural community

KDISR is a student community with students coming from 15 countries from four different continents. Three of its alumni from Cameroon, Russia, and the Maldives are currently working in their respective governments, applying the experiences they gained from the KDI School and KDISR.

"The KDI School experience and the KDISR Forum field experience were highly valuable for my work within the Cameroonian Ministry of External Affairs. Both theoretical and practical knowledge acquired at KDI School enhanced my professional capacities. Also, my experience within the KDISR Forum gave me the chance to better understand the world through the unique multicultural community of KDISR." Ashi Anoma, MPP 2015, Ministry of External Relations of Cameroon. MGLOBE







African Forum African Innovation and Partnership in Development Conference

Michael MUGISHA (2015 MDP, Uganda)

With 53% of the student population being international students from various regions in the world, KDI School established Student Forums to foster a liberal research environment, better student interactions, build more networks, and to maximize the human resources of KDI School. It is against this background that the African Development Forum was established. It is a student-driven forum with Professor Booyuel KIM as the Advisor and receives support from KDI School every semester.

The first African Innovation and Partnership in Development Conference was an unprecedented event held on July 22, 2016 by KDI School's African Forum. With the African continent widely known for poverty or simply as the home of the "bottom billion" this conference was particularly important as it showcased a side of Africa that is not known or even spoken in the same line with the continent, "innovation." The conference attracted not only students from KDI School, but other Africans and non-Africans studying in other institutions in Korea.

With an audience of over 100 people, the tone of the conference begun with poetry, musical performances from some of KDI School's African talent and invariably peppered with speeches by South Africa's Ambassador, Gloria Nozuko BAM; Kenya's Charge D'affairs Deputy Ambassador, Chege GATHOGA; Zambia's Minister Counselor Deputy Ambassador, Faith MBULA; Korea-Africa Center's Deputy Director, Dr. Jungmin KIM; and Dr. Young Oh PARK of Korea Institute of International Economic Policy. The conference included a panel discussion, a question and answer session, and a luncheon. The conference wound up with an attendance award session.

Minister Counselor Deputy Ambassador, Faith MBULA opened the conference with a video showing innovation in Zambia, where she emphasized the need to support and encourage innovations especially among the youth in Africa as a means to steer holistic development on the African continent. She concluded her opening remarks by noting that, "Innovation holds far-reaching promises for spurring economic growth in countries at all stages of development. Ambassador Gloria Nozuko BAM started off her speech by drawing attention to some of Africa's innovations and innovators. She spoke of the widely known 2011 Global student Award Winner Ludwick MARISHANE, a young South African entrepreneur who developed a product called DryBath, a germicidal and moisturizing gel that allows people who have limited access to water to maintain their standards of hygiene without using the traditional soap and water. The presentation by Deputy Ambassador Chege GATHOGA from Kenya focused on one of Africa's biggest success stories in recent history "M-PESA." Launched by Kenyan Mobile Network Safari, this mobile phone-based transfer service allows users to deposit, withdraw, transfer money, pay for goods and services using their mobile services. Focusing his presentation on partnership in development, Dr. Jungmin KIM, Deputy Director of the Korea-Africa Dr. Booyuel KIM, African Development Forum Advisor Center, centered his talk on real life experiences in Africa in which Korea and Africa partner for example in the area of academic and policy research, business promotion. Dr. Kim Booyuel, African Development Forum Advisor and KDI School professor made the closing remarks by thanking and showing his appreciation to the participants and Guest Speaker of the conference. He encouraged students to utilize these presentations to add value to their knowledge on the robust innovations that are quickly becoming Africa's mainstay. IIn an amazing and unexpected move, Professor Booyuel KIM reported that the Korean government's Ministry of Industry & Trade had proposed making the African Innovation & Partnership In development Conference at

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KDI School an annual event! In another spectacular media move, the conference was aired on the 7:08pm news by Chance Dorland on TBS eFM Radio 101.3.

The Globe had an exclusive interview with one of the main organizers of this conference, Lovia AFOAKWA (2015 MPP, Ghana)

Micheal: Please introduce yourself to our readers.

Lovia: I am Lovia AFOAKWA from Ghana and I am currently the Acting President for the African Forum sitting in for Christine Kathurima who's on maternity leave.

What is the major reason that inspired you to hold M this spectacular and memorable The African Innovation and Partnership in Development Conference?

0 As part of our semester scheduled programs, we have always wanted to have something that would be different and remarkable. So as the Executive Team, we deliberated on the best theme to talk about from the different ideas we had. Hence after, we narrowed down to innovations in Africa because it's one area that has not been given significant attention.

M Did the African Forum receive support from KDI School in organizing this conference?

Yes! Of course! The school played a big role in 0 helping us secure the Auditorium to hold the conference and this was a big deal to us! KDI School also proved financial and technical support and without them, we would not have done much to make this event a success!

M Any final words and any other major event coming up that you wish our leaders to know about?

On behalf of the African Forum, I once again 0 wish to thank KDI School for their continued support to the forum and its activities. I wish to also thank all students for being part of the Forum and participating in its various activities! With regards to upcoming events, we are expecting to have the Director General of the National Development Planning Commission, Ghana to give a presentation about Ghana's Vision 2020. MGLOBE

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The Glo-Book Campaign

The Globe continues on with its new Glo-Book Campaign. For the second leg, we've selected a book recommended by KDI School President Joon-Kyung KIM.

> Title: The Fourth Industrial Revolution Author(s): Klaus SCHWAB Publication date: January 11, 2016 Publisher: World Economic Forum ISBN: 1944835008

Summary: Crowdsourcing ideas, insights and wisdom from the World Economic Forum's global network of business, government, civil society and youth leaders, this book looks deeply at the future that is unfolding today and how we might take collective responsibility to ensure it is a positive one for all of us (Amazon.com, 2016).



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KDI School faculty staying active in the academia!





2016 Alumni Year -end Dinner

: a night to remember

— Marian GRASS (2015 MPP, Egypt)

> It was a night to remember. KDI School hosted the 2016 Alumni Year-end Dinner event on November 25 at the JW Marriott Hotel Dongdaemun in Seoul. Alumni, faculty, staff, and family members gathered in one place to celebrate a successful year and to look ahead into the future for a better KDI School.



This year's event was particularly special as Minister of Urban Development of Housing in Ethiopia Ambachew Mekonnen (1999 MPP) was invited to receive the 'Outstanding Alumni Award'. Minister Ambachew was recognized for his dedication to KDI School and achievements in the public sector of Ethiopia. In his acceptance speech, the Minister described himself as a "product of KDI School" and will continue to do his best to facilitate the cooperative relations between Ethiopia and Korea.

The event opened with a welcoming speech from Alumni Association President Chang Ouk LEE. President LEE brought up the exciting news that KDI School will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2017. He looked back on the highs and lows of the past two decades and asked everyone in the audience for their support and interest for an even more successful 20 years in the future. This gave Associate Dean Man CHO a great opportunity to share the School's vision for two more decades of even greater success. According to the Associate Dean, KDI School is looking to become a 'global hidden champion' among graduate schools in public policy.

In a kind gesture of reciprocity, Minister Ambachew presented the Alumni Association with a trophy as a token of appreciation. Earlier that week, the Minister presented KDI School President Joon-kyung KIM with a similar trophy to thank KDI School for inviting him to Korea.





Of course, as a social function, the night featured some light entertainment. Unlike previous years, a sand artist was invited to create images representing the past and future of KDI School using sand. Also invited was a quartet of musical performers for a selection of songs to help set the mood. Most notably, the group sang "Blow in the wind" and "Knocking on Heaven's Door" by Bob DYLAN, winner of the Nobel Prize in literature 2016.

Photos were taken, food was eaten, drinks were shared, and alumni relations were rekindled. The night ended in great success and all joined in for a group photo in the end. Alumni Association President LEE didn't forget to remind everyone to stay connected to the School and come again next year to the Alumni Year-end Dinner event.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AND ACTION! **KDI SCHOOL ALUMNUS APPEARS AS PANELIST IN "ABNORMAL SUMMIT"**

Ranel Ram CHENG (2016 MPP, The Philippines)

Public policy isn't just about dabbling in theory or being stuck behind an office desk crunching numbers. Sometimes, policymakers can also end up in the spotlight, just like KDI School alumnus Rigoberto BANTA JR. (2014 MPP, the Philippines) who recently appeared in the popular Korean variety program "Abnormal Summit", representing his home country, the Philippines.

Bringing in a panel of foreigners living in Korea, the show tackles issues from around the world and gives an audience a glimpse of how the foreign panelists view Korea, as well. The Globe had a chance to catch up with Rigoberto as he recalls life after graduating from school and his experience on camera.



Rigoberto BANTA JR (2014 MPP, The Philippines)

How was your life back in KDI School? Ranel Banta I was in the MPP program. I remember the very tight schedule of classes, but at the same time extra-curricular activities available on and offcampus. I will always remember how the diverse profiles of the students, both of their nationalities and backgrounds, really shaped the classroom and the School itself, towards developing an environment of open discussion and in-depth analysis of issues with nothing left unanswered.

How was your transition from KDI School to the "real world" of policy making?

Banta I entered KDI School as a fresh graduate from college. Throughout the program, the school offered opportunities to meet with alumni who were currently working in policy, both at the international and national levels. Opportunities to hear different voices from the diverse pool of alumni, whether be it in international organizations, banks, media or policy/ research-related institutions, helped me in finding ways to translate my experiences at KDI School in the workplace. Right after KDI School, I started working for the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding, where I work as Assistant Programme Specialist at the Office of External Relations. My main tasks include the development of partnership schemes with various organizations both in the region and beyond, towards the realization of the global agenda, specifically, the Sustainable Development Goals.



Rigoberto appears on TV show "Abnormal Summit"

You recently appeared in the program "Abnormal Summit" as the representative of the Philippines where you tackled rather serious issues. How was the experience overall?

Banta Having no Filipinos at the moment, I was invited to become part of this show to talk about the "War on Drugs" of the incumbent Philippine administration, explaining why it is happening, its repercussions and future path. International media has frenzied the issue to a point where even with my colleagues on a daily basis routinely ask me about the issue. It was a motivation for me to clarify the issue and to provide an opportunity to show the other side of the coin about the issue.

Ranel What was going through your head being the first ever Filipino representative in the program?

Banta My objective was clear: I wanted to show the different angles of this policy, as well as other policies that are running with it in parallel. While being a talk show, the new season of Abnormal Summit wanted to become more engaging with its audience by tackling issues on-point. I am quite surprised to be the first Filipino representative in this show as there are many Filipinos living in Korea. I hope there will be

more chances not only for Filipinos but for Southeast Asians in general to be part of this show in the future.

Ranel The show also required you to freely express your opinions about controversial topics. How did you prepare for this role?

Banta I interviewed several colleagues, including a journalist, an NGO representative and had a focus group discussion with Filipinos scholars based in Korea to find out about their opinions and bring a balance to my answers for the program. The goal was to provide these diverse opinions and let the Korean public decide on which side they are taking. As we go beyond the issue of the day, the current administration's "War on Drugs", I was able to share further the deep connections between Korea and the Philippines. The comment about the former first lady, Imelda Marcos, and her opulence, was mentioned in a spur of the moment, but it clicked with the emcees because, apparently, they grew up hearing about the advanced state of the Philippine economy back in the 70s and 80s. Pacquiao on the other hand clicked with them as boxing, while not particularly popular to younger Koreans, was a popular sport in Korea before.

Ranel How did your training as a KDI School alumnus prepare you for your appearance in the program?

Banta The foundation of KDI School has always been about balancing opinions, whether it is in classroom discussions or with schoolwork. This has helped me in preparation for the program. I must admit that the experience of KDI School is somewhat similar with the program itself, but leaning towards real-life issues and solving our biggest challenges. Whether it would be at the Abnormal Summit or in real life, I hope that as KDI School alumni, we continue to press on towards providing balance in opinions that will shape our communities and the world, in a whole. I hope that all KDI School alumni all over the world will stimulate deeper discussions on global issues whether they are of whatever field they may be in. "GLOBE



2016 ALUMNI ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS, WE SALUTE YOU!

External Relations and Development Division



KDI School recently held its annual Alumni Essay Contest between October 13 and November 6. This year's Contest was particularly competitive thanks to a new wrinkle to it. For the first time ever, KDI School selected 20 essay winners as well as two SoD winners and invited them to Korea to attend a customized workshop as a reward. Also invited were a select group (four) of alumni association presidents to commend them for their service towards KDI School.

The workshop titled "Capacity Building Workshop for Sustainable Development" is a six day program from December 5 to 10, 2016. It will feature lectures on topics including aid and development, global megatrends and strategic leadership, conflict resolution, and government reform and good governance. Not only that students will be able to share their achievements after KDI School and discuss how their experience and knowledge gained in Korea helped advance their respective careers.

In total, KDI School received 117 essays, a 58% increase over 2015, from 58 countries. Alumni members were invited to submit either an essay or a Science of Delivery (SoD) research proposal (KDI School received 111 essays and six SoD applications).

More specifically, the largest number of entries came from the Asian continent. At 45.3%, almost half of all entries came from Asia followed by Africa at 29.9%, the Americas at 15.4%, Europe at 7.7%, and Australia at 1.7%. Nationality-wise, Ethiopia and Pakistan submitted seven entries each. In terms of graduation class, the class of

2014 handed in the largest number of essays and SoDs at 22.2%. The class of 2015 and 2013 came in next at 17.9% and 15.4% respectively. As for programs, MPP dominated the entries with 63.2% followed by MDP at 30.8%, and MPM at 4.3%.

The proud winner of this year's Alumni Essay Contest was Walter Mutsa SAKAROMBE (2015 MDP, Zimbabwe). The following is an excerpt from SAKAROMBE's winning entry: "This writer's KDI School achievements have not only had positive ramifications for Zimbabwe's socio-economic transformation but for the African block as a whole. Under Action-Aid International's Gender Responsive Service Delivery Programme, this writer is part of technical team that toured several African

CATEGORY	RESULT	NAME	YEAR	PROGRAM	NATIONALITY
ESSAY	Gold	SAKAROMBE, Walter Mutsa	2015	MDP	Zimbabwe
ESSAY	Silver	ASANTE-AGYEI, Ofori	2014	MDP	Ghana
ESSAY	Silver	ARQUIZA, Maria Regina Panol	2012	MPP	The Philippines
ESSAY	Bronze	SHAKYA, Shekhar Ratna	2014	MPP	Nepal
ESSAY	Bronze	CARDONA SOSA, Andres Felipe	2013	MPP	Columbia
ESSAY	Bronze	AHMADZAI, Noorullah Jan	2008	MPP	Afghanistan
SoD	1	MANZI, Ahubwo Ruffin	2011	MPP	Rwanda
SoD	2	HAMUSUTE, Keith	2012	MPP	Zambia
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	1	GAMAL ELDIN, Engi Mohammed Mostafa	2013	MDP	Egypt
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	2	KIPKIRUI, Gilberd Cheruyot	2008	MPP	Kenya
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	3	SWE, Htay Htay	2009	MPP	Myanmar
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	4	KHANSIRI, Chalee	2011	MPP	Thailand

Gold Award : Essay (excerpt)

countries building the capacity of municipal governments to provide services in a gender sensitive manner...The essence of the capacity building interventions arose from the realization that the service delivery models that municipal authorities use in providing public services disproportionately affect women and girls more than boys and men."

SAKAROMBE was followed by two silver prize winners and three bronze prize winners. Apart from those who finished in the "medal round", KDI School selected 14 additional winners to round out the top-20. Following is a shortlist of Contest winners. KDI School holds the Alumni Essay Contest annually so please remember

KDI School holds the Alumni Essay Contest annually so please remember and take part next year!



Alumni Gatherings



KDI School alumni in Bangladesh met on November 15



KDI School alumni in Egypt met on November 25.

With 2016 winding down, a number of KDI School's international alumni associations gathered around on November 25 to hold their very own Yearend Alumni Dinner Event.

First, 10 alumni members in Bangladesh met at the aptly named Nostalgic Restaurant in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Md. Forhad SIDDIQUE (2007 MPP), President of the KDI School alumni association in Bangladesh, organized the event on November 15. The dinner was a great chance for KDI School's Bangladeshi alumni to round out the year and network with one another.

Alumni members from Egypt also met to hold their own intimate Yearend Alumni Dinner. Engi Mohammed Mostafa GAMAL ELDIN (2013 MDP) organized the event in Cairo on November 25.

Impressed with the initiative taken by the international alumni associations, Dean Hong Tack CHUN wrote a personal letter to congratulate the two alumni associations on a successful year and wished them an even better 2017. Apart from the two countries, alumni associations in Guatemala, Bhutan, and Indonesia are making plans to hold their own alumni events.

Alumni News Update



Sangmyeong CHO

2011 MDP, Republic of Korea Sangmyeong CHO was promoted as the Director of Reginal Environment Office at the Presidential Committee on Regional Development, under the Ministry of the Interior



Cheol-Soo SEO

2009 MAM, Republic of Korea Cheol-Soo SEO was promoted as a Director at the Mirae Asset Securities.



2007 MFDI, Republic of Korea

Dae Kwon SEO was promoted as a Director at the Mirae Asset Securities.

Byonghyon BAK

2013 MPP, Republic of Korea Byonghyon BAK was promoted as a Secretary at the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning.



Sung-Joo CHO

2004 MPP, Republic of Korea Sung-Joo CHO was promoted as the Director General of Leadership Development Bureau at the National Human Resources Development Institute (NHI), under the Ministry of Personnel Management.



Chang Ouk LEE

2002 MBA, Republic of Korea Chang Ouk LEE was appointed as the President at the Yegaram Saving Bank.



Hyo Joo KANG

2014 MPP, Republic of Korea Hyo Joo KANG was promoted as a Secretary at Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.



Hong Seog NOH

2003, MPP, Republic of Korea Hong Seog NOH was promoted as the Deputy Commissioner at the Ministry of the Interior.

Jin-Myung KIM



2006 MPP, Republic of Korea Jin-Myung KIM was promoted as the Deputy Commissioner at the Ministry of Strategy and Finance.

Chung-Myong CHO

1998 MBA, Republic of Korea Chung-Myong CHO was appointed as the CEO at the POSCO Plentec.

Kyu Chul CHOI

2008 MFDI, Republic of Korea Kyu Chul CHOI was promoted as a 2nd officer at the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA).

Seong-Uk YOO



2009, MBA, Republic of Korea Seong-Uk YOO was promoted as a 3rd officer at the Bank of Korea.



Byung-Woo JUNG

1999, MPP, Republic of Korea Byung-Woo JUNG was promoted as the Deputy Commissioner at the Rural Development Administration.



Nasiry AHMAD SHAH (2016 MPP) & Emily Janin Valentina CRUZ VILLEGAS (2016 MPM)

Nasiry AHMAD SHAH and Emily Janin Valentina CRUZ VILLEGAS got married in 2016



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Younga KWON

2010 MPP, Republic of Korea Younga KWON was promoted as a Secretary at the Ministry of Personnel Management.



Soon-Ki HAN

Jungin JUN

2003 MPP, Republic of Korea Soon-Ki HAN was promoted as the Deputy Commissioner at the Ministry of the Interior.



2014 MPP, Republic of Korea Jungin JUN was promoted as the Secretary at the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee under the National Assembly.



Bon Keun K00

2012 MPP. Republic of Korea Bon Keun KOO was promoted as the Deputy Minister at the Planning and Coordination Bureau under the Daegu Metropolitan City.



Kyoo Hwan JO

2014, MPP, Republic of Korea Kyoo Hwan JO was promoted as a 3rd officer at the Bank of Korea.



Yong Jun KWON

2004, MPP, Republic of Korea Yong Jun KWON was promoted as a 2nd officer at the Bank of Korea.



Doranie Marlando SERGEANT

2014 MDP, Jamaica

Doranie Marlando SERGEANT was promoted as a Financial Accountant at the National Solid Waste Management Authority in Jamaica.



New Faculty and Staff Updates

Faculty updates



Heesuk YUN

Professor Heesuk YUN received her Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. A long-time member of KDI, Professor YUN is an expert in social security systems including the national pension scheme and health insurance. Some of her key papers including "Performance Management in the Healthcare Sector" (KDI 2004), "Social Expenditure and Economic Growth" (East West Center Conference, University of Hawaii 2006), and "The Effects of Expanded Universal Childcare Support and Working Mothers in Korea" (Asian Journal of Women's Studies 2015) are available in English. Professor YUN also holds several positions as a committee member at the National Economic Advisory Council and Social Security Committee. The Professor is expected to cover Fiscal and Welfare Policy at KDI School. Professor LEE also holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in economics from Seoul National University.



Jongyearn LEE

Professor Jongyearn LEE received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan. Professor LEE also has prior experience teaching at KDI School between 2014 and 2015. The Professor was a Research Fellow at the Public and Private Infrastructure Investment Management Center at KDI, and also served as an Evaluator on Regional Industry Promotion Plan at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. His research area includes industrial organization, applied microeconomics, and public/regional economics. Professor LEE is expected to teach industrial organization and applied microeconomics at KDI School. The Professor also holds a Master's Degree in Statistics and another in economics from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science Degree in management science and engineering from Stanford University among others.



Chang Jae LEE

Professor Chang Jae LEE received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Paris I.



Sang In KANG

Professor Sang In KANG received his Ph.D. in international economics from the University of Paris I.

Marites M. TIONGCO

Professor Marites M. TIONGCO received her Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of the Philippines Los Banos.



Hee-Nam JUNG

Professor Hee-Nam JUNG received his Ph.D in political science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Staff updates

Kiyoung JANG

My name is Kiyoung JANG and I work at the Planning Division at KDI School. First, it is an honor to work here. I have only been here for a couple of months now but I have been deeply impressed by the diligence and passion embodied by faculty and staff here at the School. I will use what I learn here to help develop my own career path in the future and achieve my goals. Thank you.



Jiyoung HWANG

As a former MDP student from KDI School, it is an honor to work at the related field of development at my alma mater. I hope to contribute positively to the School and the alumni network as well as the students of KDI School. Thank you.

Seyeong AN

Hello! My name is Seyeong AN and I'm a KDI School alumnus. I am very proud to work for my School now as a program coordinator at the Capacity Building Center! I will do my very best to make sure our School becomes an even better place!



Seungjun LEE

Professor Seungjun LEE received his Ph.D. in environmental engineering and policy.





Gyucheol JUNG

Professor Gyucheol JUNG received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



Woohee CHOI

Nice to meet you all! It is my pleasure to be here at KDI School. As a member of the K-Developedia Team, I am enjoying my work in this warm environment. I look forward to the great opportunity to work for sharing the knowledge of Korea's development experiences.



Gunju NA

Hello! This is Gunju NA from the Admissions Office. So far, it has been a meaningful time for me working at KDI School. Even though I have worked here for only two months, I feel like I have learnt many things. I am happy to work with kind and nice co-workers and I will do my best for

KDI School faculty staying active in the academia!

It is no secret one of KDI School's core strengths lies in its world class faculty. KDI School's professors come from a variety of top-notch universities around the world including Harvard University and Columbia University. Not only that, they boast extensive experience, working at organizations such as KDI, the Bank of Korea, and the World Bank. As you would expect from such an elite group of professors, they stay very active in the academia. One way of doing so is to publish their research in journals or to publish their findings in a book

Most active in 2016 was Professor Kye-Woo LEE who, along with several publications, also joined the production crew of award winning documentary "The Million Dollar Duck". Professor LEE is joined by other faculty members at KDI School who were actively involved in sharing their findings with the academia. The following is a lost of some recent examples of research papers, books, and other materials published by KDI School faculty members.



- Renewable Energy and Government Support: Time to "Green" the SCM Agreement? World Trade Review 14(3): 479-506.





Professor Kye-Woo LEE (Development Economics)

- Is the Meister Vocational High School More Cost-Effective? International Journal of Educational Development 51(Nov. 2016): 84-95.
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Professor Chrysostomos TABAKIS (International Trade)

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Professor Jeong-Ho KIM (Urban Economics/Environmental Planning)



Professor Sherzod SHADIKHODJAEV (International Law, International Trade Law, WTO)

- Professor Jisun BAEK (Industrial Organization/Microeconomics)
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Professor Jungho YOO (Economic Development/International Trade)

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Professor DaeYong CHOI (Policy Evaluation/Regulatory Reform)

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- Jeong-Ho KIM, et al., 2016, New Era for Construction, Gunsul Gyungje News (CNEWS), Seoul.



We Shape The Globe



Ranel Ram CHENG 2016 MPP The Philippines

The past semester was definitely eventful not just for the school but for the world around us too. While we new students began to adjust to life at the KDI School, we also had to take in all the news from the outside world that will definitely shape the conversations we will be having in the days (and semesters) to come. It was great to meet individuals from all walks of life and different corners of the globe, who are passionate about making a difference in the world we live in. I look forward to learning with them and to reporting all the exciting activities ahead here at THE GLOBE.

Arifenie FITRI NUR 2016 MPP Uganda

From Fall 2015 to now Fall 2016, Time does really fly fast! Nevertheless, coming to Korea and studying at the KDI School with students from 20 different countries has been an amazing journey and memorable experience, which also presented me with the opportunity to work for The Globe in my final semester! As a student reporter, each school event/ student activity that I had to attend and write about has nurtured and further developed my writing skill especially in terms of paying attention to details and being able to capture the attention of the readers. I enjoyed the experience here and it was a pleasure working with The Globe! Best wishes to all the graduating students in your future plans and those remaining, good luck with your studies! Peace and Love!





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Marian GRASS 2015 MPP Egypt

Although it was short, working for The Globe was a nice experience. I was able to look into what was happening in my School, and I got to meet people that otherwise I wouldn't have met. Although I will return to Egypt soon, I will keep in touch and stay tuned.



