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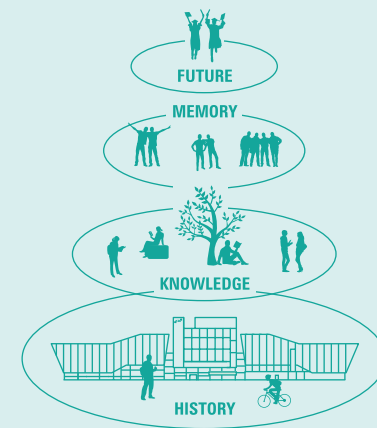
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2021**

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Making Memories

Making KDI School Together



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Greetings to the KDI School Family!

As we approach the end of 2021 and continue to navigate the disruptions and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, I'd like to take a moment to express my gratitude for how our community has been responding, and to reflect on how our decision-making has been guided during this challenging time.

Things both this year and last have certainly changed how we experience school life; 2022, no doubt, will also bring new changes and challenges. As teachers, students, and administrators, we now have a new, better understanding of how to teach, learn, and administer as we go about daily life in an educational institution. As the Dean of KDI School, I want you to know that KDI School has spared no effort in trying not just to replicate our traditional experience, but in fact, to optimize procedure to ensure even greater effectiveness, while still ensuring the safety of every member of our community. In this way, the pandemic has been an opportunity for innovation.

I truly appreciate the hard work and ingenuity of our faculty and staff across the last two years. They have worked tirelessly to develop and implement ways to support our students and help sustain their academic progress. And I'd also like to thank our students for being flexible and patient under such stressful circumstances; I know that studying during the pandemic has been challenging in so many ways. Furthermore, I am grateful to our alumni, who have continuously been asking what they can do to help and support throughout.

The core values of KDI School are leadership and solidarity – precisely what is most required to cope with the demands of the pandemic and meet the challenges of our time. In addition to the ongoing emergence of variants in COVID-19, we are presented by pressing challenges on so many other fronts – environmental, economic, and social, so leaders must have a vision for a transition toward a better world. Leaders must also set examples and make necessary sacrifices to overcome difficulties encountered along the path of transition - a path that is seldom smooth and may present numerous obstacles or setbacks. I expect KDI School graduates to become such leaders. Solidarity is at the very heart and soul of KDI School. We come from all corners of the earth to share our knowledge, experience and dreams. Inspired by Korea's remarkable struggles to overcome adversities and achieve unprecedented economic development and social progress, we study and research ways to promote inclusive and sustainable development all around the world.

My dearest students! Keep the ideals of leadership and solidarity in your heart, and become proud members of our influential worldwide network of alumni. I look forward to seeing you again on the world stage. Wherever you find yourself in the world, know that all of us at KDI School will always do our best to support you and cheer for your success. Let's get through these days by working together, looking out for one another and lifting each other up. I am proud to be your dean!

Jong-Il You

Dean, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

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2021 International students are from



02 KDI School welcomes the 1st students ever to come from



Eswatini



Angola

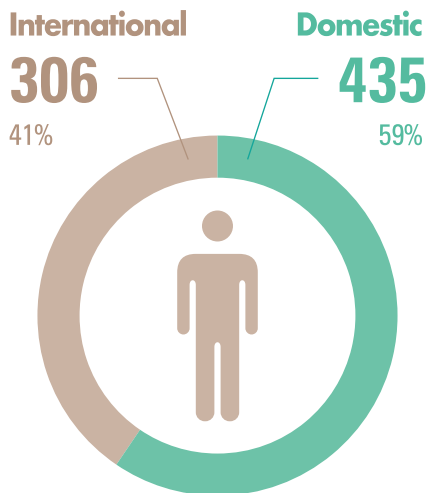
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Rwanda was the country with the most applicants in the 2021 academic year

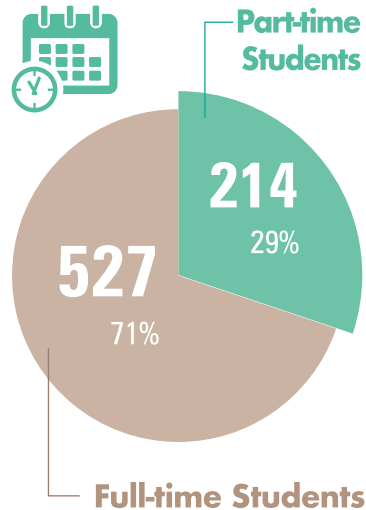


Rwanda

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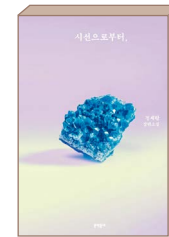
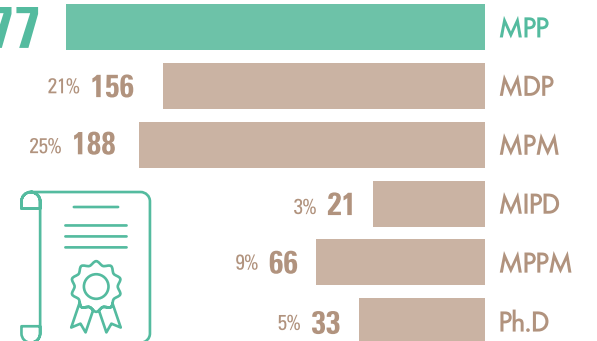
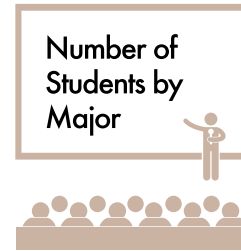


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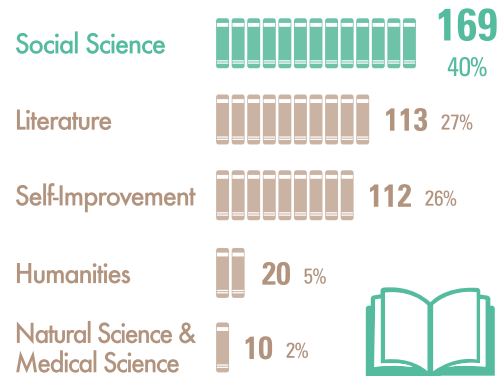
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is the most borrowed book this year

08 Preferred Book Genre among KDIS Community



09 7 Alumni associations newly established in 2021



Australia



Cameroon



Kazakhstan



Madagascar



Russia



Sierra Leone



Zimbabwe



10 95% of students get vaccinated for COVID-19 in 2021

3,500

KDIS community members have visited KDIS Health Care Center in 2021

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Dean Jong-Il You Reappointed for Second Term

With characteristic modesty, Dean You says he has not achieved enough to deserve a second term. Thus, he considers his reappointment as a second chance. However, many people think differently. They think that Prof You has made progress in the right direction, considering the challenges posed by COVID-19.

KDI School's community wishes Dean You another successful term, and we hope he continues to lead KDI School forward as a global trailblazer.



Two Years of COVID-19: Zero Confirmed Cases at KDIS



KDI School has achieved zero confirmed cases since the onset of COVID-19 thanks to various adaptive measures deployed to protect our community.

To maintain a high quality of education, course and modes of delivery have been modified and cutting-edge technology installed to suit online/hybrid classes. Also, besides ensuring the use of masks and frequent hand sanitizing, communal facilities were restructured to accommodate physical distancing, and frequently-touched surfaces are protected with antiviral covering.

Thank you to every member of the KDI School Family for contributing to this great success!

KDIS Goes “PURE” to Save Earth

Mitigating the worst effects of global environmental damage and working towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals are not impossible tasks. They only require a measure of sacrifice from everyone – a collective effort. This involves making responsible choices about sustainable consumption and our use of resources, but while many talk the talk, at KDI School, we lead by walking the walk.

As part of our commitment to being the cutting edge that drives change, KDI School launched its “PURE (Precycling-Upcycling-Recycling-Education for Earth)” campaign to encourage environmental protection, starting with the establishment of the Basic Plan for Environmental Management from 2021 to 2022.

To promote Precycling, we have stopped using single-use water plastic bottles in our school. Instead, we opt for more environmental-friendly, recyclable bottles. Also, our café (Café Vobiscum) has launched “Zero Disposable Cups” and community members are now accustomed to bringing their personal reusable cups.



For Upcycling, we transform collected COVID-19 waste masks into furniture after sanitization. We are also working with partner organizations to activate the endowment of school supplies in order to extend their useful lives.

In favor of Recycling, KDIS has decided to prioritize the purchase of eco-labeled products first through Environment Preferable Purchasing (EPP), use eco-friendly business cards made from recycled paper, and expand renewable energy generation on campus.

To raise sustained awareness within the KDIS community, we introduced a 10-day challenge where students, faculty, and staff engaged in activities towards caring for the environment. This article also serves to Educate our audience.

KDI School community is pioneering the challenge to care for the earth by giving up convenience. Global change begins with you, so join us!

Curriculum Innovation for a New Era



In alignment with the “Digital New Deal” proposed by Dean You, KDIS has launched Data Science as a new major in public policy. The Learning and Innovation Center has also been established to inspire excellence and innovation in teaching, learning, and Edu-Technology at KDI School. We hope that ongoing innovation will help cultivate and equip global leaders ready to meet the challenge of working in the era of Industry 4.0.

The Annual Song and Dance Festival is Back!!



Hurray!! The Song and Dance Festival, where we have celebrated the diversity of KDIS since 2013, resumed this year as we transition into the era of “Living with COVID-19”. This 2021 edition featured the KDIS Fashion Runway with a display of magnificent attires from diverse nations and cultures.

Watch the e-Globe



KDIS is known for its dynamism and readiness to change. In this fashion, the KDIS Newsletter, formerly known as “The e-Globe” for the past 20 years, has been digitally transformed into a video format called “Watch the e-Globe.” We hope to keep you abreast of the latest news about our community in diverse and innovative forms that meet your needs.



KDI School Recognized for Excellence

In recognition of KDI School’s high level of international capacity, the school has received the International Education Quality Assurance System (IEQA) Award of Excellence. KDIS also bagged the 2020 Best University Library Award. This will not come as a surprise to anyone who has been to KDIS’s world-class library.

COVID-19 & Dynamic Online Innovations

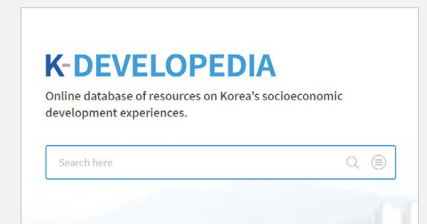


Many wonder how KDI School remains resilient in the face of shocks. The secret is our dynamism and innovative strategies. To mitigate the impact of the pandemic, we went online and modified our activities to promote interaction and simulate reality as much as possible. We held diverse events online including membership training, completion ceremony, and online sports day. Yes! Online sports day. It was super exciting!



KDI School Hosts the 2021 Sejong Public Policy Forum

KDI School held ‘Sejong Public Policy Forum’ this year. In each session, diverse policy agendas and issues were presented by government officials. The forum will continue to be held next year as well.



Come and Discover New K-Developedia

K-Developedia website which was launched by KDIS in 2012 was renovated this February: the site design and its logo have been changed. What’s more, the integrated search services and categories provide login users with much more accessibility to Korea’s development experiences.

Find Your Personal Campus

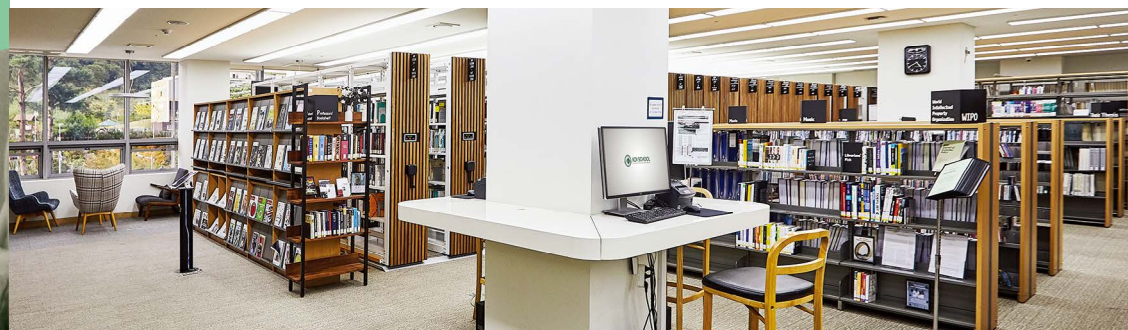
KDI School's up-to-date and well-designed COVID safe facilities offer choice, flexibility, and convenience

The KDI School's facilities offer students choice, flexibility, and convenience. Let's take a look at some of these facilities and the ways in which you can find your own personal campus.



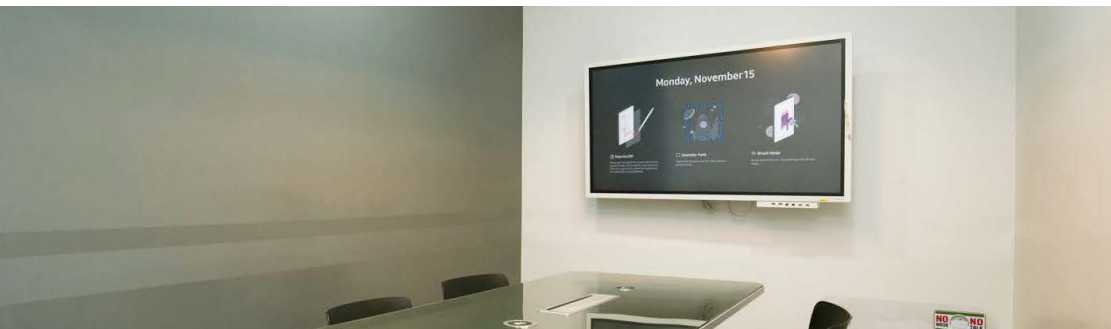
Lecture Rooms

Among the incredible facilities KDI School has, the lecture rooms are top tier facilities providing faculty and students a holistic learning experience and pleasant atmosphere. Checking in before class and selecting your seat through the e-attendance machines located outside the rooms allows for a seamless start to classes. In addition, the lecture rooms also allow for students to join remotely without interruption and interact with lecturers with clarity and ease through easy-to-use technology. The best part? The lecture rooms are strategically placed to have views of the greenery in Sejong, and if not, you will find at least one or two plants giving the learning environment a more serene outdoor feeling. So, pick your favourite seat and enjoy the view - but don't get too distracted!



KDIS Central Library

One of KDIS's award-winning facilities, the Central Library located on the third floor has various options for seating - from the 32-seater smart tables, which have an incredible view of nature and the highway, to the 21-seater IT room; they allow for students to continue their learning outside the classroom conveniently. Moreover, the 54 personal reading rooms or 12-seater learning rooms, which have LCDs and comfortable seating, permit for variety in choosing an area that increases your productivity and suits your personal study habits or mood. With a supporting online app and website, the Library allows for ease of use when reserving a seat, booking where you would like to sit, or accessing online and offline material at your convenience.



Group Study Rooms

Got a group assignment to work on? Want to collaborate with classmates? Then book one of the group study rooms! The KDI Central Library offers various study spaces; however, the group study rooms located on the fourth floor allow for an all-in-one learning space with other students and staff. These rooms, which can seat from 2 to 6 people, can be used for group meetings or study sessions. They have adjustable tables and LCD screens that allow for an enhanced collaborative experience. The five rooms offered can be reserved on the KDI Central Library app for up to two hours ensuring that all can benefit from these team-building spaces. Through the app, the KDI community can also conveniently check the availability of any of the rooms. Get ready to share those great ideas for your group project or solve a tricky policy problem together!



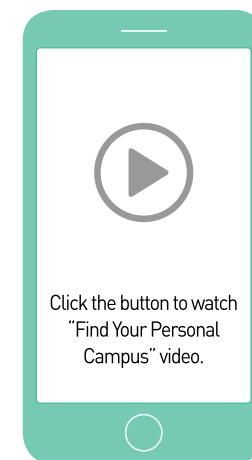
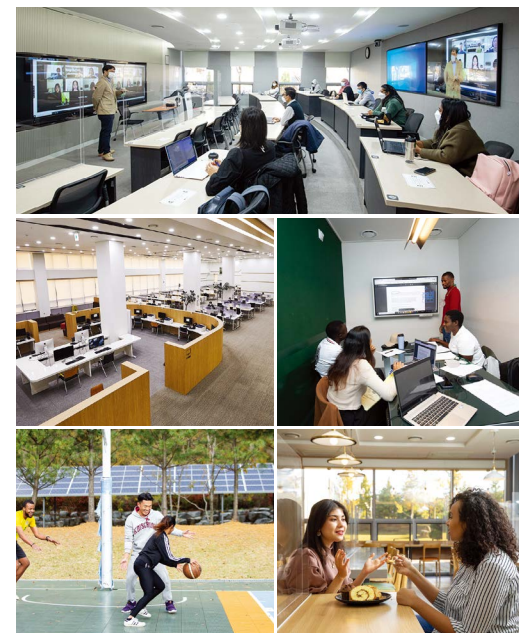
Food for Thought Lounge

For the foodies, the Food for Thought Lounge is an amazing cafeteria offering both affordable, wholesome lunch and dinner meals for the KDI community. Through the amazing contactless kiosk system located at the entrance of the Lounge, you can recharge your ID card and purchase your meals with ease. The menu, which changes daily, can be seen posted on the entry way of the Lounge and through the school every week. The approachable and friendly staff ensure you have all you need for a relaxed self-service dine in experience or you can opt for a takeaway. However, I wouldn't rush to leave, the ambience and safe environment accounting for COVID-19 make it a wonderful place for well-earned respite from your busy schedule. Why not treat yourself to a tasty snack or filling meal?

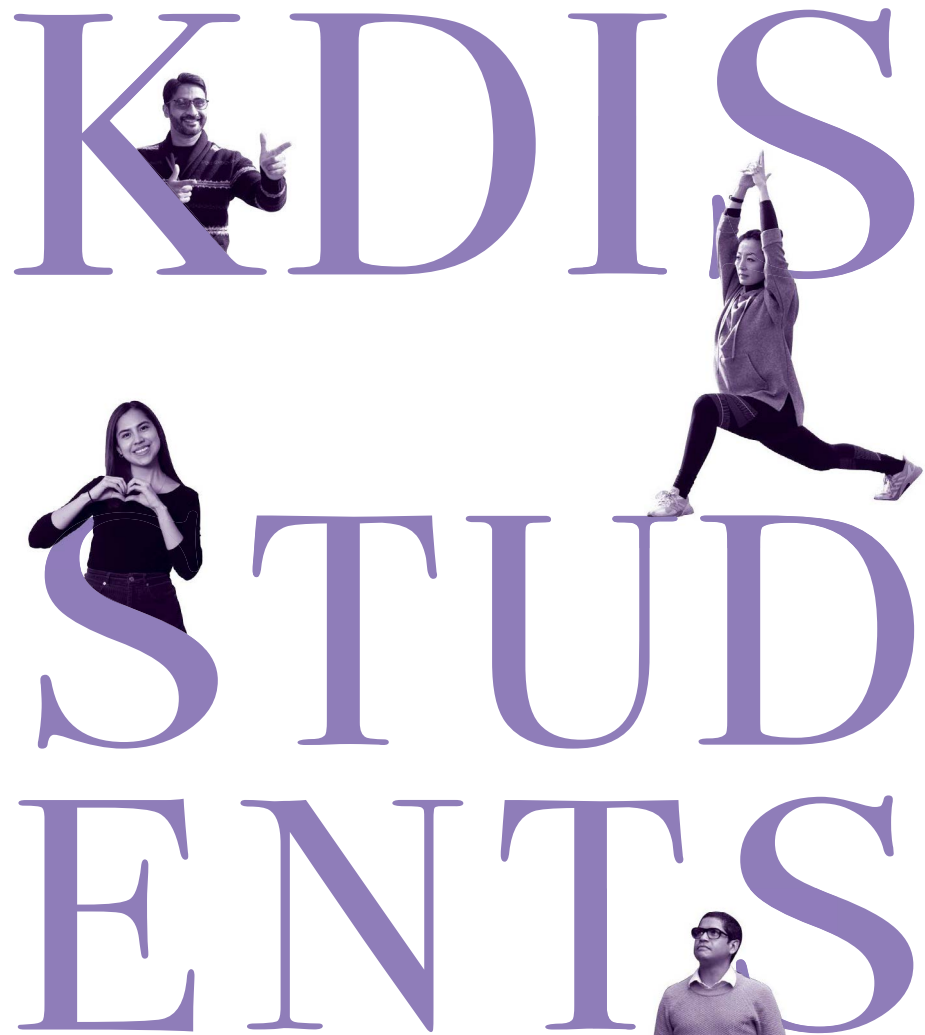


Sports Ground

While our day-to-day work matters, physical exercise is catered for at KDI School through the multi-functional sports facility adjacent to the school campus. From a soccer field, baseball amenities, and track turf surrounding the soccer pitch, to basketball and tennis courts, students have a variety of options for activities they can enjoy. The sports grounds have a shed containing a variety of equipment like nets, balls, and kits, which are available for use during the day. Whether you're taking part in highly-competitive soccer games or simply taking leisurely strolls with friends or family, take the time from your studies to enjoy this amazing, versatile downtime facility.



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Hands-On Learning Together

In view of offering students a quality education, KDI School organizes both field trips and events that bring closer practical realities and experiences as future policy makers while also bringing students closer to the history and culture of the Korean people to ease integration.



The K-water summer field trip for international students was organized by the Korea Water Resource Corporation (K-water) on June 23 and July 25, 2021, to the benefit of some 60 students at KDIS. This event was scheduled in two sessions, one at K-water and the other at Daecheong dam, which is a multipurpose dam. The events focused on introducing students to

the Korean water industry supply program, water resource management, treatment, electron microscope laboratory, Daecheong dam and other machinery. The objective being to expose and acquaint students to an existing best practice in terms of a water system their countries can emulate and replicate through public private partnerships.



On July 2 and July 16, 2021, some KDIS students visited Jeonju Hanok Village, one of Korea's historical and traditional sites constituting over 700 Hanoks - traditional Korean houses. A guided tour to Gyeonggijeon and Hyanggyo gave a special touch to this trip as participants were fortunate to see the Gyeonggijeon shrine constructed in 1410 by King Tae-jo, father of the Joseon dynasty. They also experienced Korea's

traditional hanbok attire and other traditional arts and crafts. Visiting the long-lasting Jeonju Hyanggyo (Confucian School), erected in 1354 during King Kongmin's reign, was a unique moment. Not only did students gain knowledge of the fundamentals of Korean academic culture that lies on moral standards and hard work, they also came across one of Asia's oldest preserved edifices that earned UNESCO recognition.



Although as students we typically wrestle with thorny policy problems and tricky quantitative methods, it was nice to take a break and explore K-Culture through a series of hands-on craft activities; during the Korean Culture Craft event held on October 15, 2021 via Zoom, participants were provided with craft materials and shown how to make a range of traditional,

colorful Korea items – ranging from kites and plates to dolls, among other items. The event was an opportunity to relax and get crafty, and participants were offered souvenirs, including craft kits, a map of the Korean Peninsula, and a language handbook. It was a lot of fun and a chance to learn more about Korea.

New Neighbors, New Neighborhood

2021 KDI Students Chat and Compare Their Home Countries with Korea

It is no news that KDI School attracts students from various parts of the world, and it is normal to experience cultural shock within a few months of arrival in Korea. However, among the vast differences in culture, norms, and level of development, there exists some similarities. Here, four KDIS students share their experiences of culture shock and discuss what makes Korea both different from home and familiar.



Aminath Azba Adil
2021 MPM
Maldives



Syed Hasan Raza
2021 MDP
Pakistan



Alister Memory Kambamura
2021 MDP
Zimbabwe



Mohd Rafee Mohamad
2021 MIPD
Malaysia

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AZBA

Hello everyone.
What are you guys up-to?

RAFEE

But, in my country all these places are full of attendants - around 5 to 10 staff members and no self-service counter, unlike Korea. In this country, just 2 or 3 members of staff in one-time operation and most of the customers use the self-service machine.

HASAN

I'm out of the dorm shopping for weekly groceries.

ALISTER

In Zimbabwe, we do not have all those shops. Only similar restaurants like KFC.

RAFEE

Yeah, me too.

RAFEE

Sejong City is very similar to Putrajaya, Malaysia. Do you know why?

ALISTER

Oh, you have time for that? I am busy with midterms.

RAFEE

Because when South Korea wanted to build Sejong-si, they took Putrajaya, Malaysia as a reference.

AZBA

Exactly! I can't imagine going to Dajeong-dong for groceries right now.

HASAN

I don't think there are many similarities between Pakistan and Korea - the two countries are poles apart. The difference is clear between developing and developed countries.

HASAN

Yeah, our schedules are quite tight, but we have to survive.

RAFEE

The most impressive thing for me in Korea is the use of technology, starting from the internet bandwidth.

RAFEE

Dajeong-dong? No way! I am at emart24.

ALISTER

As far as the culture is concerned, I think Asian societies share common values in respecting elders and giving value to the family system.

ALISTER

Ok, that's close by.

RAFEE

Yea. In Malaysia, we also have Emart24, Daiso, CU and No Brands same like Korea. 😊

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HASAN

The bigger difference I see between Korea and Pakistan is the employment rate of women. Surprisingly, Korean women are working in every sector; however, in Pakistan the ratio of women jobs is lower.



ALISTER

I agree. Coming from a developing country, Zimbabwe, I cannot really compare the 2 countries in the aspects of technology, infrastructure, economic growth.

RAFEE



Yeah, but in certain areas of Korea it is difficult to find KFC! In Malaysia, KFC is everywhere.



HASAN

Is it halal?

RAFEE



Yup, because Malaysia bought the branding from KFC (franchise). So, we have our own product and menu but still maintain the KFC SOP, recipe, and also pay a Brand Fee. 😊



I am very impressed with the technology and innovation in Korea. In F&B sector, they have more than 20 cafes and restaurants in Korea that use robots as a waiter. In Malaysia, we just have 1 cafe only. 🤖



ALISTER

😂😂 I'm yet to locate a cafe with robots in my country hahaha.

RAFEE



lol.



ALISTER

Asian culture is slightly different from African. Though there are common values like respect for elders and tradition.

Interesting, female formal labour participation in my country has increased significantly. Females now occupy over 40% of the total labour force.



ALISTER

In terms of seasons, in my country, we do not have all the four seasons defined. We only have summer and winter, but our winter does not have snow.



HASAN

We have four seasons, and they are as good as Korea's.

But there is another thing which both countries are worried about... differently. Korea's fertility rate is falling while our fertility rate is increasing.

RAFEE



yeah... according to female labor force participation:



🇰🇷 South Korea	53.77%
🇲🇾 Malaysia	51.33%
🇿🇼 Zimbabwe	78.12%
🇲🇻 Maldives	41.61%
🇵🇰 Pakistan	21.67%



ALISTER

Thanks for this.



RAFEE



Your country is quite impressive, Alister.

AZBA



Everything is different in Maldives. We have monsoon weather. No seasons. Our country's temperature never drops below 27°C.... So everything here is new to me.

Food culture is slightly similar though. We also order a lot of dishes and share amongst ourselves. While most countries order one dish per person.



ALISTER

All this talk about food is making me hungry!

AZBA



I know, right?!



HASAN

I just returned from Dajeong-dong. If anyone is free, you could join me in the kitchen, and we will all have dinner afterwards.



AZBA



Sure! 😊



RAFEE



I am joining you right away!



ALISTER

I must finish this section of the book. Hope you don't mind if I join at dinner? 😞



HASAN

No worries. Finish up. We will call you when it's ready. 😊

Small Acts of Kindness with Big Impacts

**Jesse
Dacosta**

2021 MDP, The Gambia



I spent the first semester in my country and two weeks before the semester ended, I experienced the tragic loss of my mother. I was overwhelmed at the time as exams were coming up, and it affected my grades unfortunately. At the time, I was in Professor Baran Han's Introduction to Development Policy class, and she became aware of my loss and the challenge I was experiencing. Upon my arrival at KDI, she invited me to her office and created space for me to be transparent about my grief and the challenges I was going through. She encouraged me to process my loss and work through those feelings of loss. More than that, she advised me on ways I could cope despite how difficult it was, and she gave me words of comfort and encouragement. I was able to settle in and at the end of that semester, I was on the Dean's List as she encouraged me to commit to my grades in honor of my mother.

Special Stories from KDIS Students

We have all experienced generosity and kindness in small and big ways in our school. Students share some of the ways they have experienced these virtuous acts this year.

**Klery
Chikwede**

2021 MDP, Zimbabwe



Since coming to South Korea, I have experienced so many moments of generosity and kindness that I cannot name just one. Being in a country where English isn't the native language can feel like a barrier. However, I have experienced such hospitality from so many Korean students that it leaves me humbled. When I'm at the school cafeteria or computer lab trying to understand the signs on how to use the kiosks, students are always willing to help me navigate the instructions, especially when I have forgotten all about Papago! I have also had students offer to take me around Seoul and advise me on the best places to see or visit and navigating the best routes to get there. Moving to a new country is stressful, some hand holding and helpfulness has made the transition easier.

**Professor/
Han. Baran**





I was randomly on my phone, not really paying attention to my surroundings, when I bumped into someone at the dormitory as I got off at the wrong floor! Thankfully, the student I bumped into did not really take it that badly, and he in fact made a joke about how I would see him all the time now that we bumped into each other. Later, I was randomly at the market when I saw him again, and he greeted me. In the moment, he started speaking to me in Korean because we were wearing masks. I reminded him of the incident when I bumped into him, and he helped me carry my bags back to the dormitory. Jonathan, an alumnus from Kenya, and I have been friends ever since. Another story I remember is there was a time I was ill and under the weather. One of the students, Hasan, reached out to me to come and meet friends, and they had chicken and we enjoyed food together. They didn't know, but it meant a lot that day because I wasn't feeling well. In fact, I have been in many situations where people have been so generous with sharing food or inviting me to have lunch or dinner, which has always warmed my heart.

Janaina Alejandra Villacis

2021 MDP, Ecuador



Monkgogi Bright Kamongenge

2021 MDP, Botswana



In one of my classes, I was meeting Professor Lisa Lim for a one-on-one meeting to prepare for a presentation with my Language in Public Policy class. It was October 15, 2021, and I had mentioned in our session that it was my birthday that day. Despite it being my birthday, it was a busy day, and I was preoccupied with many school commitments and classes and, therefore, was feeling overwhelmed. She reached out to me later that day and brought cake for me to share with other students. She made me feel welcome and acknowledged because she expressed empathy in that she understood that being away from home meant that I couldn't celebrate with my friends or family and for that, I am grateful.

“ She reached out to me later that day and brought cake for me to share with other students. ”



Sejong City's "K-Spots"



Geumgang Natural Recreation Forest

An escape back to nature... only 30 minutes away!



The Forest Resource Research Institute was built at the nook of Guksabong Peak in Gyeryongsan Mountain. If you walk along the well-maintained promenade densely lined with broadleaf trees, you will come to a pavilion called 'Changyeonjeong' overlooking the leisurely flowing Geumgang River, and the scenery is truly exquisite.

Additionally, the recreational forest is well equipped with paths, hiking trails, water playgrounds, children's playgrounds, grass squares, forest baths, an observatory, and campsites, making it good to visit at any time of the year. Moreover, there are forest museums, arboretums, and tropical greenhouses. There is also a 'wild animal village' where you can see deer, eagles, rabbits, and other animals.

These attractions make the forest the perfect place for children's nature learning education as well as forest recreation. In addition, the forest provides visitors with relaxation and healing with a variety of attractions, including the Red Clay Metasequoia Road, wildflower gardens, and ponds, where barefoot walking is possible. Take the time to visit for some much-needed "me time" to clear your head during midterm or finals week!

Visit here when

- You want to rest quietly and leisurely in nature

You can experience

- A forest commentary program where you experience the mysteries of nature through easy-to-understand and fun explanations.

Tips for your visit

- Opening hours:
March to October (9:00-18:00),
November to February (9:00-17:00)
- Entrance Fee: Children 700 won,
Teenagers 1,300 won, Adults 1,500 won

How to get here

- 110 Forest Museum-gil, Geumnam-myeon, Sejong-si
- +82-41-635-7391
- By car: 15 minutes
- By public transport: 45-50 minutes

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Four different Korean attractions to suit different tastes



Mokhyangjae

A traditional taste of Korea: Feel the beauty and charm of a traditional Korean Hanok!

Mokhyangjae, located in Goun-dong, Sejong City, is the perfect place to have a relaxing cup of tea while soaking in the charming atmosphere of a traditional Korean hanok. 'Mokhyangjae' means "a house with the scent of wood blooms," and it is a two-story traditional hanok guesthouse that provides a surprising contrast in the center of the city. The low dirt wall, old-fashioned roof, and windows reveal the beauty of a traditional hanok. When you enter the room, you can feel the style of a hanok as it is, with traditional decorative cabinets and wooden tables placed throughout the rooms and living rooms. On the first floor, there is a room where you can chat, and a kitchen where you can cook simple meals, and there are cute tea tools and teacups.

The second floor, which is used as a lodging facility, is decorated with a folding screen showing the beauty of calligraphy and ink painting frames, and there is also an attic with a ladder, providing a rustic and comfortable atmosphere in Korea. Mokhyangjae is a spot of calm in the middle of a bustling city, so visit here for an unforgettable taste of Korean heritage; get your camera ready!

Visit here when

- You want to take rest overnight while tasting Korean traditions in the city.

You can experience

- A stay in a Hanok and traditional tea

Tips for your visit

- Lodging expense (per night):
80,000 won to 350,000 won
- Open hours (stay):
14:00 check-in, 11:00 check-out
8:00 - 9:00 breakfast
(bread, traditional tea served)

How to get here

- 33, Mannam-ro 6-gil, Sejong-si
- +82-10-8666-1217
- By car: 15 minutes
- By public transport: 45 minutes

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Baekje Cultural Complex

Step back in time to Sejong City 1,400 years ago!

Whether you are a history buff or simply like to soak in beautiful architecture, there is something for you at Baekje Cultural Complex. Although Korea has a long history of 5,000 years, it is true that most international visitors and Koreans are not familiar with other periods of Korean history than the Joseon Dynasty and modern history, which are well known through dramas. In particular, the Three Kingdoms Period is the backbone of Korean culture and considered a glorious flowering of culture, but many people do not know about it. Some 1,400 years ago, what country did today's Sejong belong to and what kind of people lived there? The answers to these questions can be found at the Baekje Cultural Complex. The Baekje Cultural Complex is the first place in Korea to recreate the Baekje royal palace of the Three Kingdoms Period to promote the excellence of Baekje history and culture to the world.

In the complex, there are Sabiseong Fortress - the royal palace of Baekje, Neungsa Temple - a representative temple of Baekje, and Wiryeseong Fortress - the palace of the early Baekje Kingdom. In particular, each building can help us understand more about the history and culture of Baekje through realistic representations based on relics from the Baekje period. It is quite a journey from KDI School, but we think it is worth it! Why not plan a special weekend or vacation trip?

Visit here when

- You want to time travel to ancient Korea.
- You want to know more about Korea's less well-known history.

You can experience

- Waterwheel and kite flying, animal feeding, Baekje costume, etc.
- Traditional and royal weddings

Tips for your visit

- Opening hours:
March to October (9:00-18:00),
November to February (9:00-17:00),
Closed on Monday
- Open at night (April to November every Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 18:00-22:00
- Entrance Fee: Children 3,000 won,
Teenagers 4,500 won, Adults 6,000 won

How to get here

- 455, Baekjemun-ro, Gyuam-myeon, Buyeo-gun, Chungcheongnam-do
- +82-41-408-7290
- By car : 50 minutes
- By public transport : 3 hours

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Magoksa Temple Stay

A special, unforgettable break at a beautiful mountain temple



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Do you want to experience the life of a monk or nun in a beautiful mountain temple? A 'temple stay' is a special traditional cultural experience program that allows you to experience the life of a practitioner at a mountain temple, where the history and culture of Korean Buddhism have been alive for over 1,700 years. A temple stay is an opportunity for peaceful contemplation and rest in the quiet of nature. Visitors from across Korea and the world come to connect with themselves and others.

Magoksa Temple was founded in 640 by a high priest of Silla, and it was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under the name of "Sansa, a mountain temple in Korea" in 2018. Through Magoksa's temple stay, you can learn temple etiquette and sound meditation (Chamseon) while taking in the fresh pine-scented air of Taehwasan Pine Forest Road.

Visit here when

- You want to experience the history and culture of Korean Buddhism.
- You want to find special rest and freedom through discipline and meditation.

You can experience

- Recharging Temple Stay Program

Tips for your visit

- The cost of the experience fee (for one night): Children-Teenagers 50,000 won, Adults 60,000 won
- First day 14:00-21:00,
Second Day 04:00-12:30
- The schedule may be adjusted due to weather conditions.

How to get here

- 966 Magoksa Temple, Sagok-myeon, Gongju-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- +82-41-841-6226 (+82-10-7110-6226)
- By car: 50 minutes
- By public transport : 3 hours (Minimum time)

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Ngoc Phuong Tran
2021 MPP, Vietnam



Hello everyone,
I am Tran from
Vietnam.
I am happy to
send you my
thoughts about
my bag.



Gina Lee
Professor



Hello
everyone,
I am
Professor
Gina Lee, and
this is what is
in my bag.

What's in

Your Bag?

Do you ever change your bag?

I am a canvas bag lover, especially the ones with cute images and characters. I love them because they're affordable, convenient, colorful, and environmentally friendly.

I am environmentally conscious, so I just use only one bag till it is damaged and cannot be used.

What do you usually carry in your bag?

Whenever I go out, I always carry my bag as it enables me to bring all needed items, from my lipstick, my phone charger, and my purse, to my study items like notebooks, pencil case, and other related materials.

I love writing down new things I learn, so that's why I will try have a pen and something to write on in my bag. Thanks to that, I can note down everything I learn and remember those things later.

What is the one thing you cannot live without in your bag?

The thing I always bring with me when I go out is my purse, which has my bank card inside so I can handle everything that requires it. If I go out with my friends, I can get away with forgetting my card. However, if I go out alone, I couldn't imagine how I would manage without my card, especially in a card preferred country like South Korea.

Do you ever change your bag?

Before the pandemic, all the time, for different activities or outings depending on what the occasion was but now not so much because COVID limits your movement, so there isn't much need to swap bags. Now I basically stick to a shoulder bag which has carried my laptop for the past year and a half.

What do you usually carry in your bag?

Now, I have my handy laptop, wallet and course material. Before I might have said makeup, but again, COVID has made that a non-essential, haha! So basically, COVID has brought me back to only carrying essential items that I use every day.

What is the one thing you cannot live without in your bag?

My laptop is definitely one thing I carry with me all the time. It is such a diverse tool that allows me to have and access all my important information; from students' papers and managing my calendar, to enjoying Netflix shows when school is on break, as well as being able to get wonderful resources to help me teach and share information with my students. It helps me stay connected with friends and family especially during COVID when we were not able to see people as often as we would like. I do not get bored usually as it's a source of information, entertainment, and access to new resources.

Prescriptions for Chasing the COVID Blues Away!



Alejandro Velasquez Cervantes
2021 MPM, Honduras



Being in and enjoying nature, especially during warm weather, has been instrumental in helping me with de-stressing during the pandemic. Sometimes, I simply go out on the school football pitch without my phone and distractions at night and enjoy star gazing because being outside is what I find to be therapeutic. Sejong is wonderful because air pollution is not high and therefore it is easy to enjoy outdoor activities, especially hiking. Natural environments and enjoying the ecosystem around me help me unwind by being aware of the habitat and all the life teeming around me when I'm on a hike. I get to marvel in the beauty around me as a juxtaposition of the current times where it feels like so much has been taken from us. I especially enjoy going hiking alone so I can take in all the forestry and have uninterrupted conversations with myself and my thoughts. I have enjoyed climbing the mountain behind our school, which does not require a lot of gear, almost daily.

Student Prescription

- Reflective time alone
- Being in nature without distractions
- Exercise 4-5 times a week through hiking



COVID-19 has meant that we all must find ways to manage our anxieties and mental health in different ways. Here are some of the interesting outlets some of our students use to chase their pandemic blues away.

Football has been one of the ways I have used a sport for my mental and physical health, and I have been playing soccer for 8 years now. When I came to KDI, I decided to join the soccer team and play with them every week. In that way, I get to be outside, and soccer allows me to run more than I usually would. Playing with the men's team has also been an interesting experience as well. While it was easier at first as the men's team was trying to be accommodative, the guys definitely do not cut me any slack. They have always been kind as there aren't many women playing for the team. I currently play flank positions, left or right, which requires a lot of running - and I also take occasional hikes, which is also a great way to blow off some steam. I also keep active by going to the gym and incorporate both running, resistance training and weightlifting in my routine. The dorm gyms allow me to squeeze in workouts when I'm not able to play soccer or workout outside with the team especially in the winter.

Student Prescription

- Join a team sport
- Incorporate running in a competitive activity
- Being in the outdoors

Mayurika Dulanjanie Gamage Korala Kukul
2021 MDP, Sri Lanka





Zarina Bizhanova
2021 MPP, Kazakhstan

Exploring South Korea has been a great way to manage my mental health through enjoying many amazing places here. I firstly make my safety a priority by ensuring I have a mask, wipes, and hand sanitizer handy to protect myself against COVID-19. I travel around by the bus, train, plane, boat, and by car because they are so convenient to use to get around. Locally, I have enjoyed places like the Sejong National Arboretum and hiking near our school. I have enjoyed discovering sites in Seoul, Busan, Jeju Island, and Gamaksan Chulleong Bridge. Food has also been a great way to enjoy South Korea despite restaurants closing early due to COVID-19 restrictions. Enjoying great food and being in beautiful spaces has been wonderful for my mental health. I also use physical exercise to manage my stress through speed walking around the football field, running, and yoga. I exercise usually 2-3 times a week.

Student Prescription

- Travel by all means available
- Stay safe and follow COVID-19 protocols while travelling
- Enjoy restaurants and beautiful sites
- Exercise 2-3 times a week by walking and yoga



Mfihakalo Gugulethu Ndlovu
2021 MDP, Eswatini

Student Prescription

- Find affordable ways to read books
- Read genres you enjoy
- Get some inspiration from stories




I have found discovering new worlds through books an amazing way to manage my COVID anxiety, especially since you cannot help but ponder - so reading is a wonderful distraction. Reading allows me to switch off my mind and enjoy new worlds created by writers through books. The way I have found books is through looking at ratings and reviews on Google and by joining a book exchange platform that allows different readers to swap books they have read. Currently, I mostly read e-books, and my favourite genres are romantic fiction, African historical non-fiction, mystery, horror and autobiographies like Michelle Obama's 'Becoming.' The plot twist and fantastical world created within books are more wonderful as movies don't allow you to exercise your creativity where you have to create the characters and world in your mind. Books are truly a wonderful affordable escape.

Keep in Touch


KDISchool is a community that cares and makes ongoing efforts to nurture and maintain lifetime connections. Some of our graduating students briefly share something about themselves, their experience at KDIS, and provide access (QR code) for further contact. Stay in touch!





Suhari Rachman Abdillah
2020 MPP | Indonesia

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#KDISchool #Indonesia
#personaltransformation #thankyou

I am Suhari Rachman Abdillah (2020 MPP) from Indonesia. Before coming to KDI School, I worked for an NGO, IBEKA (People-Centered Business and Economic Initiative), focused on rural development through energy access and social capital. KDI School is an amazing place for personal transformation. I have been blessed with a bunch of educational, social, and cultural formative experiences. Even though my stay in KDI School is coming to an end, the emotional connection remains. Thank you KDIS, for everything.




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Suhari Rachman Abdillah's SNS



Lesley Joan Sani
2021 MDP | Nigeria

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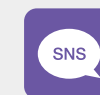


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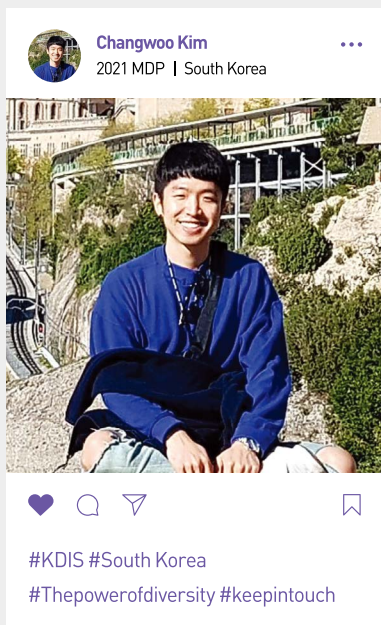
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#KDIS #Nigeria #bemybest
#readytostartnewgoals


I am Lesley Joan Sani (2021 MDP) from Nigeria. I work with the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development. At KDI, I got inspired to be my best and strive for higher goals. I found guidance, friendship, and learnt discipline. It was such an awesome year - I am better, stronger, and ready to start new goals. KDIS is one of the best places for graduate education, and I would love to appreciate the KDIS community for being such a peaceful and enabling environment to study in.

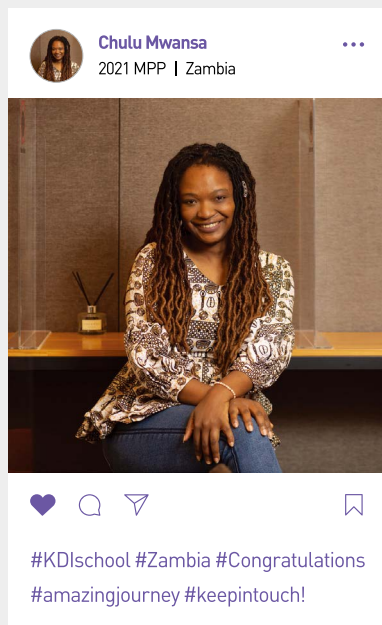


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


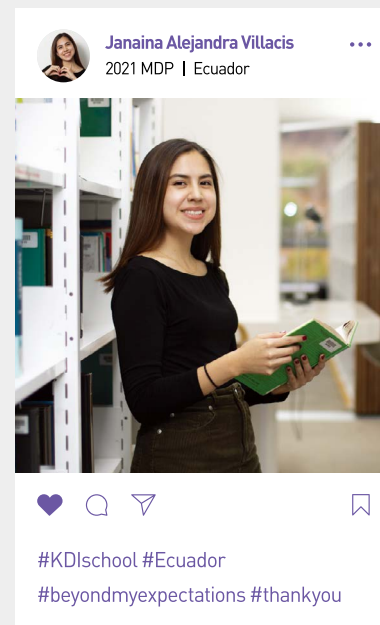
I am Changwoo Kim (2021 MDP) from South Korea. The power of diversity! This is one of the most valuable lessons I have learned in school. By meeting and talking with various students, I could broaden not only my outlook, but also my vision for the future. Now I'm about to graduate, but I strongly hope this experience will be continued in the real field with those who shape the world like you! Let's keep in touch!

 Click the button to visit Changwoo Kim's SNS




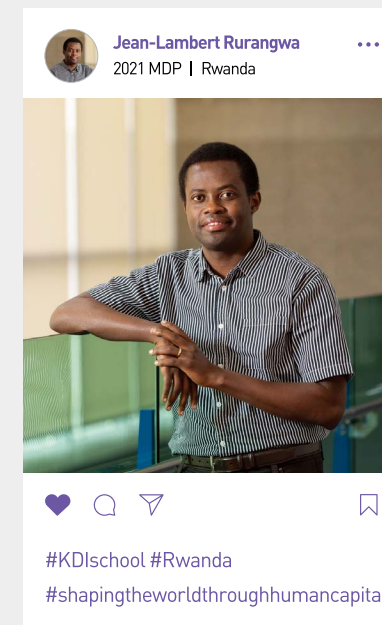
I am Chulu Mwansa (2021 MPP) from Zambia. Congratulations to my fellow graduates! Studying at the KDI School has been such an amazing journey. I can't quite describe the experience in words, but I know that I will always have friends around the globe and that is thanks to the KDI School. I've learned so much in and outside of the classroom. Current and future students, have a pleasant journey at KDI and soak in all the wonderful memories, both at school and also as you explore Korea. Also, let's connect and keep in touch!

 Click the button to visit Chulu Mwansa's SNS




I am Janaina Alejandra Villacis (2021 MDP) from Ecuador. Before coming to KDIS, I worked as an intern research assistant at Libre Razon. I was looking for a good place to do my master's, and KDIS went beyond my expectations. Every person you meet at school is a book of stories from which you can learn by listening. From different conditions to different ideas, KDIS connects us to become the generation of change in our countries and in the world.

 Click the button to visit Janaina Alejandra Villacis's SNS



I am Jean-Lambert Rurangwa (2021 MDP) from Rwanda. I work at Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) as the Advisor to the Director General. I acknowledge KDIS' dedication to shaping the world through human capital, and I am highly indebted to the bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and Korea, and the G20 governance. I am committed to contributing to inclusive public-development-policy in my future career, and to serving as a thorough actor of the KDIS alumni.

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Letters from Alumni

With the world reimagining what the New Normal is, our alumni are also pushing the boundaries of what is achievable. Seven KDI alumni chapters were formed this year and they share their messages of resilience and hope below!



Ines Ratsirimpady
2013 MDP | Madagascar



Nomenjanahary Mialy
2019 MDP | Madagascar



Studying at KDI School is also a valuable opportunity to represent our respective countries within a multicultural environment. Except for the movie and few famous tourists spots, Madagascar is quite unknown on the international stage so it was a great occasion for us Madagascar Alumni to promote our country. That's why we believe that at KDI School we are planting the seeds of further cooperation between our governments. A cooperation that is crucial to foster recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.



Luka Musicki
2014 MPP | Australia



I am pleased to have established the Australian Alumni Association this year. KDI School has helped all of us, including me, work to our full potential while collaborating with our international colleagues on numerous subjects. Don't forget to take care of yourself for now and in the future - you are unique. What matters most is how you perceive yourself. And be compassionate to yourself, your neighbour, your nation and the planet.



Sergey Konovalov
2003 MBA | Russia



Year 2021 has been a challenge everywhere but KDI School alumni network in Russia continues to maintain a consultancy bridge between the eastern and the western cultures and markets that will weather all possible pandemics and hardships. Although the pandemic still poses many challenges, this year has been more of a "business as usual" year for Russia, thanks to the modern technologies and multiple choice of vaccines developed in the country. With passion, we invite you to explore new brilliant ideas that will help make the world a better place for living.



Mbeinta Lambert Chia
2017 MPP | Cameroon



Global cooperation fosters development, peace and social progress. This has been further evidenced by the global reaction to the coronavirus pandemic. The unprecedented times lived in 2020, somehow is shifting to optimism in 2021 thanks to a better understanding of the virus and, most especially, through global cooperation in information sharing and closing the vaccine gap. By sustaining a vast and diverse alumnus across the globe, the KDI School's alumni platform is championing the promotion of global cooperation. Kudos!



Ibrahim Fofanah
2020 MPP | Sierra Leone



Considering the unprecedented progress that the world has seen in the past century and half, active consultation, dialogue, collaboration, synergy, and partnership has been the fundamental pillars of this development. The policies of governments, whether domestic or foreign, have always been instrumental in guaranteeing the rights of citizens, delivering public goods and services, and determining the external relations of the state. Therefore, KDI School Alumni-Sierra Leone Chapter seeks to actively participate in the policy discussion in Sierra Leone to promote the social, economic and political welfare of its citizens.



Ayan Tazhibay
2020 MPP | Kazakhstan



Studying at KDI is a great opportunity on the way to becoming world leaders. This is a global community of people who want to change the world and who are looking for better solutions. Also by empowering young leaders, schools nurture the future of the resilient world. Our community, as a member of a large family, supports the global goals of the KDI school.



Brighton Madanhire
2019 MDP | Zimbabwe



The Zimbabwe KDI Alumni Association is delighted to be part of a global network of policy makers. The past two years have been tough because of the global pandemic which ravaged many economies, and as policy makers we must take a leading role in the development of sound policies to enable quick recovery of our respective economies. The Zimbabwe KDI Alumni Association is therefore critical and very important as we drive this initiative. The platform is giving us the opportunity to put theory into practice, tapping from our rich and diverse backgrounds.

Alumni Infographics



Alumni Body

Domestic: 60% (3,826)

International: 40% (2,584)

Total: 6,410
From 138 countries

International Alumni by Continent

Continent	Percentage
Asia	56%
Africa	26%
America	12%
Europe	5%
Oceania	1%

Countries with Most Alumni

Continent	Country	Count
AFRICA	Ethiopia	83
	Ghana	65
	Tanzania	44
AMERICA	Colombia	26
	Mexico	25
	United States	22
ASIA	Indonesia	123
	Vietnam	105
	Cambodia	99
EUROPE	Russia	25
	Czech Republic	21
	Romania	11
OCEANIA	Fiji	9
	Australia	3
	Papua New Guinea	4
	New Zealand	3

Number of Alumni Associations

Year	Number of Associations
2011	6
2013	21
2015	29
2019	36
2020	47
2021	54

KDIS Global Leader

International Alumni

Berlian Napitupulu
1998 MPP | Indonesia



Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in North Korea
Ambassador to North Korea

Khanh Tuan Nguyen
2000 MPP | Vietnam



The State Bank of Vietnam
Board Member

Parjiono
2000 MPP | Indonesia



The World Bank Office of Executive Director of the World Bank Group of Southeast Asia
Alternate Executive Director

Sohail Ahmad Khan
2001 MPP | Pakistan



Federal Ombudsman
Additional Secretary

Sukhbaatar Sandagdorj
2000 MPP | Mongolia



Chinggis Khaan Bank
Deputy CEO

Giang Truong Bui
2003 MPP | Vietnam



Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee
Member of the Standing Board

Malika Nigmatulin
2003 MPP | Kazakhstan



Akimat of Nur-sultan City
Deputy Mayor

Zainal Abidin Haniff
2005 MPP | Malaysia



Office of the Chief Secretary to the Government
Senior Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Government

Yam Kumari Khatiwada
2006 MPP | Nepal



Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens
Secretary

Kieu Thu Phan
2009 MPP | Vietnam



The Colombo Plan
Secretary General

Prodencia Awa Injoh
2012 MDP | Cameroon



National Assembly
Member of Parliament for Momo East Constituency

Azevedo Marcal
2010 MPP | East Timor



Prime Minister's Office of East Timor
Chief of Staff

Kanybek Kasymali Uulu
2013 MDP | Kyrgyzstan



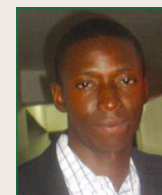
Eurasian Economic Commission
Deputy Director

Rafael Antonio Miranda
2014 MPP | El Salvador



Ministry of Finance
Economic and Fiscal Policy Director

Richard Gomez
2015 MDP | The Gambia



Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
Principal Planner

Hartarto Airlangga
2019 Honorary Doctorate | Indonesia



Ministry of Industry/House of Representatives of Golkar
Minister/Chairman

Domestic Alumni

Chungseak Roh
2003 MPP



Gyeongsangnam-do
Techno Park
Director

Jaeyong Choi
2004 MPP



Jeongeup City Hall
Deputy Mayor

Jinwook Chung
2004 MPP



Fair Trade Commission
Standing Committee

Byonghun Park
2005 MBA



TNO Korea
Director of BD

Sungsu Park
2005 MPP



Andong City Hall
Deputy Mayor

Joonsoo Bae
2006 MPP



Meritz Securities Co., Ltd.
Vice President

Taeso Kim
2006 MBA



Export and Import Bank of
Korea
Executive Director

Hyunrae Jo
2007 MPP



Creative Content Agency
(KOCCA)
President

Bongwoo Shin
2007 MPP



UNESCO i-WSSM
Center Director

Jonghun Sung
2008 MBA



Celltrion Skincare
CEO

Hoyeol Yeom
2010 MPP



Korea Land & Housing
Corporation
Standing Committee

Jongwoo Lee
2016 MDP



Korea Customs Service
Assistant General Manager

Zoom in Alumni



Inhyouk Koo

2005 MBA

Professor,
Woosong University/
SolBridge International
School of Business

After graduating from KDI School with an MBA, Inhyouk Koo, KDIS Alumni Association's former secretary general (2009-2015), worked at Samsung Securities, Industrial Bank of Korea (IBK), and the Financial Services Commission.

He is currently an assistant professor at Woosong University/SolBridge International School of Business and serves as head of the Management of Technology Department and head of the Start-up Support Group. Recently, WSU/SolBridge has emerged as a highly-ranked new mecca for start-up education.

As a driving force for innovation, KDI School has enabled Inhyouk to challenge himself as an entrepreneur; he is the CEO of a start-up striving to develop an innovative educational platform using facial/pupil recognition AI technology. In May 2021, the Ministry of SMEs and Start-ups selected Koo for a national grand prize for the AI Voucher Project, a gateway to finding competitive start-ups; Koo received 300 million won in technology development funds.

Koo stresses that his achievements are not just the fruits of his efforts but also thanks to the support of seniors, juniors, and professors who worked with him at KDI School. He advises others to be humble and recognize that our successes are collective efforts - it is important to cultivate good relationships and live well by helping others.



“
To me, KDI School is
both a driving force
of innovation and
challenge but also
a hometown with a
family-like warmth.”



Mohsin Khan

2017 MDP

Founder of TransHelp,
Asia's first innovative
health-tech social
enterprise

“At KDI School, I had the privilege to work and learn from the most distinguished faculty. The year-long exposure enabled me to nurture productive skillsets for career advancement and helped me in advancing a successful entrepreneurial journey.”

As founder of an award-winning start-up, member of an advisory group with a leading NGO, and a doctoral researcher in the United States, Mohsin Khan (MDP 2017) has a dynamic and inspiring career profile.

He is the founder of TransHelp, Asia's first innovative health-tech social enterprise. TransHelp aims to combat HIV/AIDS through digital technology and has been recognized as building community resilience against transphobia and gender-based discrimination. Mohsin has also designed an interactive health equity and justice dashboard to identify and analyze racial and demographic disparities in the United States amidst the global pandemic. This work has won him a number of prestigious international awards and rankings, including Top 6 in the Asia-Pacific Social Innovation Award (2020).

Since 2018, as an inaugural member of the Advisory Board at CIVICUS, he has provided technical and financial support to over 30 grass-root organizations in the realm of women's empowerment, health, education, and governance.

Mohsin advises KDIS students to “take advantage of KDIS training and scholastic resources and build technical capacity in programming and data analytics.” Mohsin considers these essential for research, policy, and career progression.

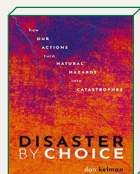
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Take advantage
of KDIS training
and scholastic
resources and build
technical capacity in
programming and
data analytics.”

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Bookshelf



by Ilan Kelman

Disaster by Choice:
How our actions turn
natural hazards into
catastrophes

Axel Ronaldo Lemus Rodas
2020 MPP



This book gives an entertaining and light introduction to how people can either, as sadly is often the case, contribute to allowing natural hazards to become disasters or help prevent them.

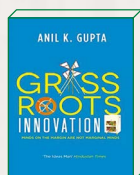
by Eunhyung Lee (2001 PhD)
& Jaekyung Yoo

Girls, Step Forward!
Women, Ambition,
and Leadership
(사실은 야망을 가진
당신에게)

Min Young Seo
2014 PhD



Timely and hopeful advice by our role models conveyed to female colleagues who are struggling in their positions.



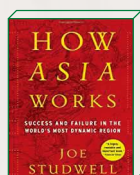
by Anil K. Gupta

**Grassroots
Innovations**
(Minds on the Margin
are not Marginal
Minds)

Syed Nadeem Hussain
2020 MIPD



This book asks what is grassroots innovation?
How can innovation happen without expensive R&D?



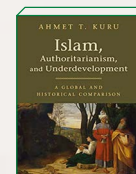
by Joe Studwell

How Asia Works:
Success and Failure
in the World's Most
Dynamic Region

Socrates John Luseka
2019 MDP



Offers a compelling account of how the Asian miracle came about, how Japan, S. Korea, Taiwan, and China achieved rapid economic transformation, and why some of their neighbors could not. A must for development and public policy practitioners.



by Ahmet T. Kuru

**Islam,
Authoritarianism,
and
Underdevelopment:
A Global and
Historical
Comparison**

Yanuar Imbiyono
2015 MPP



This book explains why Muslim majority countries currently show low levels of socio-economic development, while in its early history, Islam gave influential science and social-economic development to the world for more than 1,000 years.



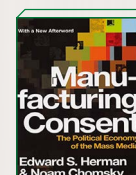
by Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede

**Leaving the
Tarmac: Buying a
Bank in Africa**

Olabanji Samuel Ogunjobi
2018 MPP



This book is a financial thriller - it's about how one of the most successful banks in Nigeria came to be. It provides a detailed blueprint on how to create and run a sustainable business in a difficult regulatory environment.

by Edward S. Herman
& Noam Chomsky

**Manufacturing
Consent:
The Political
Economy of the
Mass Media**

Yohannes Teshome Zeleke
2019 MPP



The authors demonstrated how the mass media serves the interest of dominant elites in the West (the United States and its allies) by systemically managing content, emphasis, tone, and coverage, among other things using the "Propaganda Model."

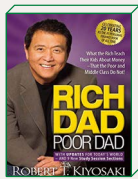
by Tim Higgins,
Will Damron, et al.

**Power Play:
Tesla, Elon Musk,
and the Bet of the
Century**

Muditha Chaturanga Amarasinghe
2015 MPM



It gives a fascinating account of how Tesla Motor Company overcame the challenges faced by Elon Musk, paving the way for future leaders.



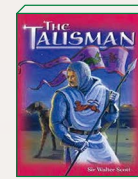
Rich Dad Poor Dad

Nerui Mahmazoda
2015 MPP



The book gives you insights about the economic aspects of your life.

by Robert T. Kiyosaki



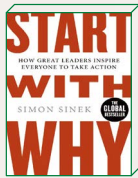
The Talisman

Md Raihan Ubaidullah
2013 MPP



The book is one of the Waverley Novels by Sir Walter Scott, published in 1825. It is set during the Third Crusade and focuses on the relationship between Richard I of England and Saladin.

by Sir Walter Scott



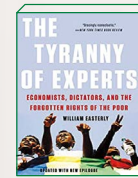
Start with WHY

Hatyja Nurniyazovna Nuriyeva
2019 MDP



Start with WHY shows that the leaders who've had the greatest influence in the world all think, act, and communicate the same way, and it's the opposite of what everyone else does.

by Simon Sinek



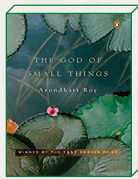
The Tyranny of Experts: Economists, Dictators, and the Forgotten Rights of the Poor

Igor Palmeira Correa Vieira
2013 MPP



It raises interesting issues about policy intervention in developing countries. The main point: there is no single panacea.

by William Easterly



The God of Small Things

Jigme Wangchuk
2019 MPM



This book is a story about the childhood experiences of fraternal twins Esthappen and Rahel, whose lives are destroyed by the "Love Laws" that are laid down by society.

by Arundhati Roy



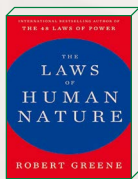
The World is Flat

Kezang Phuntsho
2016 MPP



The book is about how globalization and digitalization have changed the economic dynamism.

by Thomas L. Friedman



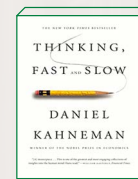
The Laws of Human Nature

Wafa Akhoubzi
2018 MPM



Understanding and comprehending humanity better is important to discipline our emotions and see through people's masks while maintaining good relationships and shaping the world around us.

by Robert Greene



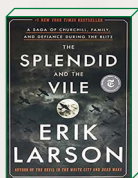
Thinking, Fast and Slow

Sahobiddini Mamurboy
2018 MPM



This book helps you to be a more creative thinker.

by Daniel Kahneman



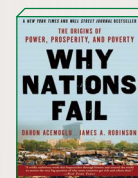
The Splendid and The Vile

Lesly Yohana Rubio Campos
2013 MPP



Using personal diaries of Sir Winston Churchill, his family, and others, the book narrates history as an intimate drama. It offers lessons about leadership, being fearless, and strategic brilliance.

by Erik Larson



Why Nations Fail

David Arisafu Ayo
2015 MDP



Capitalists are usually selfish and greedy for profits and power; hence leaving the majority poor and discontented, and willing to revolt by all means.

by Daren Acemoglu & James A. Robinson

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3	(GDLN) KDIS-BLI-Tec Monterrey Pandemic and Resilience Policy Course (* BLI: Blended Learning International)	3. 16. - 4. 15. 
4	Development Talks Webinar Series: Colombia	5. 28. 
5	2020-21 Korea-U.S. Policy Dialogue "Political Polarization"	6. 17. - 6. 18. 
6	(GDLN) KDIS-BLI National Cyber Emergencies Policy Course	(1st) 6. 22. - 7. 22.  (2nd) 8. 24. - 9. 16. 
7	Strengthening of Social Economy Ecosystem of Bogota (Colombia)	7. 1. - 7. 16. 
8	2021 G20 Global Leadership Program	7. 5. - 7. 30.  9. 1. - 9. 7. 
9	Sustainable Urban Development (Philippines)	7. 19. - 7. 31. 
19	Online Seminar Series on the Future of Higher Education in Post COVID-19: Innovation of Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	7. 28. 
11	Development Talks Webinar Series: Indonesia	7. 29. 
12	Training on National Economic Development Plan and Management (Uganda)	8. 2. - 8. 13. 
13	Online Seminar Series on the Future of Higher Education in Post COVID-19: How Can AI Help?	8. 5. 
14	KDIS-ERPPD Regional Course on Korean Development (* ERPPD: Escuela Regional de Políticas Publicas Para El Desarrollo)	(1st) 8. 6. - 9. 24.  (2nd) 10. 1. - 11. 19. 
15	Development Talks Webinar Series: Pakistan	8. 6. 
16	Online Seminar Series on the Future of Higher Education in Post COVID-19: The Low-Density University: 15 Scenarios for Higher Education	8. 12. 
17	KDIS-ERPPD Regional Course on Leadership, Coaching and Innovation	8. 22. - 11. 7.

Major Events Held by The Office of Development Research and International Cooperation

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18	Public Financial Management and Operations (Mongolia)	8. 23. - 9. 3. 
19	Policy and Procedures for IT Usage in Government (KRG) (Iraq KRG) (* KRG: Kurdistan Regional Government)	9. 6. - 9. 15. 
20	Regulatory Reform and Investment Climate Improvement Program (Republic of Uzbekistan)	9. 9. - 9. 17. 
21	2021 Frontiers in Development Policy Conference	9. 15. - 9. 16. 
22	Capacity Building Program for Performance Evaluation of State Owned Enterprises and Small Medium Enterprises (Lao PDR)	9. 27. - 10. 6. 
23	(GDLN) KDIS-Tec Monterrey Reflections, Actions, and Alliance for New Educational Systems and Models	10. 5. - 12. 3. 
24	Strengthening Capacity for Lao PDR officials on Socio-Economic Research and Effective Development Planning in Lao PDR (Lao PDR)	10. 11. - 10. 18. 
25	Development Talks Webinar Series: Uzbekistan	10. 15. 
26	Development Talks Webinar Series: Egypt	11. 4. 
27	International Learning Course on Public Policy and Public Sector Leadership of S.Korea – Senior Leaders Track	11. 8. - 11. 12. 
28	2021 Seminar on Cosmetic Regulation for Asian Countries	11. 15. - 11. 19. 
29	KDI School-World Bank DIME Conference on Impact Evaluation in Sustainable and Inclusive Development	12. 2. - 12. 3. 
30	2021 Asia Impact Evaluation Conference	12. 9. - 12. 10. 
31	NRC-KDI School-KAPA Public Administration Conference (* NRC: National Research Council) (* KAPA: The Korean Association for Public Administration)	12. 9. - 12. 10.  / 
32	International Conference of the Experiment Lab for Public Management Research	12. 10. - 12. 11.  / 
33	DER (Data Economy Research Lab) Conference	12. 16.  / 

Research Activities



**Prof.
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International Security

Impossible Allies? When History and Security Collide: South Korea—Japan Relations in Context

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**Prof.
Back, Ji Sun**

Applied Microeconomics

The Impact of the Minimum Wage on the Characteristics of New Establishments: Evidence From South Korea

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- co-Author: Prof. Lee, Changkeun



**Prof.
Cho, Yoon Cheong**

Marketing / Electronic
Commerce Marketing

Investigating Citizen Perceptions and Business Performance of Airbnb in Korea

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**Prof.
Choi, Seulki**

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Vaccination Acceptance for COVID-19: Implication of Trust in Government

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Recent Publications by KDIS Faculty



**Prof.
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development

Developmentalist Smart Cities?
The Cases of Singapore and Seoul

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**Prof.
Kim, Dongseok**

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Input-Output Analysis

Adaptive Learning System in a
Statistics Course: An Experience in
Korea and Its Implications

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Kim, Soonhee**

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Understanding the Dynamics of
Institutional Trust in Indonesia,
Malaysia, and Thailand

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Firm Dynamics, Technology
and the Labor Market

Job Reallocation in Korean
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Lee, Taejun**

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Shadikhodjaev,
Sherzod**

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**Prof.
Liu, Cheol**

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**Prof.
Sohn, Wook**

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- Routledge Studies in the Modern World Economy



**Prof.
Merfeld, Joshua D.**

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- World Development, 147, 105624



**Prof.
Wang, Shun**

Development Economics / Subjective Well-being

The Effect of Family Planning Exposure on Fertility Choices and Reproductive Health Care in Rural Pakistan

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Knowledge Sharing

2021 Sejong Public Policy Forum



KDI School hosted the 'Sejong Public Policy Forum' this year. The forum aimed to reinforce KDI School's policy contribution by providing a platform for exchange between external speakers, faculty, researchers, and students on current policy issues. The series of sessions took place monthly throughout 2021. In each session, a diverse policy agenda and issues such as economy, health, budget, etc. were presented by government officers. After the presentations, participants discussed future policy and research directions. The first session of the series was delivered by the Chairman of National Pension Service, Yong Jin Kim, covering the present state of the National Pension and its implications for the future. For the last session, Young-Rae Sohn, Spokesperson of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, presented a plan for a phased return to normalcy from COVID-19. Participants were not only introduced to current policy directions but also able to ask questions to presenters and advance their views on each subject of the sessions. The forum will continue to be held next year and will be conducted in Korean.

Sejong National Public Policy Forum in 2021

Mar. 25

Future of National Pension



Yongjin Kim

Chairman,
National Pension
Service

Mar. 27

Intellectual Property and
Future of Post-COVID Industries



Wonjoo Park

Former Commissioner,
Korean Intellectual
Property Office

Jun. 17

A New Perspective on
Local Autonomy and
Decentralization After COVID-19



Chaegun Chung

President,
Daejeon Sejong
Research Institute

Jul. 15

Establishment of K-Statistics to
Support Efficient Policy Making



Keunkwan Ryu

Commissioner,
Statistics Korea

Jul. 22

Financial Position and
Direction of Fiscal Policy



Joobeom Na

Deputy Director General,
Fiscal Innovation, Ministry of
Economy and Finance

Personal Experience at 2021 Sejong National Policy Forum



Hyeran Lee

Beautiful Coffee
2020 MPPM

Through the Sejong Public Policy Forum, I could realize that policies are placed around me, not far away. Through the process of discussing the background and process of policy creation, success, and failure, as well as future prospects with policymakers, I could foster a multi-dimensional view of policy.

Aug. 25

Parliamentary Budget
System



Iksang Lim

Chief,
National Assembly
Budget Office

Sep. 30

Recent Economic Trends and
Future Policy Responses



Byunghwan Kim

Deputy Director General,
Economic Policy Bureau,
Ministry of Economy and Finance

Oct. 15

Action on Emerging
Infectious Diseases



Junwook Kwon

President,
National Institute of
Health

Nov. 3

The Flow and Challenges of the World
Economy: Action on Climate Change
and Consolidation of Inclusiveness



Hyongkwon Ko

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of
Korea, OECD

Nov. 25

Plan for a Phased Return to
Normalcy From COVID-19



Youngrae Sohn

Spokesperson,
Ministry of Health
and Welfare



Sane Park

Hankookilbo
2020 MPPM

The Sejong Public Policy Forum was a great opportunity to study the various tasks of Korea from the perspective of public officials and heads of public institutions. As a journalist covering economic policy, the experience is likely to help me look at policy from a balanced view.

Faculty Profile

KDI School students' all-encompassing formative opportunity would be incomplete without the important role of top-notch professors. New faculty members with diverse experience have been added to the school's already impressive faculty roster.



Prof. Hyeyoung Kang

Professor of Technology Management,
Strategy, Innovation, Entrepreneurship,
KDI School

Professor Hyeyoung Kang joined KDIS as Assistant Professor in May 2021. Prof. Kang earned her PhD in Strategy and Innovation from Boston University and taught Strategic Management at Singapore Management University for about three years before joining KDI School this year. Prior to pursuing her doctoral degree, she had over five years of industry experience, both at private and government owned financial institutions, such as Korea Credit Guarantee Fund, and Korea Development Bank. As a consultant for Bain & Company, she developed a wide range of competitive strategies for leading global firms. Thus, with a blend of industry and academia, Prof Kang has a balanced view of the Strategic Management domain.

Considering her diverse background, her research interests are quite interdisciplinary and phenomenon driven. Currently, she examines the strategy and performance of existing firms and new entrants when new technologies emerge.

Prof. Kang is one of few but growing stream of scholars who explore the digital platform market from a strategic management perspective. She considers how to win, gain better performance and devise helpful strategies when entering the digital platform market.

She hopes that through her expertise and research interests, she would help to enhance KDI students learning about technological innovations, strategic management, and entrepreneurship.

Already, KDI School students are learning from Prof Kang's exploration of this relatively new domain as she offers a new course on Digital Platform Ecosystem Management this semester. Through her lectures, she shares insights on applying public policy to emerging phenomena in digital platform and its impact on the economy.



Prof. Jaehyuk Park

Professor of Computational Social
Science, Complex System, Data Science,
Network Analysis, KDI School

Professor Jaehyuk Park joined KDIS as Assistant Professor in August 2021. Prof. Park is a core faculty member in Data Science for Public Policy and Management at KDI School. He has a background in Economics before pursuing his PhD in Informatics at Indiana University, USA.

Prior to his arrival at KDI School, Prof. Park was a postdoctoral fellow at Northwestern University. He also has working and collaboration experience with top tech companies like Facebook, where he worked as a research scientist in the Core Data Science Team.

He is interested in applying data science to socioeconomic issues. His research interests include large-scale structures of social and economic networks and their implications for the labor market, local economy, social/economic policies, and cultural markets. He is a recipient of the LinkedIn Economic Graph Challenge, and his studies have been covered by global media outlets, including CBS News, MIT Technology Review, Vogue UK, and New York Magazine.

From Fall 2021 Semester, Prof. Park teaches Programming Fundamentals Using Python, which is one of the core courses for a new concentration, Data Science for Public Policy and Management, and plans to open more classes in data science such as network analysis and machine learning.

Prof. Park appreciates KDIS students for their passion to study diverse disciplines and to solve real-world problems in their countries. To this end, he recommends students to define specific research questions, considering available datasets and statistical/analytical skills. At the same time, he also encourages students to be open-minded towards learning new technologies and skills, regardless of their age or career experience.



**Prof.
Joeun Kim**

Professor of Social Demography,
Gender and Work, KDI School

Professor Joeun Kim joined KDIS as Assistant Professor in July 2021. Prof. Kim has a background in sociology and obtained a PhD in Sociology and Demography from Pennsylvania State University.

Before her appointment at KDI School, Prof. Kim was an instructor at Pennsylvania State University where she taught courses such as: "Sociology of Gender", "Low Fertility in East Asia", and "Gender and Postmodernism."

Her research and teaching interests are focused on the diverse relationships between gender and family, work, social demography, and health. For instance, she studies how gender equality or inequality relates to declining fertility rates in high-income countries such as South Korea.

Recently, she has been employing a quantitative approach for examining multiple dimensions of misogyny and how misogyny correlates with socio-economic and cultural ideals.

Her published works include "Lowest-Low Fertility in South Korea: Policy and Domestic Labor Supports and the Transition to Second Birth", "Men's Economic Dependency, Gender Ideology, and Stress at Midlife" and "The Role of Parent-Adolescent Relationships in the Development of (Pre) Hypertension in Young Adulthood in the US."

At KDI School, Prof. Kim guides students on applying a gender lens to various issues in the public policy domain. She also helps students to logically organize empirical studies in supporting their rich ideas, towards providing persuasive arguments.



**Prof.
Joonbum Bae**

Professor of International Relations,
International Security, KDI School

Professor Joonbum Bae joined KDIS as Assistant Professor in January 2021. Prof. Bae has a background in International Relations and obtained a PhD in Political Science from the University of California. Beforehand, Prof Bae was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Texas A&M University, and a visiting assistant professor at Colgate University.

His research interests are in the fields of international security, foreign policy, and authoritarianism, particularly within the context of East Asia. He is currently working on a book titled "Democratizing Generals? International Conflict and Transitions from Military Rule" on the international sources of democratization. In addition, some of his research examines the effect of conscription on foreign policy opinion and the logic motivating American intelligence assessments regarding the Sino-Soviet split in the 1950s and 1960s.

In line with his interests, at KDI School, Prof Bae offers courses such as International Security and Politics of East Asia.

Compared to previous institutions he had been to, Prof. Bae admits KDI School is the most diverse with students from almost every part of the world. He urges students to make the most of such an opportunity to expand their professional network and secure lasting relationships across the globe.

He looks forward to meeting more students in person as COVID-19 restrictions ease and offline classes resume.

Farewell Letter ①

I do not see how one can look at figures like these without seeing them representing possibilities. Is there some action a government of India could take that would lead the Indian economy to grow like Indonesia's or Egypt's? If so, what exactly? If not, what is it about the "nature of India" that makes it so? The consequences for human welfare involved in questions like these are simply staggering; once one starts to think about them, it is hard to think about anything else.

- Robert E. Lucas (1988),

"On the Mechanics of Economic Development."

For better or for worse, I have devoted much of my life to studying Korea's economic miracle. How was Korea able to achieve such a transformation when so many countries could not? Is there a government action or policy we can attribute to Korea's rapid economic growth? Or, is it simply luck or the nature of Korea that made the impossible happen? Once I began to think about these questions, it has been hard to think about anything else. Indeed, much of my life and work has been driven by an unending passion to unlock the mysteries of Korea's remarkable economic development in such a short period of time. In addressing my colleagues and students for what may be the final time, I hope to impart in this letter some of the knowledge and lessons I have gained over the years.

Do the Job No One Else Wants to Do

I always knew that I wanted to work at KDI, but I also knew achieving success at such an institution was never going to be easy for me. Since its founding, KDI has been at the forefront of policy-oriented research and has always attracted some of the brightest minds in Korea. When I began work at KDI as a young research fellow, I was neither the most talented nor the most experienced. But, I was the most willing. I can say for certainty that my decision to take on research topics and tasks nobody else wanted to do has been my greatest attribute to achieving success. One of the policy issues I first tackled was assessing the impact of non-performing loans (NPLs) held by Korean commercial banks and formulating a policy response. It was a very challenging issue to study due to a lack of data. Moreover, Korea had little experience and lacked a clear policy framework or roadmap to resolve the NPLs. Unfortunately but not surprisingly, my findings and specific policy recommendations such as debt-equity swaps for resolving NPLs were not taken and the issue went unresolved for years. What surprised me was that the Asian Financial Crisis brought the issue to the fore and policymakers took my policy recommendations squarely and successfully restructured the NPLs, nearly 10 years after being published. I suppose the real lesson here is that you never know what will happen. What I do know is that the knowledge, experiences and recognition I gained early on were critical in launching my career and expanding my policymaking know-how. In today's global economy, it takes more than talent and hard-work to succeed. To rise above the competition, you have to be willing to take on challenges no one else wants to do. Anyone can do this, because it is not a talent or skill. It is simply a decision.

Only As Good As Your Peers

One of the things I have learned working at the KDI and collaborating with institutions such as the OECD, IMF and the World Bank is that to be the best, you must work with the best. During my career, I have been fortunate to have many opportunities to work with leading scholars and practitioners. I would also emphasize that how you work, being able to collaborate and work as a team is just as important. Much of my best work was a result of collaborations, and was critical to building my career and knowledge in policy research. It was in the process of working together through dialogue and discussions that I was able to gain new insights and discover new research methods. It is by no coincidence that my most well known work, "Credit Policies and the Industrialization of Korea," was a result of working with leading experts on The World Bank's collaborative study of the "East Asian Miracle." But more importantly, I believe the fact that this has been my most cited publication is more of a reflection of the high demand for practical policy-oriented research. As Korea transformed itself, governments and policymakers around the world wanted to know how Korea was able to achieve such rapid growth and industrialization. You can achieve small things by yourself such as writing a paper or dissertation, but we have to work together to address the big challenges of our time.

Strengthening Linkages between Research, Policy, and Practice

Having worked in various countries and capacities within and outside of KDI, I truly believe in my heart that there is no other institution equal to KDI in the world. One organization having the capacity to research at a high level, to contribute to the global

and national policy dialogue, and to teach the best practices of policy-making to practitioners in Korea and around the world is truly amazing and unique. But to realize our full potential, I firmly believe that KDI and KDI School need to work together as one institution. The relocation of our institutes to Sejong under one campus offers a great opportunity to tear down silos and come together to facilitate greater unity and interaction and exchange of people, knowledge, and ideas between KDI and KDI School. Greater collaboration I believe will contribute to achieving our ultimate goal of producing research and policies that impact the national and global agenda and will deliver a unique learning experience to nurture the leaders of tomorrow from all over the world.

It is only fitting that I conclude by thanking all of my colleagues at KDI and KDI School who I have been fortunate enough to work with over the past 31 years and have stuck with me on my journey through thick and thin. From my senior mentors, the entire faculty, to the dedicated staff of KDI School, I thank you for your kind help and dedicated support. I would also like to thank the students and alumni for trusting me and the School for offering invaluable opportunities to us all for growing not only professionally but also personally.



Joon-Kyung Kim

Professor of Economics,
KDI School

Farewell Letter ②

The KDI School Is Where My Heart Is

Proudly to become an emeritus professor at and continue to pour my best into the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, where my heart is, was on my bucket list. I never imagined otherwise. Nevertheless, I just couldn't say no and look the other way when the Ministry of Economy and Planning (MEP) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) needed me to continue working with the government and its reform-oriented officials in their effort at making socio-economic transformation happen. The KSA has been going through one of the world's most dynamic and fascinating social changes in recent years, and as a social scientist, the historic task is intellectually interesting, engaging, and challenging. More importantly, the challenge fits with the KDI School's *raison d'être*.

As you may know, the proposition of the KSA's national policy has been set: Vision 2030 envisioned-shift away from an oil revenue-dependent economy and society towards a more knowledge and know-how based one, and diversification, especially by

way of globally-competitive export promotion constitutes the key to such a successful shift. Nonetheless, the existing or available practical answers to the question of exactly how to make such a shift happen have not been satisfactory enough. However, there is no need to reinvent the wheel; real solutions get best discovered locally, as there exists no ready-made or universally applicable model to be taken from any textbook.

One may define the developmental challenge as the public and private partnership's process of co-discovering ways to build a multitude of globally-competitive products and firms in diverse, pioneering and preferred industrial sectors, which requires a dedicated developmental state's adoption of the whole of government approach to the economy and society's long-term structural transformation, as amply shown in the world historical experiences especially of late industrialization, a la the Republic of Korea (ROK). So at my new home here in Riyadh away from home, my work has been dedicated to helping to nurture and develop the KSA's homegrown, long-term policy development capacity—for the joint discovery of local socio-economic context-specific policy alternatives to the country's structural and institutional problems.

More concretely, I have established the Public Policy Research Team within the MEP, whose work is designed to purposefully and strategically contribute to creating such practical and cumulative policy problem-solving knowledge and know-how,

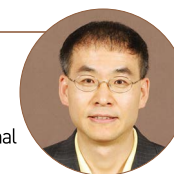
offering actionable policy alternatives for the country's structural reforms by way of cross-ministerial and sectoral policy dialogues. While there exist four major policy priorities in the KSA—fiscal balance, decent job creation for its citizens, short-run growth, and industrial diversification, for instance, the macro challenge lies in the competing nature of these priorities. As there are trade-offs across the rival policy objectives, charting a more coherent and integrated national development pathway requires getting the strategic prioritization and sequencing right. And in fresh thinking about policy alternatives which can paradoxically harmonize the apparently competing goals on the ground from a longer-term and more sustainable perspective, as you may already have guessed, critical reflection on the ROK's development experiences represents a value of special relevance and importance.

In brief, I have been putting into practice what I had been teaching at KDI School, a practical problem-solving approach to the task of enhancing adaptability and validity for the policy eco-system's functionality, resilience, and inter-connectivity, especially in the face of shifting global economy and other unpredictable progression of events. As such a policy research and making process naturally entails training and developing the next generation of leading policy experts, who will commit their lives to finding innovative solutions to the developmental challenges, I continue to carry the spirit of KDI School as well as its vision and mission mandates each and every day.

For any nation, the developmental challenge is indeed systemic and structural, first and foremost calling for transformation from within. Although we live in a world where a person's worth is frequently measured by or counted as what he or she makes materially, I'd argue the intangibles of human relationships are in fact more critical than more materialistic factors of production in any transformative reform and change. Hence, seeing a person's true value or self as is may be the best basis on which to build any preferred future—for both at the individual national and global community levels. Freely sharing public policy and development know-how, rolling up our sleeves and getting our hands dirty by striving to ground the policy question or challenge in the concerned local socio-economic context we try to help, advise or coach, and embracing each and every child—even of a refugee—as our very own in every nook and cranny of the global village, and continuing with our good work of love and care for fellow human beings, I trust we will all be, as always, true members of the KDI School community, no matter where we serve or live. Hence, no need to say farewell, or even feel saddened?

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Meet our own KDI School Professor Gina Lee, who is well known as a person who helps students during their most difficult moments.

As a previous KDIS Counselor she shared an important tip:

"In society, people tend to stigmatize counseling as an emotional problem. But anyone living out of their comfort zones can have difficulties in adjusting. So sharing your feelings and daily challenges can have a huge impact, therefore a friendly chat with a patient listener is what you need to relieve your stress..."

- Professor Gina Lee

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Enjoy the beautiful sky at KDI School!

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"FINALLY!!" This is how I would describe my first week at KDIS. It is something I worked towards with all my grit and getting through every step to 'finally' be here was really amazing!

Being on a beautiful campus while being surrounded by welcoming colleagues made me believe that dreams do come true. I am truly grateful to God for this opportunity and look forward to my time here."

- Mutesi Halima (2021 MPM)

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KDI School Dean, Professors and a Ph.D. student participated in the 'Children's Traffic Safety Relay Challenge.' The 'Children's Traffic Safety Relay Challenge' is a participatory campaign launched by the Korean Ministry of Interior and Safety starting December last year to improve awareness of children's protected areas and establish a social culture that first prioritizes the protection of children. The campaign is relayed by the way a participant shares the official slogan of children's traffic safety selected through a national public idea contest, that is 'First(1) Stop, To(2) Look Around, Three(3) Seconds to Wait, For(4) Preventing Accident,' on the social network service (SNS) and nominates ... [READ MORE](#)

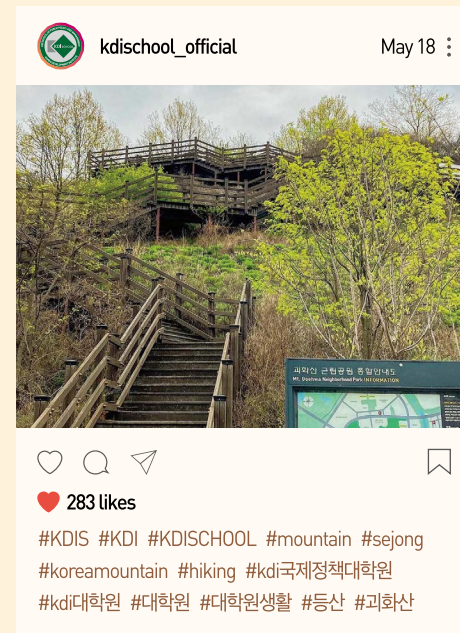
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Happy Ramadan! KDI school has a prayer room for Islamic students. There is a small room for prayer on the side of the 3rd floor of the library's water purifier. You can also find the Quran in the prayer room

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Goehwa mountain is behind our school dormitory. The name Goehwasan is said to have been derived from the fact that there is a masterpiece of gwaeung-hyung that seems to be lit brightly even at night. It is 201m tall, and you can see many animals such as roe deer and squirrels in the mountain. Try hiking this weekend to refresh yourself.

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KDIS alumni and students participated in United Nations Institute for Training and Research CIFAL Jeju's Workshop on "Roadmap to Smart Mobility: Inclusive & Sustainable Solutions". Participants have developed problem trees on Green City Planning and Sustainable Urban Development, received comments and feedback from the experts, and created action plans proposals.

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"Meeting of KDIS Alumni Association in Nur-Sultan on 17 September. KDI school nurtures global leaders who are on the way to make this world better and much more resilient. Professional connection after graduation from KDIS is one of the opportunities to make that possible. That's why we decided to create our logo. With our logo highlighting Kazakhstan-Korea joint collaboration through KDIS students, we tend to step into shaping the world and pioneering the future."
- Ayan Tazhibay (2020 MPP, Kazakhstan Nur-Sultan Alumni Association Representative)

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Meet KDI School snowmen on campus!

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Throwback and appreciation time! Here are some pictures of our great and awesome KDIS alumni. Over the years many things have changed. But one of the constants about the KDIS experience is the quality relationships built during the limited time we all spend at KDIS. We want to send our appreciation out to all of us who continue to make this experiences place top-notch!

Thanks to Alejandro Sebastian Flores Weisser (2017 MPM, Chile), Jacob Asante (2018 MPM, Ghana), Tesfabrhan Michael Sereke (2018 MPP, Eritrea), and Ngane Mpengula (2016 MDP, Zambia) for the pictures!

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