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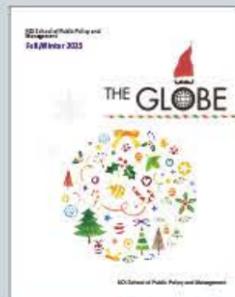
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## 2015 GLiMPSE Seminar: ESSEC Business School, France

Following up on the GLiMPSE seminar held in March by KU Leuven in Belgium, ESSEC Business School invited affiliates of its partner schools to visit France from October 21st to 23rd. As the Korea-EU Education Project is underway, partner schools (KDI School, Seoul National University Graduate School of International Studies, ESSEC Business School, and KU Leuven) came together to discuss issues concerning student exchanges and internal administration.

On the first day of the seminar, Professor Anne-Claire Pache, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Professor Christian Koenig, Associate Dean of International Relations, and Professor Charles Cho greeted the guests from the partner schools. ESSEC is a private business school established around 100 years ago that aims to foster global business leaders with academic excellence, an entrepreneurial mindset and humanistic values. Afterwards, Professor Radu Vranceanu, former Dean of Research, and Professor Herve Bourdais joined the discussion on developing research collaboration.

Professor Vranceanu described ESSEC as a major research institution in France, and each of its academic field possesses autonomy in research. In relation to research collaboration, Professor Bourdais further explained one of the research programs at the Institute for Research and Education on Negotiation (IRENE) called the CODEV (companies and development) program.



The program aims to study to what extent and under what criteria companies can contribute to the sustainable development of areas where they operate, especially in areas of great poverty and/or social fragility. It basically investigates their ethical and political responsibilities, as well as how companies can contribute to regional development and impact social environments, and how they should change their business practices in order to ensure long-term sustainability in emerging countries.

The second day of the seminar started with the project meeting amongst affiliates from partner organizations. Ms. Patricia Moreau, project adviser from the European Commission, attended the meeting as an advisory panel member to monitor the progress of the project. The afternoon session was filled with events held by Korean Student Association. Students who are interested in Korea and Korean culture participated as audience members. Korea Student Association shared their views on the similarities and differences between the two cultures. Both the two Korean partners participated in the event to introduce the GLiMPSE program as well as their schools.

On the last day of the seminar, KDI School affiliates visited KU Leuven in Belgium for an additional information session for Belgian students interested in the GLiMPSE program. The official schedule of the meeting ended with a dinner event with students from KDI School and Seoul National University studying at KU Leuven. Overall, students from both ESSEC and KU Leuven showed high satisfaction regarding the quality of education as well as their living environment.

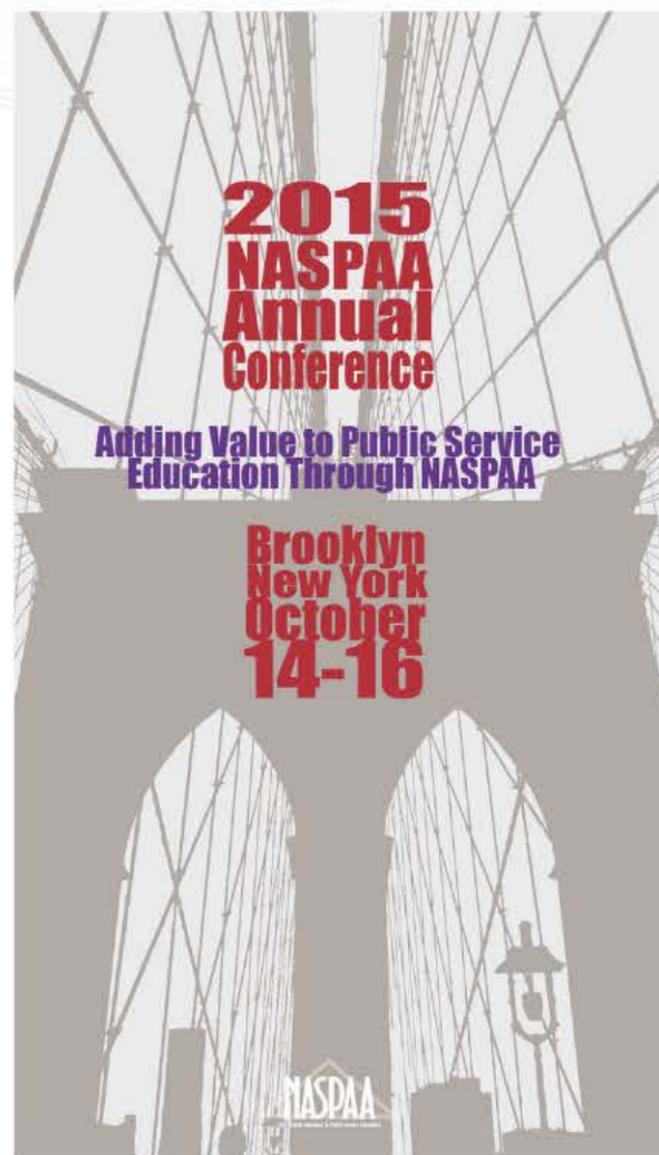
The next GLiMPSE seminar will be held at Seoul National University in March 2016.



## 2015 NASPAA Annual Conference



From October 14th to 16th, Associate Dean Kwon Jung, MPP Program Chair Jaeun Shin, Professor Booyeol Kim, and Head Eunhong Lee from the Academic Affairs Division attended NASPAA (Network of School of Public Policy, Affairs & Administration) Annual Conference in Brooklyn, New York, the United States. The main purpose was to share our resources with NASPAA and NASPAA's vision of quality public service education. Professor Shin led the session as a panel member with the subject of "Track Question on Data: How Do You Connect Policy Problems with Data Analysis and Use Evidence-Based Approaches to Improve the Education of Students and the Impact of Our Research?" Associate Dean Jung and MPP Program Chair Shin have been taking significant roles in NASPAA as a member of NASPAA standards Committee and a member of Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA). KDI School analyzed the trends of NASPAA to promote NASPAA accreditation of KDI School's MDP and MPM programs. Throughout the 2015 NASPAA Annual Conference, KDI School demonstrated itself as accredited foundation in NASPAA by providing significant knowledge which contribute to the advancement of NASPAA.



## MOU with the University of Sussex on Global Knowledge Sharing Initiative



K-Developedia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), a leading international development research institute based in the University of Sussex.

The MOU details the commitment of both organizations to work together to address inequalities in the visibility and accessibility of diverse and credible research knowledge, and was signed during a visit to IDS by KDI School staff who took part in the IDS's Global Open Knowledge Hub (GOKH) partner meeting held in October at the IDS.

### Supporting the sharing of research globally

The MOU confirmed the participation of K-Developedia in the IDS-led GOKH project as the latest organization to join a group of international partners working collectively to support the adoption of Open Access and Open Data approaches in the sharing of research evidence.

Speaking of KDI School's reasons for joining the project, Hye-Kyung Chung, Head of K-Developedia Team at KDI School,

said: "The collaboration with IDS comes as an opportunity to widen the availability of K-Developedia and its resources to increase the redistribution of our resources all over the world."

Kelly Shephard, who heads the GOKH project, welcomed the agreement. "We're very excited to have the opportunity to work with KDI School. They deliver very high quality service through K-Developedia and clearly bring a great deal of high quality content and technical expertise to the project. We're really looking forward to learning more about the particular sectors and contexts that they work in and sharing IDS and the GOKH partners' experience of delivering similar services in other areas."

**The Global Open Knowledge Hub (GOKH)** is a technical and content-driven program aimed to develop new technical infrastructure and standards that support increased access to and availability of research knowledge.



Hye-Kyung Chung (Head of K-Developedia Team, KDI School of Public Policy and Management), James Georgalakis (Director of Impact, IDS), Kelly Shephard (Head of Open Knowledge and Digital Services, IDS) and Tae Hee Choi (Associate Dean, Development Research and Learning Network, KDI School of Public Policy and Management). Photo credit: Simon Colmer/IDS

## 9th Global Development Learning Network Global Board Meeting

Sojeong Lisa Jeong (2015 MDP, Korea)

From September 1st to 3rd, 2015, the 9th GDLN Global Board Meeting was held at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center in Italy, hosted by KDI School of Public Policy and Management. The GDLN Secretariat is comprised of five regional representatives, two World Bank staff, and five independent board members. Nine experts, including the board members and observers, participated in the meeting.

Since the first meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on November 2010, it has taken place in countries around the world such as Tanzania, Mexico, Turkey, and Korea. The board meeting is held annually to discuss ways of improving the GDLN Global and its regional affiliates and to evaluate their activities and outcomes. Especially in the ninth meeting, the board designed a new Action Plan for reinvigoration of the GDLN Global and for extension of the network.



On the first day, the meeting commenced with the introduction of new board members by KDI School. It was followed by updates from the GDLN regional board members and the best practices from each region (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, and South Asia). Despite strong contributions and leadership by affiliates across regions, the board found that variation of development and participation has polarized. The Secretariat presented a summary of the GDLN Affiliate Self-Assessment Survey which was conducted in June 2015.

In the afternoon session, the board has agreed on the following actions to revitalize the network and discussed how to encourage the contribution of certain affiliates or regions. The GDLN's value proposition was also readdressed, with the three objectives for sustainable development: access to expertise and experiences for development; global reach to disseminate knowledge in a cost effective way; and support for international cooperation.

The future global positioning of GDLN and its next steps were also discussed in the following days. The board divided into groups to review the action plans and make new drafts. Then they developed target members of prospective GDLN affiliates to participate in the GDLN Global Meeting in Seoul.

They also planned an affiliation strategy and global programs to strengthen the GDLN network in more effective way. Prior to this, global programs have been investigated over the past year in the area of knowledge exchange and environmental management. The board encouraged all affiliates to embrace innovation and new technology in the design and to deliver the programs.

The Secretariat has agreed to host a GDLN Global Meeting in July 2016 in Seoul, Korea. It will also incorporate the next board meeting and other regional meetings if required. The tentative agenda for the GDLN Global Meeting will include discussions on GDLN global branding, affiliate and program performance, technological enhancements, and professional development.

## China NDRC Agricultural Public Administration Training Program

Grace Eun Hye Choi (2015 MPP, Korea)



KDI School held the Rural Public Service System, which is the training program for 22 Chinese government officials of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), from October 12th to 19th, 2015. KDI School shared Korea's development experiences and the current situation of rural public administration with the participants. The Rural Public Service System is a follow-up program from last year's China NDRC Training courses. KDI School received a request from Chinese government to plan this event for fostering friendly relations between Korea and China.

The Rural Public Service System had a total of eight different lectures: "Agriculture Development Policy" by Professor Jung Sub Choi from Pusan National University, "New Village Movement in South Korea" by Do Hyun Han from



the Academy of Korean Studies, "The 6th Industry as Agriculture" by Dr. Taegon Kim from Korea Rural Economic Institute, "The Role of

the Government for Rural Development" by Dr. Chang Young Kang from Korea Rural Economic Institute, "Improving the Living Standards of the Farmers" by former Head of the International Education at Korea Human Development Institute for Health & Welfare, Dr. Young Ae Shin, "Agriculture-Food Safety Programs" by Professor Yo Han Yoon from Sookmyung Women's University, and "Agriculture Product Distribution Network and E-commerce" by Dr. Byung

Yul Kim from Korea Rural Economic Institute.

The Chinese officials were interested in topics such as food safety authentication systems, quality control for agricultural products, agricultural product distribution networks and the E-commerce system of Korea.

The Chinese officials have requested KDI School to hold lectures on Korean economic development and macroeconomic policies in the near future. They also hoped to be briefed on Korean society and culture. In addition to these introductory sessions, the visitors also mentioned that it was a great opportunity to see detailed presentation on policy making, decision-making, and practical implementations.

As for the visit to certain public organizations, the officials were relatively more interested in the operational status of the Garak-dong Agricultural & Marine Products Market and its modernization process, as well as in the field trip to large-scale auction and wholesale markets. These field trips and visits were rated positively, and they hoped to visit more of the governmental organizations later on.

## Policies for Development: The OECD Development Centre at Work

Kilton Jose Luis Lauter Portugal (2014 MDP, Mozambique)



In general, the course covered the performance of emerging or developing countries in the changing world economy and their new challenges to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth. The course focused on emerging development issues, as highlighted in the centre's recent editions of its flagship reports and the tools which the Development Centre employs. The lectures also served as a medium for the presentation of evidence and new findings on current issues concerning development

KDI School of Public Policy and Management offered "Policies for Development: The OECD Development Centre at Work" course during the Pre-Fall Session, from August 24th to September 4th, 2015. Course instructors for each unit included: Ms. Alexa Tiemann (Multi-Dimensional Country Reviews), Mr. David Khoudour (Migration and Skills) and Mr. Alexandre Kolev (Social Cohesion). Approximately 22 students, including three Japanese participants from CAMPUS Asia Summer Program, attended the course, which was delivered on a daily basis. The purpose of the course was to present the work of the OECD Development Centre in the field of public policies for development using evidence-based research conducted by the centre in the form of annual reports, country studies, policy briefs and working papers.

policies. These include: the link between migration and development, policies on social cohesion and impact evaluation, and the importance of institutions.

Throughout the course, the students delivered group presentations. Each group was assigned a country and asked to conduct a concise status report. The presentations covered outcomes for various indicators and dimensions, described the situations of each country, and developed recommendations for priority areas regarding policy measures.

In summary, this course was a good opportunity for participants to increase their knowledge based on the OECD Development Centre's work as it pertains to the field of public policies for development.

# KDI School Special Lectures

Shokhrukh Normurodovich Avazov (2014 MDP, Uzbekistan)

## 1 Determinants of the Value of the Yen: From Plaza Accord to Abenomics

**Lecturer: SaangJoon Baak, Waseda University**

The Fall 2015 Special Lectures Series started on September 23rd, 2015. The first lecture was offered by Dr. Saang Joon Baak, a Professor at the School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University (Japan). In his lecture titled "Determinants of the Value of the Yen: From the Plaza Accord to Abenomics," Professor Baak addressed the financial trends facing the Japanese currency and how they have impacted Japan's economic growth. Moreover, the speaker also discussed the causes for the yen-dollar exchange rate fluctuations and the current government fiscal policies, helping to broaden KDI School students' knowledge of the Japanese economy.

## 2 The Option Value of Human Capital: Higher Education and Wage Inequality

**Lecturer: Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee, University of Mannheim**

On October 1st, 2015, Dr. Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee, a Professor at the University of Mannheim (Germany), delivered a special lecture on "The Option Value of Human Capital: Higher Education and Wage Inequality." His engaging presentation revolved around the unique research question, "Are too many or too few students going to college in the United States of America?" As part of his presentation, Professor Lee provided statistical evidence that his model helps reconcile the trends in college enrollment and graduation and their labor market outcomes. Professor Lee concluded his lecture with a discussion with students about whether college students should stop pursuing degrees, given the number of graduates shown to be working in non-degree-requiring jobs.

## 3 Much of the 'Economics of Property Rights' Devalues Property and Legal Rights

**Lecturer: Geoffrey Hodgson, Hertfordshire Business School**

On October 14th, 2015, Dr. Geoffrey Hodgson, a Professor at the Hertfordshire Business School (United Kingdom), gave a lecture defending the opinion that "Much of the 'economics of property rights' devalues property and legal rights." Professor Hodgson hosted a discussion on the distinction between possession and property, the economics of property rights or law and human motivation, evaluating the ideas put forward by a variety of scholars and economists. At the final stage of his lecture, he stressed that rule of law, registration and enforcement of property rights are crucial for economic development.

## 4 International Tax Regime: Current Issues and Challenges

**Lecturer: Jung-hong Kim, Ministry of Strategy and Finance**

Another special lecture was given on October 15th, 2015, by Dr. Jung-hong Kim, a specialist with the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, on the topic "Introduction to International Tax Regime: Current Issues and Challenges." Dr. Kim introduced the audience to the world of international tax policy issues that are arising from the trade of goods and services, royalties, interest rates, dividends and pensions. He also talked about the organizations that influence and set guidelines for international tax regulations, concluding his lecture with a discussion on development issues related to tax regimes.

## 5 Accelerating Solutions Through Learning: Introducing The Open Learning Campus

**Lecturer: Susan Shen and Sheila Jagannathan, World Bank**

The next special lecture was delivered by World Bank Group specialists Susan Shen and Sheila Jagannathan on October 26th, 2015. The main message of the lecture was "Leadership, Learning and Innovation as Accelerators of Development." The two high-level specialists discussed how World Bank projects have succeeded at increasing knowledge capacity in developing countries in all sectors of education. An in-depth explanation of the e-Learning program was offered in the interest of presenting attendees with an extra source of knowledge.

## 6 Selection and Incentive Effects of Financial and Career Incentives on Labor Productivity: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Malawi

**Lecturer: Hyuncheol Bryant Kim, Cornell University**

On October 28th, 2015, Hyuncheol Kim, a Professor at Cornell University, shared his knowledge and experience in the economic analysis of labor productivity in Malawi. Professor Kim discussed his field experience regarding data collection and the analysis of workers in Malawi, where he enlightened students on research methodology. Specifically, Professor Kim talked about the impacts of offering financial incentives, which attract workers with stronger cognitive skills, as compared with career incentives, which attract workers with strengths in non-cognitive skills. He ended his lecture with the conclusion that workers attracted by financial incentive (with stronger cognitive skills) performed better during the training, while those attracted by career incentive (with stronger non-cognitive skills) performed better in the field.

## 7 Challenges and Prospects of the Korean Economy

**Lecturer: Kim Choongsoo, Former Governor of the Bank of Korea**

The next enlightening lecture was given by Choongsoo Kim, the former Governor of the Bank of Korea, on the theme of "Challenges and Prospects of the Korean Economy." His presentation on November 6th, offered a simple and informative history on Korean economic development. Moreover, Mr. Kim shared his experience working in the Bank of Korea and also emphasized what policy initiatives brought Korea its current OECD member status. He closed his lecture with a message about the challenges currently facing the Korean economy and made a series of policy recommendations for how to help resolve them.

## 8 Migrant Crisis of Europe: Analysis and Prospect

**Lecturer: Dr. Myeong Chin Cho, member of the Security Experts Group, European Commission**

The last special lecture for the Fall semester was given on November 27th, 2015, by Dr. Myeong Chin Cho, Security Expert at the European Commission, on the topic "Europe's Migrant Crisis: Is There Such a Thing as a Common EU Refugee Policy?" Dr. Cho discussed EU refugee policies, why member countries have different views on this agenda and both the convergences and divergences in problem-solving approaches among them. He went on to show statistical evidence about refugee migration in recent years and explained which institutions are in charge of refugees in the European Union as a whole. In conclusion, Dr. Cho noted that the migrant agenda has played a role in dividing EU member policies and creating divisions among them.

## 2015 KOREA FIELD RESEARCH AND STUDY

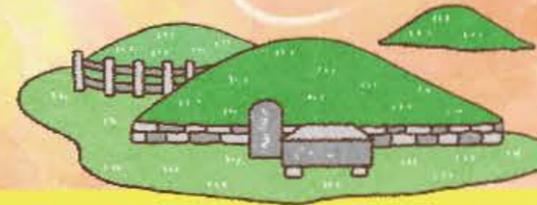
Oturemilekun Akinyemi (2015 MDP, Nigeria)

The Korea Field Research and Study (KFRS) is an annual four-day field trip organized by KDI School to offer international students an opportunity to learn about other aspects of Korea's social, cultural and industrial sectors. This year's field study took place from August 18th to 21st, 2015. Looking back, the trip was a truly educational, enlightening and eye-opening experience that helped attendees discover new facets of the Korean development story. The students visited Hyundai Heavy Industries, Pohang Iron and Steel Company (POSCO), Daewangam Park, Gyeongju Cultural Heritage, the Yangdong Folk Village, and the Samsung Smart City. The participants visited several historic cultural heritage sites in Gyeongju, the root of Confucian culture, and learned about the many positive effects the city had on the Korean people. Taking such a trip with fellow students from many different countries also afforded participants the opportunity to share various countries' experiences in the quest for development.



### POSCO STEELWORKS

As the students visited the steelworks and the history museum of the Pohang Iron and Steel Company (POSCO), the company's rich history since it was founded in 1968 was immediately apparent; it has played a significant role in Korea's economic development. POSCO mainly manufactures building materials, basic household appliances (washing machines, doors, etc.), frames for cars, ships, and motors. POSCO serves as an example of Korean business that built itself from the ground up, and is now considered one of the world's top steelmakers.



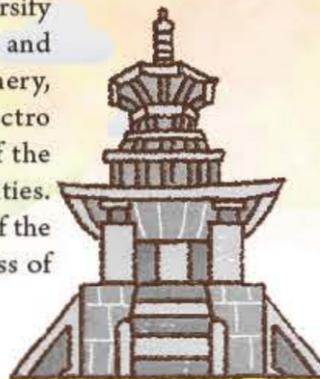
### DAEWANGAM

Located on Korea's eastern coast, the beautiful and serene tomb of King Munmu (r. 661–681) is another historical site that the students visited. The site comprises a large island with a rock formation resembling a dragon rising high up into the sky. It was easy to see how generations of Koreans have felt peace when visiting this place. Getting to the park only requires that visitors take a stone-paved path lined with a beautiful array of trees and shrubs, including cherry trees and tall pines. Looking out into the water, one can see the various rock islands connected by a bridge system that enables people to move from one island to another until they arrive at the furthest point out into the sea.



### HYUNDAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES

The History Hall of Hyundai Heavy Industries presents a story of perseverance and the importance of dreaming big. This was the ideal place to begin the tour, as the History Hall offered a portrait of Hyundai's transition from a mere start-up to becoming the conglomerate that it is today. The company has managed to diversify its initial output, shipbuilding, to now include industrial plant and engineering, offshore and engineering, engine and machinery, green energy businesses, construction equipment, and electro electric systems. Today, Hyundai Heavy Industries is one of the world's leading producers of large-scale machinery and facilities. The students were also pleased to participate in a guided tour of the Hyundai shipyard, where ships and vessels were in the process of being built.



### GYEONGJU CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Gyeongju Cultural Heritage is located in the southeastern city of Gyeongju, which once served as the capital of the Silla kingdom (57 BCE-935)—the longest-surviving kingdom in Korean history. The Gyeongju Cultural Heritage is the most popular field trip destination in Korea, owing to its role in the foundation of Silla era art, culture and tradition. Especially, there are a lot of great treasures that express the beauty of Buddhist art. This heritage site includes Bulguksa Temple and the Seokguram Grotto, which were registered as part of the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1995. Impressively, five of Gyeongju's districts have been registered as World Cultural Heritage sites, making this a must-visit destination in Korea. Gyeongju also offers the Cheonmachong Tomb in Daereungwon Tomb Complex, Cheomseongdae Observatory, the Gyeongju National Museum, the Anapji Pond, Bulguksa Temple, and the Seokguram Grotto.



## 2015 International Field Research and Study

Sojeong Lisa Jeong (2015 MDP, Korea)

From September 1st to 10th, Professor Jong-II You and 32 Korean students of various backgrounds visited the European countries of the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, and Germany for the 2015 International Field Research and Study (IFRS). The main purpose of the IFRS was "Sustainable Development Policy and International Development Cooperation Cases of Europe." The program was thoroughly planned to visit well-known international organizations and schools which were even more enriched with active participation from students. Also, the program included several cultural visits.

The first destination was London, the capital city of the UK. In London, the students visited the Bank of England, Lloyd's building, and the Department for International Development (DfID), where they were given presentations respectively about monetary policy after the financial crisis, structure and operation of the insurance market, and sustainable development.

The students then moved to Paris, France to visit OECD and UNESCO to figure out a way to examine the subject of financing for development and partnering on development. A student of KDI School who is currently doing an internship at UNESCO accompanied them for most of the schedule in Paris and gave some useful tips to the students about internship opportunities.

In addition, the students visited ESSEC Business School where Professor Charles H. Cho, who gave a lecture at KDI School in July this year, presented "Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting in France." The ESSEC Business School is one of our partner schools that agreed to exchange their students each year through a dual degree program, GLIMPSE (Global Leaders in Management and Policy in South Korea and Europe). The team met with two KDI School students who are now studying at the ESSEC Business School and had lunch together. This meeting motivated the other students to



participate in the dual degree program next year.

Leaving behind the romantic city of Paris, the students moved to Brussel, Belgium, to visit the European Commission (EC) and KU Leuven, another partner institution of KDI School. At the EC, the students mainly learned the structure of the EU. They gained further knowledge about EU's foreign policy at the KU Leuven. The IFRS was finalized with the trip to Rudesheim, Germany, located in the UNESCO world heritage site of the Middle-Rhine valley.

According to the survey after the trip, the satisfaction rate of overall lectures was 97.8 percent, and that of contribution to personal development or career was 95.6 percent. The students were able to enhance their global competitiveness through understanding of the implications of sustainable development and observing the European way of life. Overall, it was such a meaningful experience for the students, as they could get along with one another regardless of their age or profession.

## Marching into the World of Higher Education: 2015 EAIE Conference

From September 15th to 18th, KDI School participated in the European Association for International Education (EAIE) Conference held in Glasgow, Scotland. This year's conference was filled with 5,050 participants from 90 countries. Ms. Jaesoon Lee, Head of Student Affairs Division, and Ms. Sewon Lee from External Relations and Development Division participated in the conference.

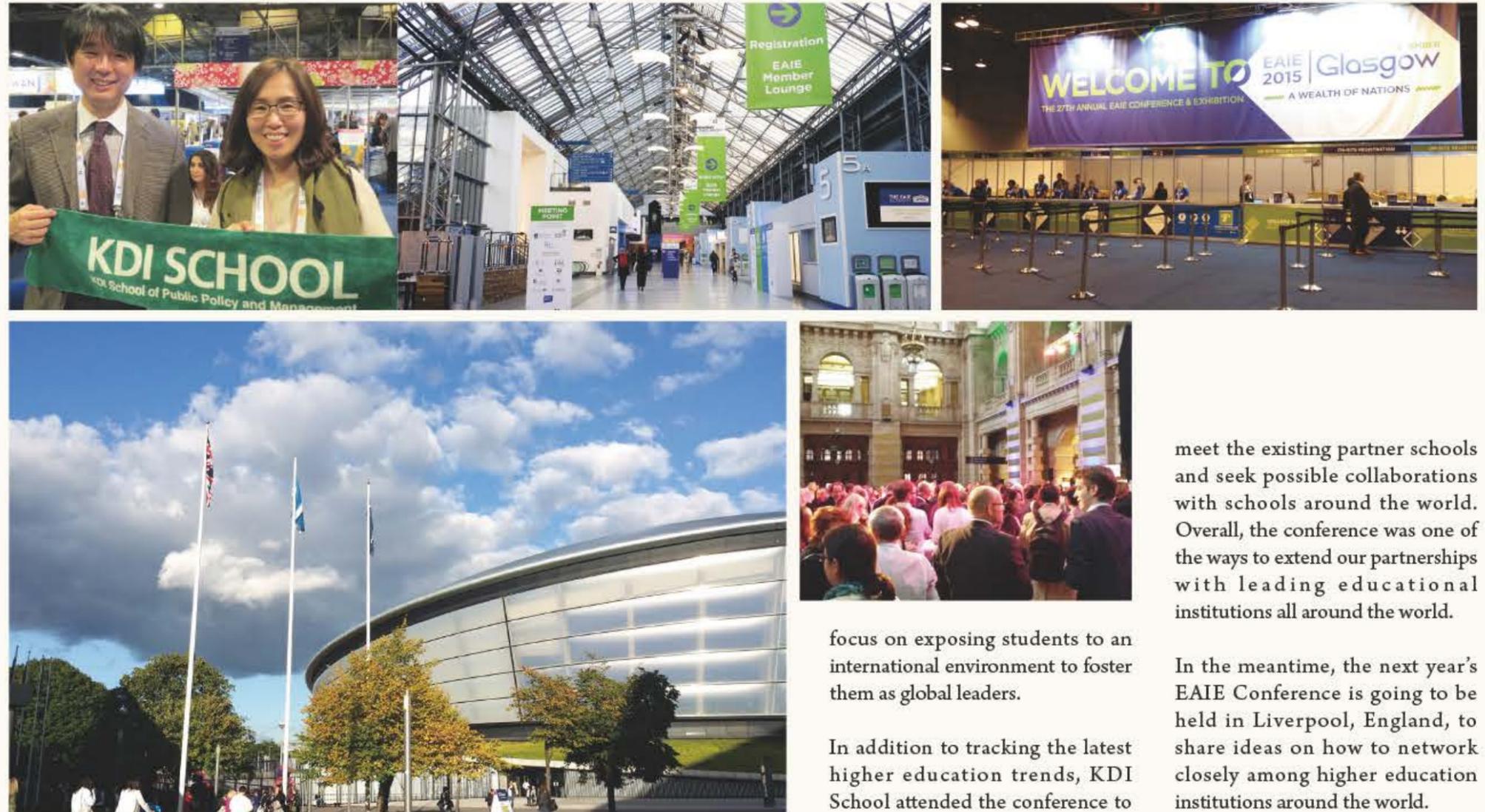
The conference's theme was "Wealth of Nations." The issue of wealth encouraged the participants to see the term from a variety of perspectives, from very specific questions of international higher education policy and the practice of more wide-ranging notions of power and privilege, as well as global civic responsibility and long-term environmental sustainability.

Some of the workshops offered during the conference explained the definition of internationalization in higher education, how to maximize

the networking skills to promote internationalization, and how to provide work placement for students.

The top five purposes of internationalization in higher education are i) to enhance the quality of education, ii) to enhance the quality of research, iii) to prepare students effectively for life and work in an inter-cultural and globalizing world, iv) to enhance the international reputation and visibility of the university, and v) to provide service to society and community social engagement.

To provide such services, those who work at the international office should maximize networking skills to build cooperation with overseas institutions. Last but not least, there was a workshop on how to effectively dispatch students for internships or work experience to overseas. The internationalization of education does not just include creating a diverse classroom environment but also should



focus on exposing students to an international environment to foster them as global leaders.

In addition to tracking the latest higher education trends, KDI School attended the conference to

meet the existing partner schools and seek possible collaborations with schools around the world. Overall, the conference was one of the ways to extend our partnerships with leading educational institutions all around the world.

In the meantime, the next year's EAIE Conference is going to be held in Liverpool, England, to share ideas on how to network closely among higher education institutions around the world.



# Campus Life



## 2015 Completion Ceremony: Pioneer the Future

Shokhrukh Normurodovich Avazov (2014 MDP, Uzbekistan)

On August 13th, 2015, KDI School of Public Policy and Management saw off another batch of global leaders at new Sejong campus. Lincoln Hall, where the ceremony was held, was full of ambivalent emotions not only from graduates but also from honorable faculty members, staff and the graduates' relatives.

The students who had completed their studies were rewarded for their successful accomplishment; not only did they enjoy academic life but they were also passionate in absorbing Korean culture and development experiences. Moreover, they had passed through a difficult path of exams and assignments to achieve this moment.

The historical moment began with a speech by Ms. Yanze Zhang (2014 MDP, China), who received the Academic

Excellence Award. Her speech on not giving up and following dreams was inspirational for graduates and also to new students.

Moreover, Mr. Carlos Lozano (2014 MPP, Mexico) and Mr. Piseth Samrith (2014 MPP, Cambodia) received the Student Community Service Awards. As Dormitory Assistants, both of them put forth a lot of effort during the relocation to Sejong from Seoul, and they also served their duty until the move's completion in the summer.

Dean Hong Tack Chun gave a congratulatory speech to all the future global leaders. He was happy that KDI School helped them become professionals on development policy to better serve as leaders of the next generation. After his speech, Dean Chun and Professor Kwon Jung,



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, awarded the students with completion certificates. There is no doubt that this moment will stay with the students forever.



## 2015 Fall Orientation: The First Step into the Knowledge Hub

Grace Eun Hye Choi (2015 MPP, Korea)



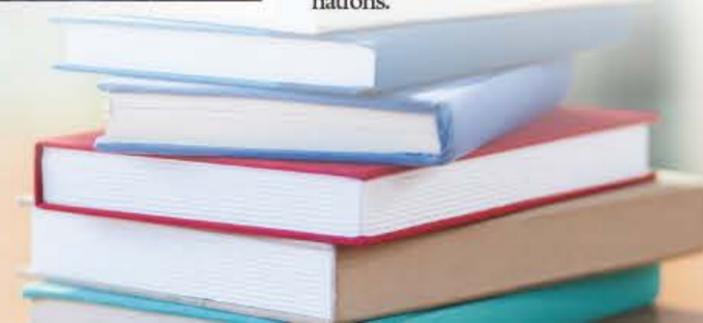
This year's Fall Opening Ceremony and Orientation was held at KDI School's Lincoln Hall from September 7th to 11th, 2015. The Dean, professors, and other members of KDI School welcomed 119 graduate students with open arms from more than 50 different countries. It was also memorable for KDI School since it was its first time welcoming fall students from their new location in Sejong.

The 2015 Orientation was formally opened by Dean Hong Tack Chun. He gave a speech to the incoming students about taking a moment to think about the kind of KDI School life the students would like to lead and also emphasized the importance of building a distinctive social network within KDI School.

The ceremony was then followed by Associate Dean Kwon Jung giving welcome remarks to the new students on "who you are and who we are." He later introduced KDI School professors and their fields of expertise to the new incoming students.

During the course of the event, the students had the opportunity to learn more about the courses and graduation requirements from their own program chairs.

The event was truly an international environment where a strong and valuable foundation was built for the future global network of KDI School and KDI School students of all nations.



# We Stand in Unity: 2015 KDI School Sports Day

Kilton Jose Luis Lauter Portugal (2014 MDP, Mozambique)



This year's KDI School Sports Day took place on October 23rd, 2015, to promote friendship through athletic activities. The chilly morning at KDI School sports park quickly transformed into a warm and brisk day filled with the joy and happiness of about 350 participants.

In his opening remarks, Associate Dean Kwon Jung emphasized the importance and practical benefits of exercise and expressed his hope that KDI School students would exercise more to enhance their physical fitness. After the opening speech, the event officially commenced with warm-up exercises conducted by Ms. Anna Nagornova (2014 MDP, Kyrgyzstan), followed by subsequent field events.

This year's Sports Day included six field events: (1) Catch

the Tail, (2) Piñata (Bean-Bag Throw), (3) Dodge Ball, (4) Soccer, (5) a Relay Race and (6) Tug of War, all of which were complemented by energetic performances by team cheerleaders. The participants were divided into four teams composed of students, faculty, as well as KDI and KDI School staff with different ages, gender, and nationalities.

The competitive spirits of participants appeared the most evident during the Dodge Ball game. The off-court team members arguably show more enthusiasm and energy than their on-court teammates. This cheerful spirit played an essential role in determining the final result. This event illustrated how cooperation among team members can be fruitful. At the end of the fierce battle, following much effort and cooperation, the Black team emerged as the winner of the Dodge Ball game.

The next game, Soccer, served in part to show the hidden soccer talents at KDI and KDI School. Although dominated by male students, female team members did not miss the opportunity to show off their skills. With such an eclectic mix of talent, it was clear that an arduous battle was pending. Not even extra time was enough to determine the winner, and it was necessary to go into a penalty shoot-out, which determined the White team as the winner of the Soccer game.

The true test of teams' strength was held after the Soccer game in the Tug of War. Once again, the spirit of teamwork was an important factor in the final result of both the Tug of War and the Relay Race. The Black team won the Tug of War while the Blue team was the victor in the Relay Race.

The overall results of the day's proceedings were updated following the final Relay Race. Out of all teams, the White team won first place with a total score of 580 points, followed by the Black team with a total score of 570 points. The Blue and Red teams were the third and the fourth, respectively. The Sports Day was an opportunity for students, faculty, as well as KDI and KDI School staffs to build friendships. In addition to the first-, second-, third- and fourth-place prizes, everyone received souvenirs from KDI School at the end of the ceremony with number of raffle prizes. Everyone was a winner at the 2015 KDI School Sports Day.



# The 2015 International Food Festival: Taste the World

Oluremilekun Akinyemi (2015 MDP, Nigeria)

The long-awaited KDI School International Food Festival took place on November 13th, 2015. It is arguably one of the largest, most important and most interesting occasions for the students and staff of KDI School. It is one event that showcases the best asset of the School: its global community. This event involves the preparation and savoring of cuisines from different countries of the world, including those represented at KDI School.



There were nine groups in total. The first was the Safari with delicacies from 10 different countries. The second group was Delic Asia with delicacies from eight countries. Fusion of Cultures group had delicacies from 14 countries. The fourth group was Asian Sensation with delicacies from nine countries. The fifth group was The Global Kitchen with a global array of

dishes – an intercontinental selection of the chef’s variety of seven countries. The sixth group was Lucky Clover consisting of delicacies from three countries. The seventh group was Lucky 7 with delicacies from six countries. African Finger-Licking Cuisine was the eighth group, consisting of varieties from seven countries. Finally, the ninth group, K-Star had delicacies from five different countries. The program began with the welcoming of all staff and students, the entire KDI School community and invited guests. The evaluation process was explained to give all participants insight on what they would

be judged on and the rating measure and also to give the judges (all guests) an understanding of what the assessment criteria entailed. Besides the winning award, there were two other awards: the best food and the best culture awards. The best food award was to be judged based on taste and the best culture award was to be judged based on the food that was most representative of the culture its team was portraying.

Food is a unifying force, as there were some similarities and some great differences – such is the diversity and beauty of culture. Whether it was seeing the participants dressed in their traditional attires, the different colors of the meals or the many exquisite serving styles, it was like taking a trip around the world. From appetizers to desserts, participants went all out to ensure that their countries, their culture and

their people were aptly represented.

Then, the event was officially declared open with a taste of each meal on display. Tasting of the different meals, one could almost tell something of the different cultures represented. Participants went ahead to explain what the foods meant and the occasions when it is served in their countries.

After the tasting came the evaluation, guests cast their votes for the teams of their choice. The award for best food went to Asian Sensation while the best culture award went to the African Finger-Licking Cuisine group. The grand prize went to Lucky 7. Indeed, all participants were true winners as they had a good time and it was a time of bonding between nations and among friends.

# Café Vobiscum Opens at KDI School

Shokhrukh Normurodovich Avazov (2014 MDP, Uzbekistan)

KDI School opened Café Vobiscum, a new eatery at the Central Library, on November 18th, 2015. This project was initiated with the cooperation of KDI School, the Korea Disabled People's Development Institute and the Sejong City Welfare Center for Disabled People.

This is the second launch of Café Vobiscum, followed by the first site's opening at Sejong City Hall. The main purpose of the project is to provide job placements for the disabled and to open up an opportunity for them to step into the local community. Also, this project enables KDI School to provide quality food and beverages at an affordable price to school members.

On this delightful occasion, Joon Kyung Kim, President of KDI School, and Lazzaro Heung-sik You, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Daejeon Metropolitan City, participated by giving congratulatory speeches. They emphasized that this is an important step for KDI School to improve

campus life for student, faculty, and staff. Followed by the ribbon-cutting ceremony, customers started to rush into the café. Overall, for the opening ceremony, almost 200 people were invited and participated.

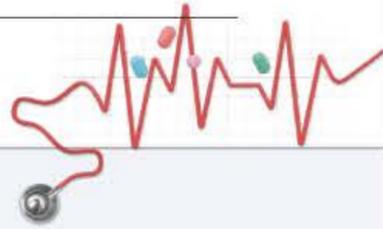
Students as well as KDI School members will come to this amazing place, where they can enjoy and relax with freshly blended coffee or juices. A manager of Café Vobiscum, Yun-Young Kim, mentioned that this space was created to offer a place where diverse groups of people could gather and share their ideas and thoughts beyond the boundaries of nationality, race and physical disabilities. The menu of the café includes coffee drinks, non-coffee drinks, fresh fruit juices, vegetable juices, and tea. Coffee beans from Brazil, Honduras, Vietnam and Indonesia are used to provide a high-quality taste for customers. Additionally, the café provides a healthy bakery corner including sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, and homemade yogurt.



Since the café is next to the library, there was no doubt that this café would create a great environment by encouraging interaction with school members, as well as offering relaxing time after study and work. Sung Jin Choi, Director of the Central Library, stressed that the main goal was to open its own full-service café that would make school members' lives more convenient and avoid wasting time bringing food or drinks. The unique part of the café is that it is a nonprofit organization and offers jobs to increase social welfare of disabled people. This café will help disabled people to be involved in social activities and to increase their professional skills.

This project showed KDI School's efforts to improve students' campus life and bring social welfare to people with disabilities, who have the same right to use their skills and do labor activities.





## Health Care Room Opens at KDI School

Grace Eun Hye Choi (2015 MPP, Korea)



A health care room is now open for KDI School. It is located near the entrance of KDI on the second floor. The open hours for the health care room are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for national holidays (12 p.m.-1 p.m.: lunch hours).

### KDI School Health Service Provides:

1. Medication: painkillers, digestive aid, anti-diarrhea/anti-constipation, nausea/vomiting, cold & cough relief, nasal inflammation, calamine lotion (itching and discomfort), muscle pain patches, burn treatment, eye drops, stomatitis treatment, etc.
2. Simple injury treatment or emergency treatment
3. Medication supply to dormitories
4. Recovery room
5. Prevention on epidemics
6. School events medical support
7. Health education

### Medical Facilities

1. First-aid kit
2. Hot-Cold pack
3. Digital scale for height/weight body mass index
4. Sphygmomanometer
5. Blood sugar analyzer
6. Digital thermometer

Ms. Min Gyeong Yang, part of the nursing staff of KDI School, offers over-the-counter medication, basic medical services and simple treatments for any health issue. Care is offered on a walk-in basis, so there is no need to make an appointment. The health care service also provides online counseling for specific medical advice or assistance via email. It is highly recommended for the international students to have an online counseling session with the nursing staff before visiting the hospital. You can also email the health care service with any questions you have regarding your health or check-up results (healthcare@kdis.ac.kr).

Since the weather has gotten cold, people tend to stay inside and become passive. If this inactive state maintained through winter, it could cause a decline in health. Ms. Yang provided four ways to stay healthy in winter.

#### ① Stretch frequently

It is helpful for the prevention of muscle pain and the promotion of digestion if you relax your muscles often. Also, stretching will help your resistance to stress.

#### ② Drink enough water

Drink more than 1.5L of water daily. It will help moisturize your skin and prevent respiratory disease.

#### ③ 30 minutes sunbathing every day

There are many people who will lack vitamin D. Sunbathing will not only play a significant role in your bones but will also lower your risk of cancer, prevent metabolic syndrome, and enhance the level of immunity.

#### ④ Ventilate interior every few hours

Hazy interior air reduces blood circulation, which can cause dry cough or colds. Ventilate rooms filled with fine dust and pollutants to prevent respiratory disease.



### Interview:

## CAMPUS Asia Program, Yusuke Kimura from GRIPS

Grace Eun Hye Choi (2015 MPP, Korea)

CAMPUS Asia is a dual-degree program where students can take classes and earn credits and/or an additional degree in Japan or China. Designed to promote cooperation among Northeast Asian universities, CAMPUS Asia allows our students to enjoy the rare experience of living and studying in the three Northeast Asian countries.

Mr. Yusuke Kimura is an exchange student from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Japan through CAMPUS Asia program. Mr. Kimura previously studied at KDI School's Seoul campus in 2014, and he came back to study at the Sejong campus. Please continue reading to find out why he decided to come back to KDI School!

Please tell me something about yourself and where you are from.

Hello, my name is Yusuke Kimura, and I belong to the Infrastructure Development Policy Program from GRIPS. I have worked in the New Business Development and Public Relations Department from the East Nippon Expressway Company. It is a state-owned company in Japan that constructs and operates highways.

I heard this is your second time at KDI School. What made you come back to KDI School?

Yes, I participated in the KDI School's summer program last year for only one month in Seoul. I wanted to study abroad even longer ever since, and I knew KDI School was a perfect opportunity when I heard that KDI School would be relocating to Sejong City.

How does KDI School differ from GRIPS?

GRIPS is divided into two programs: domestic and international programs. I am part of the domestic program, so all of my classes from GRIPS were taught in Japanese for Japanese students. In this regard, KDI School's environment is nothing like GRIPS. I believe that one of the biggest strengths of KDI School is the rich educational curriculum based on an international perspective and an international environment.



How do you like Korea and Sejong City?

Sejong is a newly built city and shows many changes that I can learn from. Parts of the transportation system, such as the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), road management (roundabout and traffic circle) and cycling lanes, are very interesting.

This is definitely something rarely seen in Japan, because the decision-making procedure would take a long time from the start. I love the national library in Sejong City and the environment for kids and the child care. I would love to move to Sejong and live with my family if I get a job here.

Why did you decide to study in Korea?

Korea successfully concluded its FTA negotiations with the United States and the European Union. The growing interest from South Korea to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership makes me want to learn about the FTA trend in Korea, as I believe that investment in roads and rail infrastructure is vital for a country's future growth.

What do you see yourself doing in the future?

In the future, I would like to pursue a career in exporting infrastructure, such as toll roads. I believe that my experiences at KDI School, including learning and having discussions in my classes and developing relationships with the international student community, will have a great impact on my future career.

# Student Report: Our Way of Spending Chuseok

Kilton Jose Luis Lauter Portugal (2014 MDP, Mozambique)



Chuseok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving Day, is one of the biggest holidays in Korea. To this day, it is held to celebrate the good harvest of the year. Family members from near and far get together to share food and stories and to hold a memorial service in honor of their ancestors. Since Chuseok falls on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar, it fell on September 27th this year.

"Chuseok is a big holiday because it has a special meaning for family reunion. It is a time for gathering and sharing," said Ms. Jaesoon Lee, Head of Student Affairs Division. To feel and share the spirit of Chuseok, every student living in KDI School dormitory shared special holiday food with each other. Students enjoyed a kind of Korean traditional rice cake called songpyeon and a sweet rice beverage called sikhye. Furthermore, to celebrate this big holiday, the Dormitory Assistants provided an unforgettable weekend for international students. On September 26th, they planned a cultural trip to the 2015 Baekje Cultural Festival held in Gongju and Buyeo.

Students spent all day attending the festival, enjoying the various events offered by the organizers. Students had a chance to participate in the Memorial Service for the Four Kings of Baekje, which commemorates the four kings who ruled during the golden age of the Baekje Dynasty. Students could deepen their knowledge and understanding of Korean culture as well. On September 27th, students had the opportunity to gather at Chunji Lounge and had a movie night, enjoying the movies provided.

Overall, the Chuseok holiday provided a good opportunity for all students to experience traditional Korean culture.



# Visit to Yuseong District, Daejeon Metropolitan City

Oluremilekun Akinyemi (2015 MDP, Nigeria)



The Yuseong local government in Daejeon City invited KDI School international students to a one-day field trip on October 16th. Min-Beom Park (2006 MPP, Korea), who is a Director of Education & Science at Yuseong District Office, put an effort to make this visit meaningful for current KDI School students. The students had an opportunity to learn about the district's political and research infrastructure. They were also able to experience the area's cultural history by visiting the Yuseong-gu District Office, the Yurim Park Chrysanthemum Festival, the



Yuseong Hot Spring Foot Bath Experience Plaza, the Geological Museum at the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources and the Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials.



Yuseong-gu became well known as a hub of science and technology since 1973 when the Daedeok Science Town was established. It is also famous for its 1,000-year-old hot spring, which

was designated as a special tourism district in 1994. Yuseong-gu has become an international destination for hot spring baths.

Yurim Park, situated in front of the Yuseong-gu Office, is a beautiful park with many flowers, themed sculptures and assortments of chrysanthemums in various designs. It has trees, pavilions, a multipurpose grass plaza and, of course, has a very bright, colorful flower garden. It is indeed a magnificent place of beauty.

The Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials was established in 1976. This institute became a pioneer in machinery technology as a state-funded research organization, part of the ongoing search for advanced technologies to develop.

The Geological Museum at the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources is the country's first and only museum dedicated to geology. The main hall is packed with fossils and other dinosaur-related items and exhibits about 2,000 specimens of minerals and rocks. It holds a large, 7-meter-wide globe and has dinosaur models of the tyrannosaurus and Maiasaura, as well as housing the Duwon meteorite, which is the only stony meteorite in Korea. In this museum, geological samples have been accumulated over the years through consistent research projects and the collection was established to promote understanding and support for the geological field.



# Alumni News



# 2015 KDI School Year-End Alumni Dinner

Sojeong Lisa Jeong (2015 MDP, Korea)



In addition, A member of the National Assembly Il-ho Yoo, former KDI School professor and former Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, also gave his congratulatory message. He wished KDI School's Continuous growth and prosperity.

Since this is the first year after moving the campus to Sejong, Professor Jinsoo Lee, Associate Dean for Planning and External Affairs, showed a short video to introduce the new campus. The representatives of the alumni previously visited the new campus on April for tree planting. They were happy to see pictures showing that the pine tree and apricot trees that they planted were growing well.

While having dinner, the alumni and professors were seated around the tables, which helped bring them closer to each other and allowed everyone in the table to join in on conversations. The dinner was enriched with a performance by "popera" singer Kyung Oh Lee. After dinner, two dance teams composed of KDI School students – Rising African Dancers and K-Square – performed on stage. Lastly, the organizers held a raffle draw with gifts that were generously donated by some alumni.

The annual event holds special meaning in that it helps to connect the past and present of KDI School. As the trees planted on the ground of the new campus grow year by year, the alumni network will be further strengthened by the efforts of each and every member.

KDI School Year-end Alumni Dinner was held on November 27th, 2015, at the Artrium Hall of the Seoul Millennium Hilton Hotel. An annual event, the dinner is designed to promote stronger unity and long-lasting relationships between the alumni and the School. Before the main session, the attendees were given about half an hour to mingle and socialize.

The event was presided over by Junsik Ha (2011 MPP/ED, Korea) and began with an opening speech from Chang Ouk Lee (2002 MBA, Korea), the President of KDI School Alumni Association. He urged attendees to make an effort to enhance the professional network, an initiative that requires the support of all alumni members.



Next, in his congratulatory address, Dean Hong Tack Chun emphasized that KDI school needs the alumni's active participation and consideration in order to reinforce the school's reputation as a prestigious, world-class graduate school. "Having received NASPAA accreditation for its MPP program last year, KDI School is proceeding to join the Global MDP Network," he noted.

## Year-End Alumni Dinner in Globe : Algeria, Bhutan, Brazil, China, Cote D'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Thailand



Algeria



Bhutan



Brazil



Cote D'Ivoire



China



Czech Republic



Sri Lanka



Thailand

## Second Designation Ceremony for Alumni Sponsorship House

### Honggranmiduk and Dukmanjae Guest Houses



On November 5th, 2015, Honggranmiduk and Dukmanjae Guest Houses became the second member of the Alumni Supporters Community. Plaque-giving ceremony was held to commemorate the occasion with Professor Jinsoo Lee, Associate Dean for Planning and External Affairs, Ms. Hye Jung Yang, Head of External Relations and Development Division, and other KDI School Alumni in Jeollabuk-do. They spent meaningful time together to celebrate the opening.

As Honggranmiduk and Dukmanjae Guest Houses are operated by Mr. Jae-Duk Choi (2002 MBA, Korea), he hoped that this Sponsorship Ceremony could be a great chance to strengthen the alumni network outside the School and prove strong ties amongst the members. He also suggested that he would provide special offers to KDI School alumni visiting both Honggranmiduk and Dukmanjae Guest Houses. If KDI School alumni have a chance to stay at either Honggranmiduk or Dukmanjae in the future, they will be eligible to receive a fifty percent discount on weekdays and a twenty to thirty percent discount on Sunday or holiday at the regular room rates.

Since Honggranmiduk and Dukmanjae Guest Houses are both located in the center of the Jeonju Hanok Village, which is one of the most popular attractions for locals as well as international visitors to Korea, guests will have great opportunity to feel and enjoy the beauty of Korean traditional houses. All visitors will be able to experience the environmentally friendly aspects of traditional Korean houses with an understanding of cultural and historical values.



## Special Lectures on Career Development

Sojeong Lisa Jeong (2015 MDP, Korea)



**"Stop the Clock and Look at the Compass"**  
Mentor: Seung-oh Park, LG Electronics

Starting off the Fall Semester, the seventh career development lecture was held on September 17th, 2015. The lecturer was Mr. Seung-oh Park, who is a manager of the Leadership Development Team at the Learning Center of LG Electronics. In a lecture titled "Stop the Clock and Look at the Compass," he guided the students to discover themselves by asking questions about what they want to do and why. It was an interactive lecture which led to high student participation.



**"Understanding ODA Projects"**  
Mentor: Sung-il Son, KOICA

On October 6th, 2015, Mr. Sung-il Son, a former team manager of the ODA (Official Development Assistance) Education Center of KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) gave the eighth career development lecture to students. About 30 students who are interested in ODA projects, especially those of KOICA, attended the lecture. The lecturer first asked the students to reconsider the definition of development and raised some controversial issues related to ODA. In the latter half, he gave some practical advices based on his own experiences in the organization, which the students found very useful.



**"Strategies for Entering ODA Implementing Agencies, Focusing on KOICA"**  
Mentor: Sung-jin Lee, KOICA (2011 MPP/ED)

On October 22nd, 2015, Mr. Sung-jin Lee, who works in the Planning and Coordination Team at KOICA, visited KDI School to give the ninth career development lecture, titled "Strategies for Entering ODA Implementing Agencies, Focusing on KOICA." He began his lecture by explaining the major trends in international and domestic development cooperation. Then, he briefly introduced the history and ongoing projects of KOICA. Finally, he discussed the career path to working in the field of ODA and suggested various different ways to get involved, including working in central or local government ministries, national research institutes, national or international NGOs, or consulting companies.



Ministry of Environment



Cambodia



Chile



Ethiopia



Romania

## Global Alumni Gatherings

Many alumni across the globe gathered together this fall/winter season to celebrate their ties with KDI School. International alumni from Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Ethiopia, Mexico, Romania, Uganda, and the United States (New York and Washington D.C.) as well as Korean alumni from the Ministry of Environment and Jeollabuk-do got together for a merry time of eating, drinking, and sharing stories from their school days and beyond.



Mexico



Uganda



Jeollabuk-do region



United States (New York)



United States (Washington D.C.)

## Meeting Alumni in London

Professor Jong-Il You



It was a small gathering. Hyunjoo Kim from Student Affairs and I, while in London for the 2015 IFRS program, scheduled a meeting with KDI School alumni residing in the area. Only two alumni, Anna Kristina Pettersson, originally from Sweden, and Muhammad Ali Theyab Al-Ageeli, originally from Iraq, were able to come. We chatted for almost two hours over a modest dinner and some beer at a pub near the Korean Embassy. Although there were altogether ten alumni residing in London, most of them could not make it because of the short notice. Nonetheless, the meeting was very valuable as it revealed quite a lot about what KDI School meant for some of our alumni. I was pleasantly surprised.

First are the stories Anna related to us. After finishing her MBA in 2005, she had gone to Bangladesh to assist Professor Stan Sakai in setting up his financial operations. This led to her working also in Singapore, and eventually in London, where she has been with Brummer & Partners for four years. Anna told me that her entire professional career had depended on the education and connections provided her by KDI School. In addition, she was happy to tell us, KDI School had provided her with treasured friendships. Amazingly, she has been meeting up with Madeline Cordero from Costa Rica somewhere in the world, that is, all over the world, at least once a year since they left KDI School. She also talked about a recent meeting with Hyun-Ji Lee from her class, who is now working for the World Food Program of the United Nations.

The KDI School connection was certainly no less important for Muhammad, who was in the GLP (Global Leadership program) for Iraqi officials in 2007, given that he found his life partner among his classmates. Actually, Sarah Yousif Yahya was on the list of alumni who had promised to come to the meeting, but I had absolutely no idea that Muhammad and Sarah were a couple. Muhammad told us that Sarah hadn't been able to come because she was busy with their three children, including a five-month-old baby. He has been doing his Ph. D. studies in petroleum engineering in London for three years. He is expecting to finish his dissertation on inhibiting wax formation within the pipelines that go through cold seawaters by next year.

Anna and Muhammad were curious about what has happened to KDI School after they left, including the closing of the MBA program and the relocation to Sejong City. Apparently, they were keeping up with at least the most important parts of school news. We also discussed ways to help the alumni stay in touch with each other and KDI School more easily through social media as well as off-line gatherings. Anna and Muhammad promised to initiate a meeting of the London-based alumni sooner or later. By this time, Hyunjoo and I, still suffering from jet lag, were quite exhausted after a long day that had included visits to the Bank of England and the British Museum, among others. Reluctantly, we said good-bye and parted with our friends.



## How KDI School Has Influenced My Life and Career

### 2015 International Alumni Essay Contest

KDI School holds an annual international Alumni Essay Contest to provide alumni with an opportunity to present and share their stories of success in their respective fields after graduation. This year's contest was rather special because the largest ever number of participants applied. Out of seventy-four essays that were turned in, six essays were awarded with a prize. All entries were evaluated according to specific guidelines set by KDI School. As previously announced, the winners of the contest will be invited to the 2015 commencement and G20 Global Leadership Workshop on Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) Best Practices, which will be held December 14th-18th, 2015. To those who did not receive an award, KDI School sent small gifts as an expression of gratitude for their participation.

The winners of the 2015 Alumni Essay Contest, with short summaries of their essays, are as follows:



1st Place: Yanti Marlina (2010 MPP/PM, Indonesia)

The background of my education is in the field of land transportation... After completing my education at KDI School, I got a scholarship from the Netherlands Government for Post Graduate Diploma Program in Urban Planning and Management in 2011... KDI School has helped me to enrich my understanding and the point of view towards a certain problem not only from technical but also from social or economic aspects... I worked for the central government whose primary tasks are formulating policy by providing guidelines related to land transportation for local governments... Afterward, in 2012, I got a promotion to another sub-division with the tasks of formulating policies regarding vehicle periodical testing and its approval... I was responsible for compiling data base, formulating technical guidelines, joining and preparing material for international meeting related to ASEAN and Asia Pacific level... In Indonesia, we adopt a decentralized government for the field of land transport. Thus, the Ministry of Transportation serves as the central government so it has responsibilities for giving instructions, directions, policies, and guidelines on land transportation... Our organization is also working with the Government of Korea, KOTI - Korea Transport Institute. Every year, we have a program to do a seminar related to vehicle periodical testing in cooperation with KOTI... Early 2015, I got a promotion in inland waterways transport division... I handle tasks related to the safety of inland waterways, determining inland waterways class, dredging river and lake... I think Jakarta also needs another policy package that has to be applied simultaneously to create a good transportation system just as what Seoul city already did in the past... Recently, I got offers to become an auditor at the Ministry of Transport and to become lecturer at the Graduate School of Land Transport beginning next semester in 2016...

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2nd Place: Tomas Antonio Guardia (2014 MPP, Panama)

I completed the coursework for the MPP program at KDI School in December 2014 and went back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Panama... Many opportunities opened up for me at MOFA, taking into account the academic experience in such prestigious institute of South Korea. Once back in Panama in January, I was assigned as an advisor to the General Directorate of Multilateral Affairs... I presented my contributions to the ongoing process of the Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs to reform the national law that organizes MOFA and the diplomatic career... In the month of March 2015, after a brief meeting with the President, I was appointed by him as an ambassador of Panama to the Arab Republic of Egypt... I have recently been appointed as permanent observer to the African Union and will present my credentials to the chairperson of the AU... Experiences in KDI School helped me to learn more of Arab culture and of Islam, through my friends of the Muslim Community group... I have encouraged my colleagues at the International Cooperation Directorate General of MOFA to promote the enrollment of Panamanian officials to the academic programs of KDI School...



2nd Place: Bashdar Hamza Jalal (2010 MPP/PM, Iraq)

The story of my achievements was started when I was in the way back from library to my university... I saw a convoy of the Republic of Korean (ROK) Army that passed through the city with a motto "We are Friends" in the late noon of September 2004... I would like to shed a light on the most important point that the school taught us that education is considered as the most important thing to change people and develop society... After graduation from KDI School... I directly started work at the Kurdistan Regional Government's (KRG) Department of Foreign Relations (DFR) as a researcher... I had been a candidate to work with Korea Water Resource Corporation (K-water) which was sponsored by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to implement and develop an hydropower project in Iraqi Kurdistan... Thereafter, I was selected among sixty government employees to represent Iraq in the 21st Diplomatic Course at Foreign Service Academy in Pakistan... Again, I also had been selected to represent DFR in a very significant international relationship course at the Corvinus University of Budapest to represent KRG... It is necessary to be mentioned that I run and organized several sessions and press conferences for the world leaders and ministers as well as embassies and foreign consulates...



3rd Place: Khalilullah Totakhail (2013 MPP, Afghanistan)

The education at KDI School has been highly rewarding both in my professional and personal lives... I got the promotion from Human Resources Deputy Team leader in United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to the operations manager of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)... The attainment of degree with KDI not only enabled me to get promotion within UN system but also enabled me to attain the outstanding performance...



3rd Place: Victor Guillermo Quijano (2005 MPP, El Salvador)

I was promoted to a rehabilitation officer in one of the ministry's biggest centers of youth with disabilities in vocational skills... I am also the Ugandan KDI alumni representative and my role among others is to maintain a data base of alumni contacts, organize alumni gatherings, and encourage alumni to keep in touch... Furthermore, I was nominated to the important person on the HIV/AIDS committee in the ministry to represent my department...



3rd Place: Sopheana Bronh (2013 MPP, Cambodia)

The SRP guided by Professor Kun-Ho Lee was greatly helpful to study many methodologies for credit risks... In my new job, I solved issues that were not typical to El Salvador market... Many of these topics were not really new for me since I studied at KDI School... With my team, I created the first regulation of Corporate Governance in the Central American Region for Banks, Insurance Companies and even Cooperative Banks. We created an index that is used internally to reflect the development of issues created by company and industry...



# ALUMNI NEWS UPDATES

## Jong Ho Yun

(2000 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Jong Ho Yun was promoted to Director of the Marine Development Division in the Marine Policy Office of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries.

## Eun-Hee Hyun

(2005 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Eun-hee Hyun was promoted to Director General of the Planning and Management Office of the National Assembly Library.

## Tae-Ik Kim

(2006 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Tae-Ik Kim was promoted to Policy Planning Officer in the Creative Economy Bureau of Daegu Metropolitan City.

## Hong-Jig Lee

(2009 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Hong-jig Lee was promoted to Head of the Research Department at the Bank of Korea.

## Myung Soon Lee

(2004 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Myung Soon Lee was promoted to Director of the Financial & Corporate Restructuring Policy Bureau of the Financial Services Commission.

## Tae-Jin Jo

(2005 MFDI, Republic of Korea)



Tae-jin Jo was promoted to Senior Vice President at Deloitte Anjin LLC.

## Seong-Hyeon Kim

(2008 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Seong-Hyeon Kim was promoted to Head of the Executive Office for Development and Settlement of Sejong City in the Office for Government Policy Coordination.

## Mi Hyang Park

(2003 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Mi Hyang Park was promoted to Director General of the Information Center at the National Assembly Library.

## Mikyung Song

(2011 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Mikyung Song was promoted to Secretary of the Information Center at the National Assembly Library.

## Yisehak Teka Nibere

(2014 MDP, Ethiopia)



Yisehak Teka Nibere was promoted to Head of the Operation and Market Risk Management Division at Dashen Bank S. C. in Ethiopia.

## Yongho Cha (2007 MFDI, Republic of Korea)



Yongho Cha published a book entitled Immigration Policy of Korea (2015).



## Indre Bimbiryte (2010 MPP/PM, Lithuania), Byungjun Yun (2010 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Indre Bimbiryte and Byungjun Yun got married in Korea. They held a traditional Korean wedding ceremony.

## Hacene Mendjour

(2013 MPP, Algeria)



Hacene Mendjour was promoted to Deputy Director at the Algerian Ministry of Culture.

## Yoon Han Jung

(2010 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Yoon Han Jung was promoted to Director General of the Safety Audit and Inspection Bureau at the Ministry of Public Safety and Security.

## Brian Dzidefo Dzansi (2014 MDP, Ghana)

Brian Dzansi was selected with his team eSAVE as the Judges' Choice Winner and Popular Choice Winner in the Urban Energy Efficiency Challenge organized by the MIT Climate CoLab. He also pitched at the Negawatt Finals organized by the World Bank at the Smart City Expo in Barcelona, Spain.



## Marcelo Giovanni Delgado Samayoa (2009 MPP, Guatemala), Heejung Kim (2009 MPP, Republic of Korea)



Marcelo Delgado and Heejung Kim had their first baby, born in Korea on October 3. Her name is Yubeen Emma Delgado Kim.



# School Updates



## NEW FACULTY INTRODUCTIONS



### Professor Hyungpyo Moon

Immediately after earning his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Moon joined KDI in 1989. Since then, over a period spanning twenty-five years, he has filled the posts of research fellow, senior fellow and chief economist at KDI (2013). Upon his departure from KDI in November 2013, he was appointed Minister of Health and Welfare, a position he held until August 2015. During an academic career of more than twenty years at KDI, he has written on numerous socio-economic issues, including tax and fiscal policy, social welfare policy, income distribution, population aging, and the pension system

in Korea. His recent publications include, among others, "A Comprehensive Study on Constructing an Old-age Income Security System in Korea (2007-2008)" and "Socio-Economic Impacts of Population Ageing and Policy Issues (2004-2006)." These studies were selected consecutively as Best Research by the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as KDI Report of the Year. He would like to continue his research on social issues such as population aging and pension reform, the most serious challenges facing Korean society in the near future.

## FACULTY UPDATES



### Professor Wook Sohn

Professor Wook Sohn's paper titled "Policy Implication from the Analysis of the Knowledge Sharing Program Policy Consultation" was accepted for publication by the Journal of the Korean Economic Studies. He also edited a KDI book, "International Development Cooperation Agencies and Their Best Practices: Implications for Knowledge Sharing Programs." Research associates at the Center for International Development at KDI worked together with the professor on both publications.



### Professor Kye Woo Lee

Professor Kye Woo Lee has recently published the following research results: (a) "Real-Time Impact Evaluation of a Capacity-Building Health Project in Lao PDR," KDI Journal of Economic Policy, 2015(4); (b) "Effectiveness of a Korean Microfinance Program: the Saemaul Credit Cooperative Movement in the 1960s and 1970s," International Development and Cooperation Review, 2015(2). In November, Professor Lee also presented another research paper at an ADB workshop in Tokyo on small and medium-sized enterprises; the paper will be published as an ADB publication in the near future.

## STAFF UPDATES



### Yongsu Jang

Hello, I am Yongsu Jang in the K-developedia Team. I am glad to participate in accomplishing KDI School's valuable mission.



### Chee-geun Kwon

I am glad to work at KDI School Data Unit II. If you have a problem with your computer or laptop, please visit our team. I will do my best to help you.



### Gwanghwi Lee

Hello, I am Gwanghwi Lee from Budget and Accounting Division. My job is to make sure everyone gets paid. There is a lot I have yet to learn. I hope I can help you and bring you happiness. I love you all.



### Haekyoung Park

I am very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to work in K-Developedia Team at KDI School. I am looking forward to making good memories here.



### Jieun Song

Hello, I am Jieun Song from Academic Affairs Division. I am deeply honored to belong to KDI School as a staff. In this new place, I would like to do my best and contribute to KDI School. Thank you.



### Ga-Young Jin

I am honored to be a member of KDI School. I am truly delighted to work with my excellent colleagues. I love my job and I will do my best to be a valuable part of KDI School. Thank you!



### Sanghyeok Kim

Hello, I am very happy to work at KDI School library. I am excited to gain new experiences. I look forward to getting to know more people at KDI School and make delightful memories. Thank you.



### Yongjin Lee

Hello everyone! My name is Yongjin Lee and I am a new member of the library team. I am delighted to be part of KDI School staff, and to serve the community.



### Jiyoung Ryu

I am very happy to be a part of the Capacity Building Center at KDI School. I am excited for this new experience. I look forward to making good memories here.



### Minjung Yoon

Hello my name is Minjung Yoon at Admissions Office. I am excited to be here in a new place with wonderful people. I will do my best to support all faculty members and all students.

# We Shape The Globe : Comments from Student Reporters



**Oluremilokun Akinyemi (2015 MDP, Nigeria)**

From spring to summer and now winter—time really does fly! It has been a great opportunity being here at KDI School with exceptional professors, staff, colleagues and friends—I call it the best support system ever. It's time to move on to great things which the time here has built a foundation for. It was a pleasure working with *The Globe* and I will always remember my time here.



**Sojeong Lisa Jeong (2015 MDP, Korea)**

When I first settled in Sejong, what caught my eyes in the central library was *The Globe*. Since then, I have been a reporter for about a year until now. At this time of the year, we have to be ready for saying good bye to our dear colleagues. Although nowadays people are more used to get news and information online, I hope you remind your beautiful memories at KDI School with our newsletter wherever you are.



**Shokhrukh Normurodovich Avazov (2014 MDP, Uzbekistan)**

Being a reporter for *The Globe*, I had more chances to be involved in KDI School's activities and gain more opportunities to improve my writing skills. In addition, I was able to get a better look at different programs and activities organized by the School. Hence, I am proud to be part of *The Globe* which tries to keep KDI School's history through its publications.



**Grace Eun Hye Choi (2015 MPP, Korea)**

*The Globe* was a platform to meet new people and build a valuable relationship with people I couldn't have imagined being friends with in the past. I was able to listen to their stories, share and create new ones with them. I was able to learn from the experiences of others.



**Kilton Jose Luis Lauter Portugal (2014 MDP, Mozambique)**

I like the challenge of uncovering information that has never been reported and presenting it in such a way that readers will be able to understand and appreciate its value. Working with *The Globe* has provided me with the opportunity to meet and talk to people from diverse backgrounds, which has made for both an enriching and immensely varied experience. One of the most interesting things that often occurred as a reporter was chasing people for answers, which proved to be very confusing at times. My time with *The Globe* has also increased my patience, persistence and politeness, as well as my interviewing skills and timing.



## K-Developedia wishes Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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