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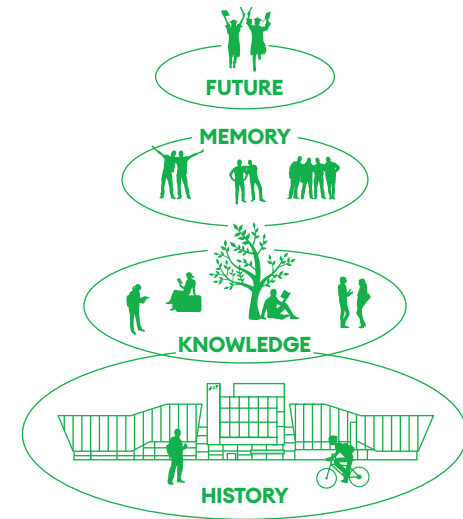
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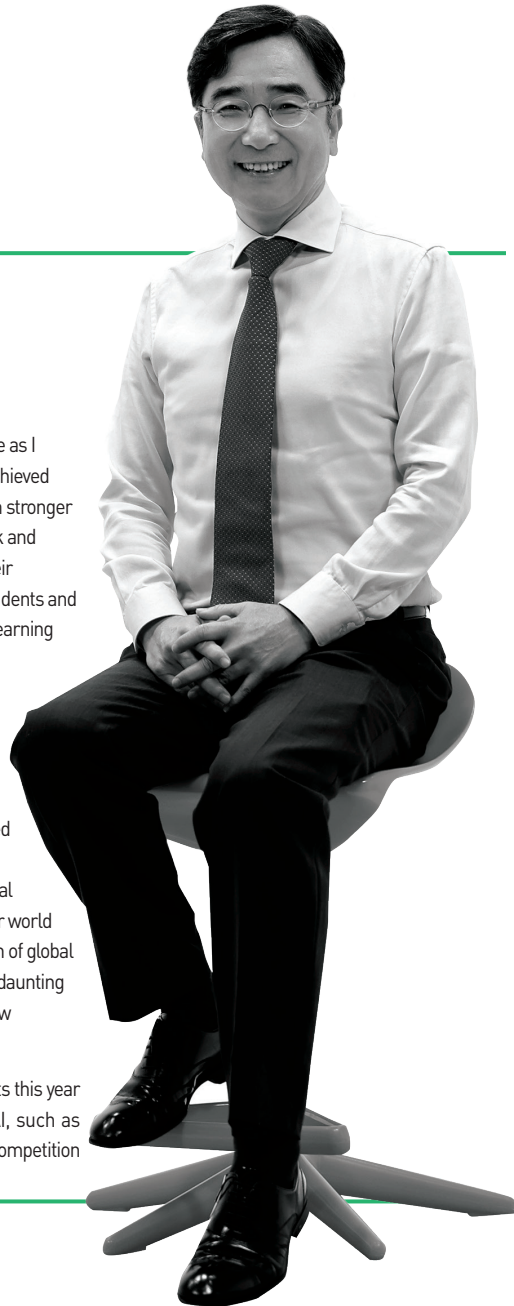
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Greetings KDI School Family!

I am filled with gratitude and pride as I reflect on what KDI School has achieved over the past year. We have grown stronger and more focused. I want to thank and commend faculty and staff for their dedication to our mission, and students and alumni for their commitment to learning and making a difference.

We live in a world in which far-reaching transitions are taking place - a transition from a fossil fuel-based industrial civilization to a clean energy-based digital civilization and a transition from a unipolar world with a liberal international order to a multipolar world with, hopefully, a new mechanism of global cooperation. Inevitably, there are daunting challenges as well as dazzling new opportunities.

One of the shocking developments this year was the arrival of Generative AI, such as ChatGPT. While there is intense competition



to advance this powerful technology and apply it in solving difficult technical and social problems, there are also dire warnings about potential calamities unless we succeed in taming it for the benefit of humanity. The recent saga at OpenAI surrounding the ousting and comeback of its CEO Sam Altman dramatically illustrated this tension.

The accelerating climate change crisis is testing humanity's collective will and ability for mitigation and adaptation. Its costs in terms of loss in human lives and agricultural production are mounting as seen, for instance, in the flood in Pakistan. It is also offering new opportunities for transforming technology and lifestyles in harmony with nature. We are making significant progress, but not enough for sure. There is a pressing need to strengthen our response to climate change.

We are also witnessing the age-old problem of tribal conflict bursting into catastrophic warfare amid rising geopolitical tensions around the world. While we celebrate incredible achievements of human ingenuity, we feel dejected as we observe moral bankruptcy in the midst of humanitarian disasters. However, in a sense, these troubles are growing pains for humanity as we become more closely connected and search for more solid foundations for peace and justice.

KDI School's commitment to nurturing innovative leaders and solutions in public policy has never been more crucial. In the face of today's profound challenges, our school stands as a beacon of innovation and resilience, ready to contribute meaningfully to the global dialogue and action needed in these difficult yet transformative times.

We are embracing the AI revolution as a chance to lead and innovate. We successfully created an AI-friendly educational environment, integrating AI tools into our curriculum. KDI School has positioned itself as a leader in data-driven policies, bolstering its data science concentration and offering training programs for public officials. We are also at the forefront of ESG management and global solidarity among all countries.

As your Dean, I am proud to see our alumni - 7,100 from 141 countries so far - continue to make their mark and be the difference that our world needs, being true to our slogan "KDI School, where the difference begins." I hope you will stay in touch with our alumni network and remain a supporter of your alma mater.

You, Jong-Il
Dean, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

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Sejong Global Leader Training Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

In April 2023, KDI School began the construction of the Sejong Global Leaders Training Center. The 5-story building will house 64 single rooms, four guest rooms, a lounge, a gym, and a video conference room.

Located next to the KDIS Dormitory for current students in Sejong City, the

training center will accommodate mid-level public officials and civil servants from over 70 developing countries enrolled in master's and doctoral programs in development and economic policy. Upon completion, the center will provide additional accommodation (single-room units) for international students.



KDIS-MS Seminar on “Generative AI for Administrative Innovation”



Amidst the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) innovations, the KDI School and Microsoft Korea co-hosted a seminar titled “Generative AI for Administrative Innovation” in June 2023 held at the International Conference Hall at the Sejong Convention Centre (SCC). 600 participants were in attendance and explored new ways to improve public sector efficiency and increase productivity through AI technologies. Live demonstrations and special presentations on the use of generative AI in the workplace were presented during the conference. To consolidate the lessons learned from the conference, the co-organizers also held a 3-day generative AI training program for government officials in September 2023.

Establishment of AI tool guidelines and AI-assisted writing workshops

In May 2023, KDI School launched its “Guidelines for the Use of AI-Based Tools”, laying out its integrative plans for AI technology as assistive tools and outlining faculty's role in recommending approaches for students using it, and comprehensive FAQs on generative AI and common student inquiries.

To further disseminate these guidelines, the KDIS Writing Center hosted flipped workshops in November 2023 to help students use generative AI tools for general and academic writing and research while maintaining the highest academic ethics and integrity. Participants had access to teaching materials, which prompted group activities and discussions on using AI tools.

Increased Number of Scholars for KDI School's Global Master's Program (GMP)

Since 2014, the scholars for the Global Master's Program have doubled from 52 to 104 scholars (2023) studying at KDI School and the 32 partner universities.

The GMP is a unique program offered to Korean local and central government officials and mid-level corporate managers. Participating scholars are admitted to their preferred master's program at the KDI School for one year, where they improve their technical and English language skills, and complete their second year aboard at one of the partner universities located in the UK, the USA, Australia, and Europe.

Hosting Various Special Lectures Covering Environment, Energy, AI, Policy, and Data Science

The KDI School continues to be a hub of academic, research, and policy discourse. It recently hosted a series of special lectures on the environment, energy, AI, and data science. Experts, faculty, and scholars from around the world convened on the campus to address critical issues and breakthrough innovations. These lectures offered invaluable insights and stimulated discussions on pressing global challenges and technological advances. Some of the special lectures included lectures on sustainable energy, the politics of data science, and generative AI and legal tech revolution as well as a joint conference with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on building a sustainable future.

Korea – U.S. Policy Dialogue: Towards Carbon Neutrality



KDI School organized this year's policy dialogue on carbon neutrality in a two-day event that included discussions on innovations in energy generation and charging efficiency, addressing climate challenges, energy and society, and action to mitigate climate change.

The annual event aims to strengthen and facilitate academic cooperation and exchanges between Korea and the United States on issues such as protectionism, political polarization, and economic inequality. In attendance were distinguished guests such as Ambassador Hyeon Jenny Kim (Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Professor Marilyn A. Brown (Georgia Tech), industry experts (from Korea and the United States), and students from the KDI School.

World Bank DIME-KDI School 4th Development Impact Conference

November 2023 marked the fourth anniversary of the collaboration between the KDI School and the World Bank's DIME (Development Impact Evaluation), which resulted in a two-day conference at World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C., USA.

The joint academic event produced a conference focused on topics such as food security, climate change, migration, labor, human development, governance, gender, and suitability assessment. Twenty-six out of 262 submissions were selected for presentation, providing an opportunity for researchers, industry experts, and students to engage in academic discourse, network, and contribute to the research ecosystem.

KDIS Launches Learning Community Program (CRAFT)

As part of its ongoing efforts to improve student knowledge and capacity, KDIS launched "CRAFT" in September 2023. CRAFT stands for Collaborative Research and Advanced Fellowship Team. It is a student-led learning community program that brings together scholars with similar interests to complete projects in one of two areas: academic research or business projects.

Three fellowships were selected this year and will cover themes such as policies for responsible artificial intelligence, transportation and logistics infrastructure, and alternative energy for agriculture. The three communities are expected to finalize their research and present their learning outcomes by February 2024.

KDI School's Extravaganzas: TEDx KDI School event, Talent Show, Sports Day, and International Food Festival Day



In 2023, the KDI School community demonstrated remarkable diversity and talent. The school hosted a series of events that amazed participants and audiences. The TEDx KDI School event featured insightful presentations on the theme "Daring to be Different," while the Talent Show showcased the exceptional talents of the school's students, staff, and special performances. The exciting Sports Day brought out the competitive spirit and physical well-being, and the International Food Festival Day tantalized taste buds with global flavors. These varied events are examples of KDI School's commitment to creating spaces and opportunities for showcasing our community's talents and diversity.

1st Completion Ceremony for the Regional School of Public Policy for Development in Guatemala (ERPPD)

The Regional School of Public Policy for Development (ERPPD) graduated its first cohort of ERPPD students in November 2023. Present at the ceremony were Ana Silvia Diaz Monroy (Director of ERPPD and KDI School Alumna) and Professor Haiyoung Yun (Assistant Dean of External Relations at the KDI School).

The ERPPD was established in 2017 as part of a joint collaboration between the KDI School and the Central American Higher Education Council (CSUCA) in Guatemala to enhance policy capacity in the Central American region. Since 2021, the KDI School has also funded the ERPPD through ODA, providing its educational and administrative expertise.



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**KDI School Talent Show 2023:
A Stellar Showcase of
Talent and Creativity**



The People's Choice:

Top Articles at KDIS News Center

KDI School News Center (<https://www.kdischool.ac.kr/news/>) is a centralized platform that disseminates news, information, and updates to the broader school community, external audiences, and stakeholders. The KDI School News Center's output includes a diverse range of formats and content coverage including, but not limited to, videos, publications, faculty and research highlights, events, seminars, student spotlights, alumni success stories, and institutional news.

The center is supported by student reporters and ambassadors who contribute to the development of features like annual school magazines, *The Globe*, and monthly newsletters etc.

As we turn the pages of the past year and look forward to a new chapter next year, join the News Center in celebration of The People's favorite articles and stories that garnered the most views, appreciation, and shares in 2023.



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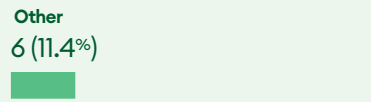
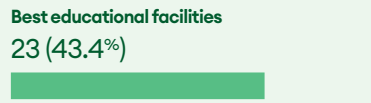
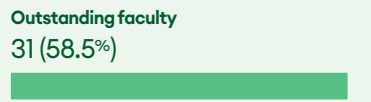
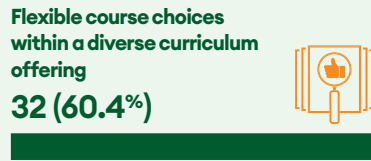
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Unlock the secrets of student joy at KDI School!

The survey results are in, showcasing the pulse of our passions, places, and prized courses. To find out students' favorites, this survey was conducted, allowing for duplicate responses.



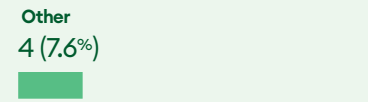
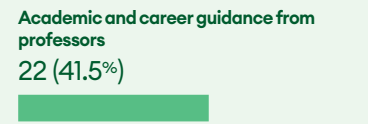
Q1
What was the most appealing factor when choosing KDI School?



“KDI School offers a diverse array of courses that enable individuals to delve deeply into their areas of interest and acquire a comprehensive understanding, not only of public policy but also of sustainable development and data analysis.”

“As one of Asia’s top policy think tanks, KDIS was my first and only choice to apply abroad for my master’s. It had been my dream school since 2019 when my professor, a KDIS alumnus, mentioned the quality of education at KDIS in one of his lectures. I am glad to finally be here in 2023.”

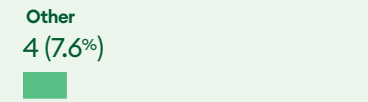
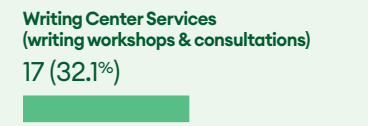
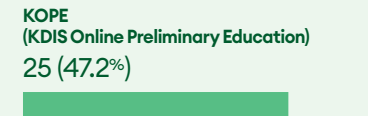
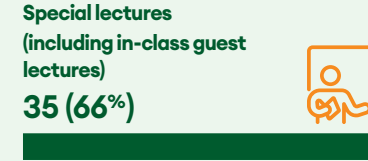
Q2
What has been the best aspect of choosing your current major?



“In addition to the core courses related to my chosen program, the elective courses from other concentrations have helped me delve into diverse areas of public policy and management.”

“I feel incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from lecturers who not only excel in their fields but have also authored influential books that serve as reference points. I am happy to explore the fields of commerce, economics, and public policy, which are all new to me.”

Q3
Among the academic support programs, which one did you like the most?



“These academic support programs are highly informative and helpful in my learning journey, especially in the most challenging areas of data analytics, where we receive support through TA sessions, writing consultations, and workshops. In-class guest lectures are also useful resources for me.”

“KOPE provides valuable insights into the daily student life at KDI, offering a comprehensive understanding of what to expect. The specialized lectures not only broaden our global perspective but also foster creativity in our approach to tasks such as thesis and SRP.”

Q4

Among the student support programs, which one was your favorite?

Sports Day
32 (60.4%)



Student Clubs & Forums
29 (54.7%)

KDIS Talent Show
22 (41.5%)

International Food Festival
22 (41.5%)

Home Visiting & Buddy Program
19 (35.8%)

Other
4 (7.6%)

"The clubs allowed me to socialize and develop my physical and interpersonal skills both. The talent show was a refreshing showcase of cultures and talents that helped us maintain a school-life balance."

"Sports Day was my favorite because it brought students together from diverse backgrounds, and everyone had fun like one big family."

Q5

What is your favorite place at KDI School?

Library
42 (79.2%)



Group Study Rooms
21 (39.6%)

Dormitory
20 (37.7%)

Vobiscum Café
17 (32.1%)

Student Reading Room
16 (30.2%)

Other
5 (9.5%)

"My favorite places at KDI School are the Library, Dormitory, and Student Reading Room. The Library has a quiet and resource-rich environment for study, the Dormitory offers a sense of community, and the Student Reading Room is a tranquil spot for focused academic work."

"I love the cafe, so I am a frequent visitor to Vobiscum. The personal reading room is also my favorite as I get motivation from peers when studying."

Q6

What has been the most enjoyable aspect of KDI School apart from academics?

Interaction with international students from diverse nations
49 (92.5%)



Participation in various forums and club activities
26 (49.1%)

Diverse Korean experiences
25 (47.2%)

Meaningful conversations and debates with fellow students
22 (41.5%)

Other
0%

"At KDI School, I met people from various backgrounds and cultures in one place. It has shaped me to be more open and understanding."

"Apart from school, we get to participate in various festivals, events, and club activities that involve hiking and various site visits. This really piques my interest."

Q7

What is the most positive change that you've experienced after your admission to KDI School?

Fostering a more global perspective
42 (79.2%)



Expertise in academic matters
31 (58.5%)

Passion and energy for growth
31 (58.5%)

Hope for the future
30 (56.6%)

Other
2 (3.8%)

"The slogan 'where the difference begins' suits KDIS perfectly. KDIS has allowed me to broaden my knowledge not only in academic aspects but also in cultural differences and diversity."

"Since joining KDI School, I've gained expertise in academics, boosting my confidence. It has also broadened my global perspective, ignited a passion for personal growth, and filled me with hope for a brighter future, transforming my outlook on life and prospects."

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KDI School's Clean Plate Challenge

Serving Up Change Towards a Greener and Safer Earth



The earth is facing serious environmental threats brought about by the problems of waste management. As an institution that values environmental sustainability, the KDI School takes pride in implementing practical yet impactful initiatives to help reduce waste production and promote a zero-waste lifestyle. One of its initiatives to help promote a sustainable lifestyle is the "Clean Plate Challenge."

The campaign is an initiative aimed at reducing food waste and encouraging responsible consumption in the school's cafeteria. It is under the "Precycling" component of KDI School's PURE Campaign, an environmental sustainability management master plan centered on reducing waste and enhancing eco-friendly practices in the school.

The Clean Plate Challenge was introduced to encourage responsible consumption by students. Since its launch in January of this year, the Clean Plate Challenge has contributed to a reduction in food waste, promoting more responsible eating habits among students and staff. It has

also raised environmental awareness within the school community, fostered a culture of sustainability, and promoted eco-conscious behavior and includes other initiatives such as operating a zero disposable cup café.

One of the inspiring and most passionate students who actively participated in the Clean Plate Challenge is David Woo, who has won several times for the past three semesters. I sat down with him to discuss why he is so passionate about this very important environmental cause. Below is a snippet of our short talk:



David Woo
2022 MPP | Canada

What is your inspiration in being very passionate about participating in KDI School's Clean Plate Challenge? How important is this initiative in your opinion?

I make it a habit to simply get as much as I want and completely clean my plate to minimize waste. Since I am at school anyway and eating in the school cafeteria, it just made sense to participate in the challenge. Why pass up free stuff?

What other personal zero waste and sustainability initiatives do you practice?

I enjoy baking and cooking in my spare time and have switched to putting my foodstuff in reusable containers rather than plastic packaging. I consider myself to be a pretty boring person as I usually just stay at home and on my computer, so the other initiatives I pursue are the everyday stuff of reducing consumption, reusing what I can, and recycling what I can't. On a larger scale, I am also pursuing an academic and professional interest in environmental-related research in hopes that energy production becomes sourced from renewable options in the future.

What message do you want to share with other people, especially the younger generation, on what they need to realize and their role in promoting a Zero Waste Lifestyle to help save the earth?

The so-called "alarm bells" that scientists have been ringing about climate change - it's serious and will affect a good majority of us. We need to do our part for a greener tomorrow, no matter how small it might be. There probably won't be a single gigantic answer to solve this climate change crisis, but rather, it can be addressed through incremental and cumulative changes from each one of us. And that can start within us. Indeed, the fight towards environmental sustainability and a cleaner and greener earth lies within our hands - and on our plates. Protecting our planet starts with the realization that we are the ones who will suffer from the negative effects of the climate crisis. The Clean Plate Challenge is a practical yet impactful step towards reducing global waste and greenhouse gas emissions which shall allow us to breathe easier and enjoy a better life in the years to come. We are the solution. We are the answer!

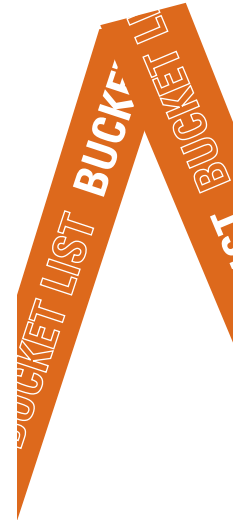


Shendy Revilla Putri
2022 MPM | Indonesia

My Korea Bucket List

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Go GLAM-ping 	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit Busan 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participate in the Pink Festival in Seoul 

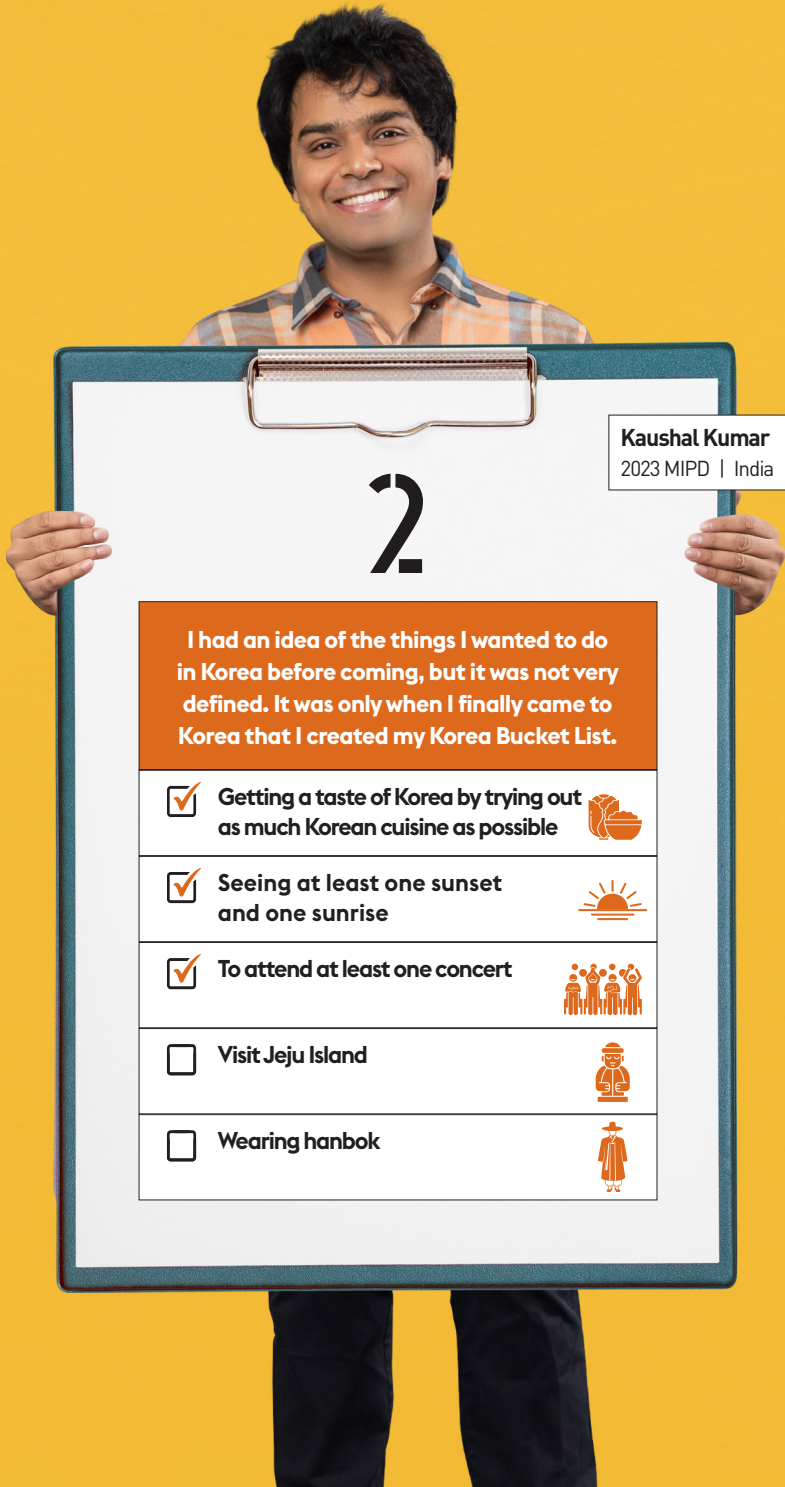


Although my studies remain my priority, I have been able to optimize my time and opportunities to go hand in hand. Being a member of the World Korea Global Supporters Program and Korea Allimi (Foreign Promoters) 2023 has given me the opportunity to travel and explore Korea extensively, and so far, of all my bucket list experiences, visiting Nami Island with my husband is my favourite and most memorable, for obvious reasons. Another memorable bucket list experience of mine was the Pink Festival in Seoul, which is an annual event that is organised to raise awareness for breast cancer. Unfortunately, the only item yet to be checked out of my bucket list is visiting Busan.

As long as my bucket list may appear, it may also interest you to know that I have been blessed to have some incredible experiences that were not originally part of my bucket list. Participating in the Sejong Hangeul Festival stands out for me. I went from being hesitant about applying, to making it into the competition and emerging as a finalist. It was so random and unplanned, but it turned out to be a bucket list worthy experience that I never envisaged.

In all, I would say that a bucket list should not only be about adventure. It should also be about a discovery of an environment, yourself and generally improving your personal skills, one bucket list item at a time.










Kaushal Kumar
2023 MIPD | India

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I had an idea of the things I wanted to do in Korea before coming, but it was not very defined. It was only when I finally came to Korea that I created my Korea Bucket List.

- Getting a taste of Korea by trying out as much Korean cuisine as possible** 
- Seeing at least one sunset and one sunrise** 
- To attend at least one concert** 
- Visit Jeju Island** 
- Wearing hanbok** 



Completing one's bucket list is not easy. For me, I think it is my "just do it!" mindset that helps me. Organizing one's finances and schedule is also important, but I think a lot of people make plans and just do not execute them. But, if you don't do it now, you may never get the chance again.

Contrary to what many people believe, I am an introvert, but KDIS unexpectedly brought out the extrovert in me. Thanks to KDIS, I have gotten the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. As the coordinator of the KDIS Hiking Club, I get to go on hikes with like-minded people who share in my love for the activity; and just last week, we went on the "Korean Odyssey Trip." Being in the position to plan these trips makes it easy for me to meet fellow adventure enthusiasts. I would say that the quality of my student and social life at KDIS has so far been an unexpected experience that can pass as a bucket list item.

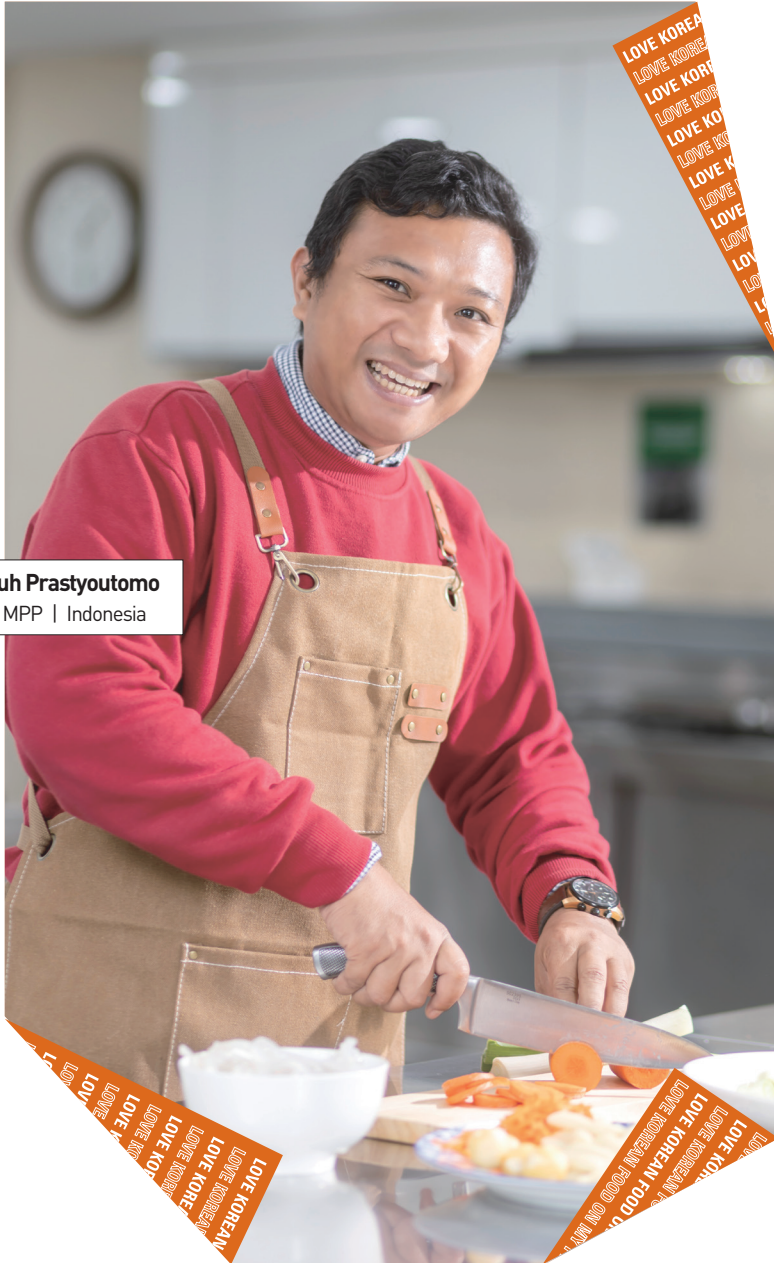
I Love Korean Food on My Plate : Food Talk with 2 K-Foodies

As students living in Korea, it feels incomplete not to have tried cooking Korean food by ourselves. Here, we share interesting stories about our experiences as K-Food chefs and discuss our culinary skills. The plate is yours!

Malavanh Phounseneouan
2022 MPP | Lao DPR



My name is Malavanh Phounseneouan, and I am an MPP Fall 2022 student from Laos. I fell in love with Korean food before coming to Korea. My favorite Korean dish is Kimchi because I enjoy spicy food, and it can help improve the balance of gut bacteria. So, I can eat it every day. I also enjoy savoring bulgogi and noodles. Sometimes, I cook it in the dormitory kitchen, and my friends often say, "Korean Noodles Soup again!" Yes, it's me. I like spicy and soupy dishes, which makes it easy for me to adapt to Korean cuisine. Korean food is easy for me to enjoy and cook because its flavors are similar to the food in my country – sour and spicy, and it's not too difficult to prepare. I had the opportunity to join a field trip where we visited The Traditional Culture Experience Temple. During the visit, my friends and I cooked Japchae, a traditional temple cuisine. It was a new experience for me to cook Korean dishes, and they appreciated my cooking, which I hope didn't differ too much from the original Japchae. If I have the chance to join a Korean food cooking contest, I would like to try. Last year, I had the opportunity to be part of the cooking team at the International Food Festival. There were numerous delicious dishes from various parts of the world and many entertaining activities. KDIS holds this event every year, you can try many foods from around the world, and of course, they also have Korean food, so please join this mouth-wateringly fantastic event!



Puguh Prastyoutomo
2023 MPP | Indonesia

For me, as a foreigner who came to Korea for the first time and is now living here, adapting to the culture and especially the food has been a new challenge. While there are many Korean restaurants and branches of Korean food retailers in Indonesia, I only knew about dishes like kimbap and kimchi. After moving into the dormitory, I made an effort to get used to kimchi, which is a staple in every Korean meal. At this point, I have grown to love Korean food. The kitchen has become my place to cook, especially Korean dishes. I not only want to taste a variety of Korean foods but also thoroughly enjoy learning how to cook Korean cuisine.

I can now cook dishes like kimchi, jajangmyeon, bulgogi, tteokbokki, ramyeon, and other Korean foods in the dormitory kitchen. That's why I decided to join the KDIS K-Food Club to improve my cooking skills for Korean dishes and to understand the right ingredients. This way, when I return to Indonesia, I can bring this skill back home and cook Korean dishes in my own kitchen. For me, Korean food is not just about what I eat; it's also about knowing how to cook it with the right ingredients, a form of diplomacy that I can apply in my own country.

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MY FAVORITE KOREAN FOODS



Malavanh Phounseneouan
There are many types of Kimchi dishes I really like:

1. Kimchi Stew

I love spicy soups, so I enjoy kimchi stew with its spicy, hearty, and savory broth. Kimchi stew is also served with tofu, and it's incredibly delicious! Perfect for winter!



2. Kkakdugi

Kimchi made with Korean radish, which is quite similar to the original Kimchi, is very tasty when eaten with warm rice. I really love it!



3. Kimchi Fried Rice

Uniquely, this kimchi is fried with rice. Imagine the taste of spicy kimchi fried with rice and eggs, it's incredibly delicious.



Puguh Prastyoutomo
I really enjoy Korean foods such as:

1. Beef Bulgogi

I like bulgogi mixed with bean sprouts, it's a bit sweet but delicious. I love it, and I eagerly await the KDIS cafeteria's weekly bulgogi special menu.



2. Jajangmyeon

Ah! This is a type of noodle I wanted to try in Korea, noodles with black bean sauce. The texture of the noodles is soft, not too sweet, and not spicy. For those who haven't tried it yet, I recommend trying it in Korea because it tastes different from instant Jajangmyeon.



3. Tteokbokki

I often make tteokbokki myself because it's easy to prepare with Korean rice cakes, and Korean fish cakes, mixed with gochujang (Korean chili paste). It was the first time I tasted rice cakes with a spicy and savory sauce.



BEST STUDENT RESEARCHER
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Empowering Insights

A Spotlight on an Accomplished Student Researcher

Research is a core value of KDI School. Being a sister institution to the Korean Development Institute, one of the foremost think tanks in the world, KDI School understands the critical significance of research in our world today and strives to maintain an environment that nurtures curiosity in the areas of policy, economics, management, and development.



Ruli Aprilia
2023 MPM | Indonesia

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We had an opportunity to engage a student who is at the forefront of questioning approaches for new norms through research, Ruli Aprilia. Aprilia is from Indonesia and is currently enrolled in the MPM program. In this interview article, Ruli shared her current research work, ideas, and what she hopes to accomplish through the instrumentality of her research work.

You have distinguished yourself as a student who is very research oriented. What would you say led you to this path?

My interest in research began in high school. I knew then that I needed to refine my ability to communicate my ideas and gather relevant information, hence I made efforts to fine-tune my writing skills by participating in various writing training programs. As a university undergraduate, I continued on the same path by participating in several writing and research competitions.

How would you describe your research interests?

My background in communication studies has influenced my research interests. However, exposure from KDI School has expanded my interests towards comparative communication strategies for international development.

Have you made any research publications before now?

Yes. In March this year, I published a research paper in the *Trunojoyo Communication Journal* (Vol. 17, No. 1, March 2023, EISSN 2549-4902) titled *Digital Culture and Individuals: Analysis of the Influence of Digital Culture on Individuals*. The paper explored the correlation between internet usage and information consumption preferences among educated young adults.

Are you currently working on any research paper?

Yes, I just concluded a research paper titled *Strengthening ASEAN-Korea Cooperation from a*

Youth's Perspective, but it is currently undergoing revision by the ASEAN-Korean Center. Once it is approved by the Center, I plan to publish it.

Interesting. Can you elaborate on this research project and what makes it so significant?

This project highlights the awareness gap between ASEAN and Korean youths and underscores the importance of building stronger awareness and social understanding between them. The significance of this research is in the context of enhancing and promoting future innovative partnerships between the two regions, particularly in electric vehicles. Moreover, through this paper's findings and the implementation of its recommendations, one of which is to establish more youth forums in Korean universities, the effort on KDI School's part to enhance collaboration can be intensified and consolidated. The existence of the ASEAN forum at KDI School aligns with the ASEAN vision of adaptability and connectivity.

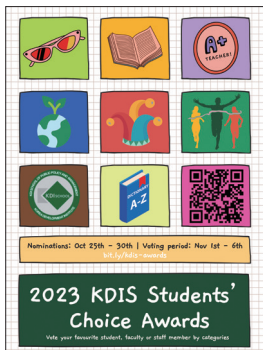
So, the research work is a formal collaboration?

Although this research was supported by information from the ASEAN-Korean Center, which is an intergovernmental organization that aims to promote exchanges between Korea and the ten ASEAN members, it was not a formal collaboration. Additionally, I was fortunate to receive some informational support and guidance from Professor Lee Seung Jo (KDI School).

Impressive! Can you share your post-graduation plans?

I plan to continue my studies and pursue a PhD, but before moving on to a PhD, I hope to work with international organizations, NGOs, or ASEAN organizations to gain more experience as a professional researcher.

2023 Student Choice Awards



The Student Choice Awards is an annual feature aimed at honoring outstanding members of the school community for their contributions to the campus life and the learning environment.

Through an open nomination process, students get to vote for their preferred nominees for each category. This year's award ceremony took place on the campus grounds and the Public Relations Team was able to get some comments from the awardees.

Best Professor

SHADIKHODJAEV, Sherzod
Professor



I am really honored to have the 2023 Students' Choice Award. Thank you very much for this acknowledgement!

Future President

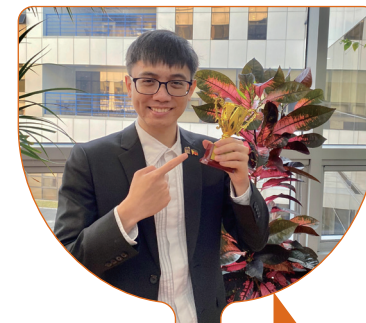
ROEURNG, Sarath
2022 MPP, Cambodia



I was truly shocked that friends from KDIS nominated me for the Future President award. It is an incredible honor to have received this recognition. This gesture not only serves as a good and wonderful encouragement but also empowers me to dream of becoming a future leader. I am grateful for the support and excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

Bookworm

AQUINO, Emmanuel Roy
2022 MPP, Philippines



I still find the award funny, but I am humbled to receive my fellow students' votes. I guess what helped me have this award is how helpful our school's library has been in our student life.

Green Campus Leader

SENG, Keoraksmei
2023 MPP, Cambodia



Thank you everyone for this award as the Green Campus Leader. I hope together we will create an eco-friendly environment in our campus and continue to protect the planet.

The Helping Hand / Human Encyclopedia

WOO, David
2022 MPP, Canada



I'm honored to have been considered and selected for these awards. It was never my goal or intention to pursue them - I just remembered my own time when I was new to this country, and how certain bits of information might have been useful back then. Hopefully, my random messages have helped my colleagues during their time here.

Future Olympian

JEONG, Mingyo
2023 MDP, Republic of Korea



I felt so good about winning that award, and there were many people cheering for me when I received the award. This made me feel so honored and happy to be around my friends.

Most Fashionable

MURTI, Anggie Aditya
2023 MDP, Indonesia



I am deeply honored by the votes of my dearest KDIS friends. It was truly unexpected, as I dress for the mere purpose of self-expression. This award reaffirms that the power of one's authenticity, beliefs, and identity can liberate the vibrant depths of one's inner self.

Class Clown

PANGESTU, Fajar Hadi
2022 MPP, Indonesia



I am so happy people voted me as a class clown. I will continue to be a community clown, who always loves making people laugh anytime and everytime!

Favorite Staff

KIM, Boyoung
Student Affairs Division, Associate Manager



I am really grateful and honored to have been chosen as the Favorite Staff. The news came as a pleasant surprise for me, and it brings me immense joy :) My sincere wish is that our students cherish pleasant memories of their time in Korea and at KDI School. Always remember, we are here to help you whenever you need support. It is truly heartening to know that our efforts and contributions are valued by students, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for this meaningful recognition once again. Thank you! ❤️

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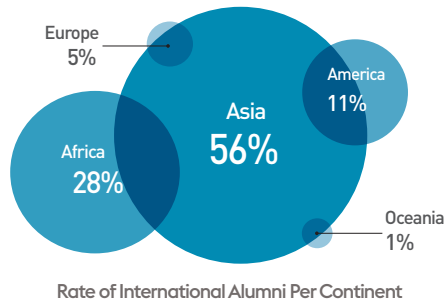
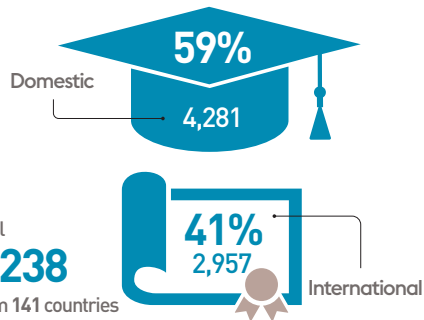




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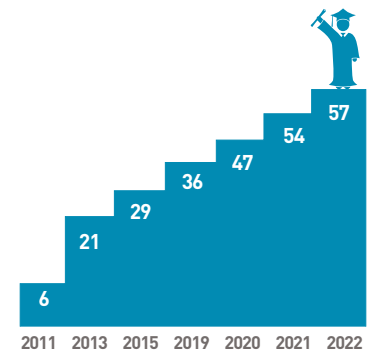
Alumni Body



Countries with Most Alumni

AFRICA	Ethiopia 93	Ghana 83	Tanzania 56
AMERICA	Colombia 28	Mexico 26	Peru 26
ASIA	Indonesia 166	Cambodia 119	Vietnam 110
EUROPE	Russia 25	Czech Republic 21	Romania 11
OCEANIA	Fiji 10	Papua New Guinea 5	Solomon Islands 4
	Australia 3	New Zealand 3	

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Soaring to Greater Heights:

KDI School Alumni's Inspiring Journey to Academic Success

As an institution dedicated to developing highly competent public servants, KDI School takes pride in producing competitive students and public servants who can confidently face the challenges of the modern world. We interviewed two of our outstanding alumni who recently got into a doctoral program and a postdoctoral research position at two of the world's leading academic institutions. Below is a snapshot of our interview:

Scan the QR code for more inspiration and to learn more about their success stories.



Rony Rodrigo Maximiliano Rodriguez-Ramirez



Souleymane Yameogo



Rony Rodrigo Maximiliano Rodriguez-Ramirez
2016 MDP | Nicaragua

Can you please introduce yourself and your background to our readers?

Hello, my name is Rony, and I am from Nicaragua. In 2016, I joined KDI School to pursue a master's degree in development policy under the Korean Government Scholarship Program. And currently I am taking my doctorate degree in Education Policy and Program Evaluation and Economics at Harvard University.



Souleymane Yameogo
2021 PP | Burkina Faso

Can you please introduce yourself and your background to our readers?

Hello, my name is Piiga, and I finished my Masters in Public Policy at KDIS and just recently my PhD in Public Policy also at KDI School. Currently I am here in the UK at the University of Glasgow, where I recently got a research associate post in Democratic Politics.

What are some of the experiences and challenges you've faced that you think have prepared you for this opportunity?

Throughout my academic journey, I faced a lot of challenges and hardships. Moving to Korea to study at KDI School was a big cultural adjustment, but it also taught me the importance of adapting to new environments and learning from different perspectives. I am blessed to have some mentors and a support system who helped me overcome these challenges.

Congratulations again on your Ph.D. scholarship! Can you share with us how KDI School has influenced your career path specifically in getting this scholarship?

I believe that KDI School has had a significant influence on my career path as it helped me develop interest in development economics and education policy. The school provided me

with rigorous academic training, exposure to a diverse range of perspectives, and opportunities which was key for me to have the opportunity to join the World Bank, and now be accepted to Harvard University.

What advice do you have for current KDIS students aspiring to follow a similar academic path?

My advice for current KDIS students would be to take advantage of the many opportunities available at the school, including engaging with faculty and other students, attending seminars and workshops, and participating in extracurricular activities. Follow the structure of your master's program, and take the required courses, then start exploring those courses that are related to your research interests. And, of course, enjoy your stay in Korea.

What was your motivation in deciding to study at KDIS? What are some of the hardships and challenges that you encountered on your academic journey?

The first thing that led me to study in Korea was because, when I was in my country, I had a Korean professor, who advised me and told me that Korea is the best place for me to learn about my interest in promoting democracy, specifically at KDI since it worked to develop Korea into a progressive country. One of the difficult things was the communication barrier and the challenge to be better at English communication. Writing papers usually took time, and I had to do things ahead and work early to polish my papers. I asked for help from Prof. Plumb in reviewing my papers, read the dictionary, and even listened to Ted Talks to improve my English skills.

What motivated your application for a

postdoctoral role at a leading int'l institution, and how did your KDIS education prepare you for and contribute to securing the position?

Since my specialization is political economy, I want to become an expert in my field - so the goal was to go to one of the best institutions in the west, and I learned that from my KDIS professors. Through KDIS who taught me research skills, I was able to publish papers which I think was pivotal in my acceptance to the post-doctoral post.

What message would you like to share with students aspiring to be successful academically and in life?

Be patient. Be very patient building skills and competence, because when you want something, it takes time to get it. Know that the journey to success is tough, and there are a lot of sacrifices to make but in the end, it will all be worth it.

KDIS Alumni Come Together for Saemaul Geumgo Project in Laos

KDIS prides itself on its global alumni network, and this is not without reasons. The school has a diverse community that connects students from diverse backgrounds, and this leads to exciting international collaborations between alumni even years after graduating.

One such case is the two KDIS alumni uniting for the Saemaul Geumgo Project in Laos. **Mr. Woo Jong Sim (2011 MDP) and Ms. Alouna Simmalavong (2018 MPM)** are working together on the Laos Saemaul Geumgo Project that is advancing towards a digital transformation.

Saemaul Geumgo is Korea's unique financial inclusion model for working-class people that was introduced in the 1960s and 1970s to solve the problem of financial exclusion in Korea. Through



▲ Mr. Woo Jong Sim, left, with Ms. Alouna Simmalavong, centre left, pose for the camera at the KFCC-UN ESCAP joint workshop at the United Nations Conference Center, Thailand.

the Saemaul Geumgo ODA Project, Korea is effectively contributing to reducing poverty and sustainably improving the financial aspect of development in developing countries. It is currently successfully underway in Myanmar, Uganda, Laos, and Fiji, and according to Mr. Sim, there are expansion plans in other countries too. Here, we explored their collaboration journey, the Saemaul Geumgo Project, and their plans through an interview with Mr. Woo Jong Sim and Ms. Alouna Simmalavong.

Please briefly introduce yourself and your involvement with the Saemaul Geumgo Project.

W: Hello, I am Woo Jong Sim, currently serving as the Director of the International Development Cooperation Team at KFCC. My journey toward the SMG Project started during my graduate studies at KDIS, where I did a thesis proposing SMG as an ODA Project addressing the limitations of the Grameen Bank Model for a sustainable financial ODA. I was concurrently preparing for the implementation of this project, which first start started in Myanmar in 2016, while researching my thesis. It has since gained recognition from various sectors, including the Presidential Award on the Day of the International Development Cooperation Celebration in 2021.

A: Hello, I'm Alouna Simmalavong, currently serving as the Deputy Director within the Digital Technology Department at the Ministry of Technology and Communication (MTC) of Laos and an alumnus of KDIS. My engagement with the SMG started in early 2023 when I had an opportunity to participate in its digital inclusive finance project in Laos.

We were very excited to hear about the collaboration story of two of our KDIS alumni in the SMG Project in Laos. Please tell us a little bit about the SMG Project in Laos and what facilitated the collaboration for the project.

W: We started the SMG project in Laos in 2018. Currently, we have five Saemaul Geumgos operating in Laos. Initially, our focus was on Phase 1, which involved setting up and operating the Geumgos (Community Credit Cooperatives) and now, we are transitioning to Phase 2, which emphasizes their digital transformation. To successfully execute this transformation,

we needed to collaborate with relevant ICT government bodies in Laos. We were looking for a potential contact point with the Ministry of Technology and Communication (MTC) of Laos for the same. I turned to the KDIS Alumni network and the school's online information platform to find this connection. This eventually led us to connect with Ms. Alouna.

A: The opportunity arose thanks to the collaboration between the Open Government & Innovation Lab in KDIS, the Ministry of Public Administration and Security, and SMG. I was reached out to by Mr. Sim through Professor Lee Tae Jun and was invited to a capacity-building workshop in Korea. I participated in the workshop along with government officials from Laos, digital experts, business leaders and village representatives of SMG to learn from the exemplary cases in South Korea. This collaborative workshop allowed us to formulate a strategy for the digital transformation of the SMGs in Laos. Subsequently, we submitted a project concept paper to KOICA, which has already initiated a proof-of-concept phase in September (2023).

Could you provide some insights about the upcoming initiatives related to the SMG project?

W: Certainly! We have an upcoming project in Nepal in collaboration with KOICA. We originally adhered to invitational training with limited invited trainees from the recipient countries to Korea, but in the case of the Nepal project, the emphasis will be on educating and training Nepalese migrant workers already residing in Korea and empowering them to lead village savings organizations in Nepalese villages. Besides this upcoming project, our strategic plan includes digital transformation of the existing projects

through our macro-level approach using digital technology or ICT. This initiative aligns with our goals and also contributes to achieving SDGs like No Poverty, No Hunger, Quality Education, and even Gender Equality.

A: The ongoing ODA project is currently focused on developing basic digital devices and systems for Saemaul Geumgo branches in Laos villages and implementing them into their operations. The partnership of the Korean government, Saemaul Geumgo, and KDI School has helped the Laotian government gain vision and confidence for the gradual realization of digital inclusive finance development. Though challenges persist, I believe these collaborative efforts will contribute to economic growth, quality of life, and a regional innovation ecosystem in Laos.

Now, let's talk about your experience with KDIS. How was it? How was your experience at KDIS helpful in realizing your interests and achieving the results you wanted?

W: I'd have to look back ten years if I think about my time at KDIS. KDIS was in Seoul, not Sejong City. I was a part-time student then. I often visited the campus with lush trees during weekends to relax, read, or contemplate when I had no business at school. So, when I heard KDIS was moving to Sejong, I felt somewhat sad, as I lost my weekend retreat. One major strength of KDIS is the presence of renowned professors who share their knowledge in diverse academic fields. The learning opportunity from them and attending classes alongside students from various countries was a valuable experience. The interactions with fellow students proved helpful for my project development. I'd share my project ideas with them and get their constructive

feedback. It allowed me to conduct pilot tests on my concepts, fostering a sense of feasibility.

A: My time at KDIS was transformative, especially in shaping my perspective on technology for development. Courses like "Digital Government and Governance" inspired me to contemplate the need to build a digital financial platform for development in Laos, a concept solidified in my Supervised Research Project (SRP). Recently, in September, I got to present the case of digital inclusive finance in Laos at the UN ESCAP workshop, which made me realize the applicability of the experience and knowledge gained at KDIS not only in my home country but also at the international level.

What advice would you give to the current KDI School students who aspire to make a positive social impact like you? How can they leverage the KDI School alumni network for similar opportunities?

W: For current KDI School students, I recommend approaching your time at the school with a mindset focused on execution. While attending classes and writing academic papers are important, I recommend viewing these activities as stepping stones toward real-world projects. In my case, I used my master's thesis as a foundation for a tangible project. This practical application of theory to practice is uncommon but also possible. So, understanding the practicality of your research and how it can lead to meaningful real-world outcomes is very rewarding. Also, take advantage of the diverse community in the school and expand your network during your time at school. Leveraging this network can open doors to many opportunities and enable you to make a real impact.

KDIS Global Leaders



**SANDAGDORJ,
Sukhbaatar**

2001 MPP
Mongolia
Chinggis Khaan Bank
CEO



**PERERA, K.D.
Susantha Ranjana**

2006 MPP
Sri Lanka
Department of National
Planning
Additional Director General



**DARMANSYAH,
Sidi Muchtar**

2010 MPP/PM
Indonesia
Indonesian Financial
Service Authority
Director



MARCAL, Azevedo

2010 MPP
Timor-leste
Prime Minister's Office of
Timor-Leste
Chief of Cabinet



PEOUV, Polinel

2011 MPP
Cambodia
State Secretariat of Civil
Aviation
Secretary of State



**SKACKAUSKAS,
Julius**

2011 MPP
Lithuania
Ministry of Transport and
Communications
Deputy Minister



NASIR, Farsat Mamil

2011 MPP
Iraq
Council of Ministers
Director of KRG Offices Overseas



**INJOH, Prodenia
Awa**

2012 MDP
Cameroon
National Assembly
Member of Parliament for
Momo East Constituency



UDDIN, Golam Shafi

2011 MPP
Bangladesh
Ministry of Power, Energy
and Mineral Resources
Additional Secretary



ABBEY, Rosemary

2016 MDP
Ghana
Ministry of Fisheries and
Aquaculture
Director



BAH, Abubakar

2021 MDP
Liberia
Ministry of Internal Affairs
Assistant Minister for Urban
Affairs



**MARQUEZ, Juan Carlo
Vittorio**

2021 MPM
Philippines
Presidential Management
Assistant Secretary



**International
Alumni**



**International
Alumni**



YOO, Yun-Baek

2002 MBA
Korea Petroleum
Association (KPA)
Standing Deputy
Director



CHUNG, Wan-Kyu

2002 MBA
The Credit Finance
Association (CREFIA)
Chairman



YANGYI, Wonyoung

2005 MPP
National Assembly
Member of the National
Assembly



LEE, Seung-Won

2005 MPP
Sejong-si City Hall
Mayor of the Economic
Office



LYU, Jaewon

2005 MFDI
Union Des Foires
Internationales
Co-chairman of Asia-Pacific
Region



KIM, Hee Soo

2006 MPP
Korean Research
Institute for
Construction Policy
(RICON)
President



JO, Hyun Rae

2007 MPP
Korea Creative Content
Agency (KOCCA)
President



YUN, JAE CHAN

2009 MPP
Siheung-si City
Deputy Mayor



KIM, Hyung Woo

2012 MPP
Jeongeup-si City
Deputy Mayor



SHIN, Seung Yong

2016 MPP
Korea Housing Finance
Corporation (HF)
Director of HF Future Academy



KIM, Tongook

2010 MPP
TV CHOSUN
Director of Newsroom
Operations



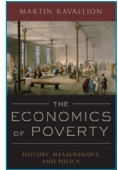
KIM, Jae Hoon

2016 MPP
Uijeongbu-si City
Deputy Mayor



KDIS Bookshelf

These recommended reads from our alumni offer new understandings of the phenomena and ideas that shape our world. These thought-provoking page-turners are great additions to your 2024 reading list!



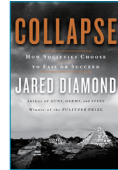
The Economics of Poverty

by Martin Ravallion

Mostafa Amir Sabbih
2017 MDP



The book presents good theoretical, analytical dimensions of poverty in traditional and modern development, connecting it to various sectors.



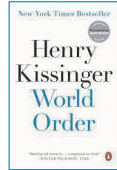
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed

by J. Diamond

M. Ihsan Razali
2021 MPP



A must-read book for ecologically aware leaders. This book combines theory with global examples offering insights into environmental challenges.



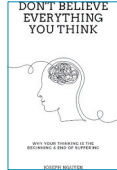
World Order

by Henry Kissinger

Khandker Habib Ahmed
2000 IR



A must-read book of foreign policy and diplomacy where Nobel Peace Prize laureate Henry Kissinger analyzes the ultimate challenge of the 21st century and offers profound insights on building shared international order.



Don't Believe Everything You Think

by Joseph Nguyen

Siti Mariam Binti Sulaiman
2017 MDP



This book introduces a fresh perspective on the origins of our human experience, enabling us to put an end to our own suffering and take control of our emotions as desired.



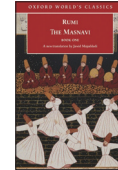
The Splendid and The Vile

by Erik Larson

Lesly Yohana Rubio Cohan
2013 MPP



This book makes you fall in love with history! Based on WW II, it combines meticulous research with a human touch and gives inspiration through the tales of bravery, resilience, and wisdom.



The Masnavi, Book One

by Jalal al-Din Rumi

Sayed Azharul
2022 MPP



This book, despite its religious appearance, offers a pluralistic approach to ethical leadership, emphasizing humanity's importance.



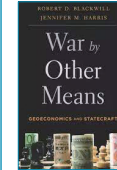
Competition Law, Tenth Edition

by Richard Whish & David Bailey

Md. Salahuddin Ahmed
2005 MPP



Important with respect to contemporary perspective.



War by Other Means: Geoeconomics and Statecraft

by Jennifer M. Harris and Robert D. Blackwill

Cahyani Widi Larasakti
2019 MDP



This book is a valuable resource for policymakers willing to understand how foreign economic policies can be used to achieve power and political objectives in an interdependent world.



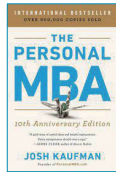
Adults in the Room

by Yanis Varoufakis

K.D. Susantha Ranjana Perera
2005 MPP



Written by a well-traveled professor and former Greek finance minister, the book highlights the complexities of managing indebted economies, and underscores the limitations of public opinion in addressing international debt.



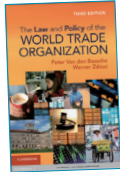
The Personal MBA

by Josh Kaufman

Rahmatullah Sameem
2018 MDP



The book offers a condensed and practical approach to business education, helping you grasp essential business concepts and skills without the cost and time commitment of traditional MBA programs.



The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization

by Peter Van Den Bossche

Kutubo Jarju
2022 MPP



The book is the gateway to understand and become an expert in International Trade Policy and Trade Law.



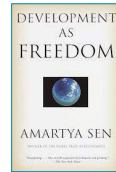
Confessions of an Economic Hit Man

by John Perkins

Husameldin Ismail
2013 MDP



It clearly explains how America runs the world economy, and the exploitation of developing countries by international institutions and American companies.



Development as Freedom

by Amartya Sen

Redar Amjed
2013 MDP



An essential read for aspiring policymakers. The book introduces a multifaceted idea of development beyond monetary terms, highlighting that true development is an exercise in expanding freedoms, not subjugating people for growth's sake.



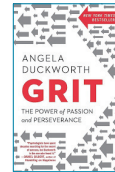
Dare to Lead

by Brené Brown
(PhD, MSW)

Edward William O-B. Bruce-Lyle
2016 MPP



The book introduces the concept of vulnerability-based leadership, emphasizing the importance of authenticity and vulnerability in building trust and fostering strong connections with team members.



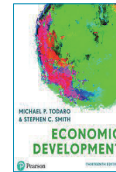
Grit

by Angela Duckworth

Lesego Barona Othabanye
2021 MDP



'Grit' is an outstanding piece of literature that challenges the belief that IQ or talent ensures success, emphasizing the importance of persevering and showing resilience in the face of challenges.



Economic Development 13th Edition

by Michael P. Todaro & Stephen C. Smith

Anis Ahmed Khan
2016 MDP



Designed for use in courses in economics and social sciences, the book provides key economic concepts relevant to understanding development problems.



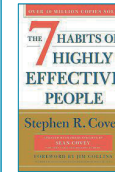
Do Not Accept To Die

by Dimitrie Sissi Mukanyiligira

Jean Paul Rurangwa
2022 MPM



It is a story based book which reflects on the history of the genocide that happened in Rwanda in 1994. It gives hope, joy and courage to survivors.



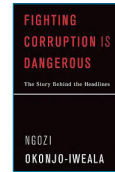
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

by Stephen Covey

Naeem Ullah Tufail
2006 MPP



A timeless self-help book that reveals seven transformative habits, fostering character, communication, and success while emphasizing ethical decision making and balanced living.



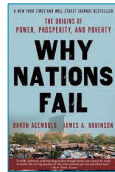
Fighting Corruption is Dangerous

by Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Awah Favour
2020 MIPD



A guide for anyone trying to expose corruption and unsettle powerful interests. The author outlines the ways that corruption may take funds out of development, favoring the dishonest and depriving the underprivileged of services.



Why Nations Fail

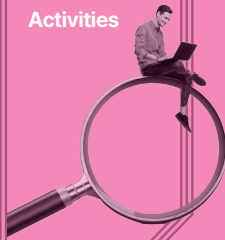
by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson

Haftu Haile Gebremichael
2011 MPP



This book is based on empirical evidence to disprove many existing theories of development and inspires leaders to bring a shift in paradigm on how to ensure sustainable development of their nations.

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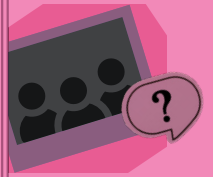
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	Joo, Yu-min Developmentalist Smart Cities? The Cases of Singapore and Seoul • International Journal of Urban Sciences, 27(1), 164-182	
	Kang, Minsung Michael Whistleblowing in the Public Sector: A Systematic Literature Review • Review of Public Personnel Administration, 43(2), 381-406	
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	Lee, Junesoo AI as "Another I": Journey Map of Working with Artificial Intelligence from AI-phobia to AI-preparedness (co-Author: Prof. Park, Jaehyuk) • Organizational Dynamics, 52(3), 100994	
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	Park, Jinseong Long-Term Trends in Labor Supply by Gender, 1981-2022 • Applied Economics (응용경제), 25(1), 65-116	
	Rhee, Inbok Target, Information, and Trade Preferences: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in East Asia • American Journal of Political Science, 67(4), 898-914	
	Shadikhodjaev, Sherzod Industrial Policy in Asia-Pacific Integration: Localization Measures and Subsidies in ASEAN Countries • Asia Pacific Law Review, 31(2), 618-640	
	Shin, Ja-eun Graduation During Recession and Labor Market Outcomes of Young Adults in South Korea • Quarterly Journal of Labor Policy (노동정책연구), 23(1), 31-63	
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02.20-12.19

Advanced Policy Strategy Program



05.07-14
Executive Training Program for the Senegalese MEFPAL



04.27
Country-Specific Program



06.10
Generative AI for Administrative INNOVATION: ChatGPT live demonstration



10.19-20
Korea-U.S. Policy Dialogue - Towards Carbon Neutrality



09.07
GDLN



11.02-03
KDI School-World Bank DIME Conference on Impact Evaluation



11.23
Global Governance and Diplomacy Workshop



08.26
Korean Economic History Society International Conference



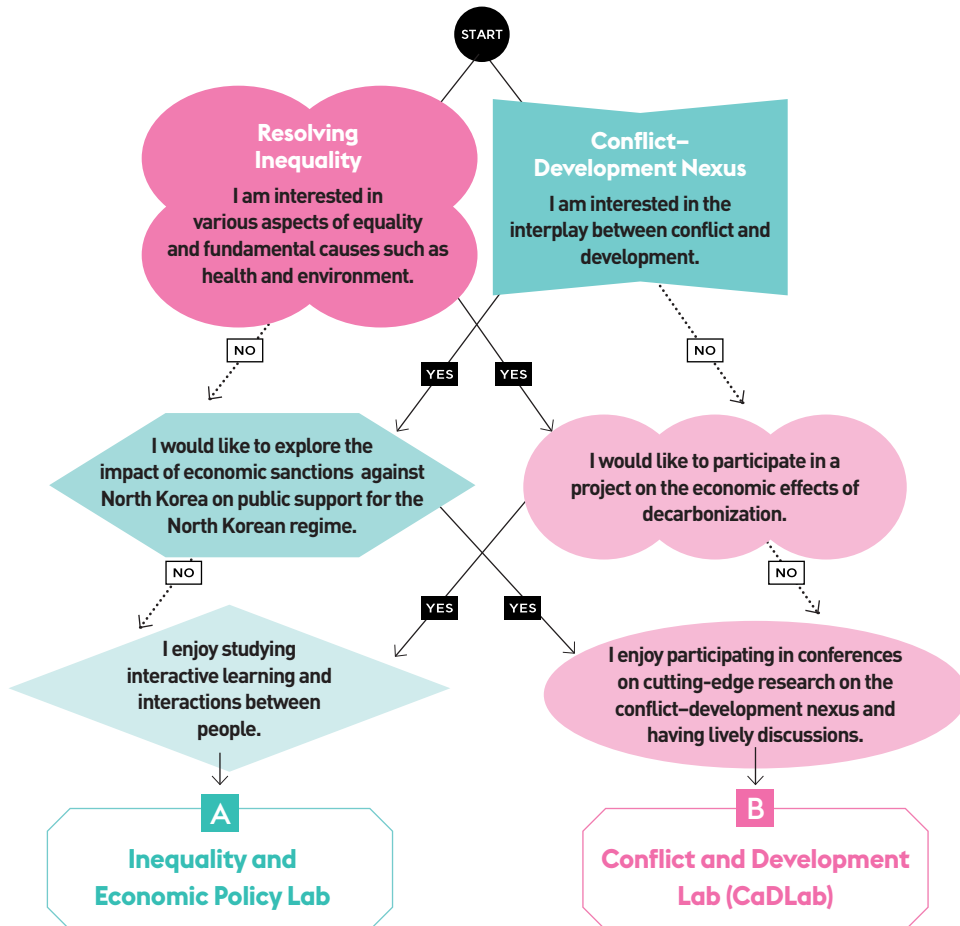
Since its inception, the KDI School has continued to explore the frontiers of knowledge in economics, policy, international development, and management.

With this backdrop, KDI School has instilled this responsibility in its partner institutions, staff, faculty, students, and alumni in the pursuit of beneficial knowledge via conferences, seminars, and workshops and supported disseminating publications valuable to industry advancement and development. In this section we reflect on the accomplishments and events of 2023 that exemplify KDI School's ongoing striving for excellence in research and innovation.

Research Lab, Yes or No

Since 2019, the KDI School's research labs have been central to answering thought-provoking questions and informing policy and decision-making through evidence-based research. They also provide the opportunity to train and mentor young researchers at both the KDI and the KDI School in labs led by experienced faculty and senior researchers. Interested applicants may be unsure which of the many research labs to join. This year, among 12 labs, we are happy to zoom in on the IEP and CaD Labs for you!

PART. 01 Which lab is suitable for you?



PART. 02

Find the type of lab that's right for you

A

Inequality and Economic Policy Lab

Members

- KDIS** Changkeun Lee
- Faculty** Young Jae Kim
Jinseong Park
- KDI** Minho Kim
Jung Hyun Kwon
Heehyun Lim
- Students** Sehoon Kim (PhD)
Kyonggi Min (MDP graduate)
Haeun Kim (MDP)
Joonghoe Kim (MPP)

Brief Introduction

The Inequality and Economic Policy Lab explores various aspects of inequality, such as health, firm performance, and environment and investigates the fundamental drivers of inequality, such as technology, trade, and policy preferences.



B

Conflict and Development Lab (CaDLab)

Members

- KDIS** Baran Han (Economics)
- Faculty** Inbok Rhee (Political Science)
Chrysostomos Tabakis (Economics; Leader of lab)
- Students** Seungmee Lee (MPP, RA)

Brief Introduction

We have worked on a number of exciting research projects so far. We often have long, lively (and at times passionate) discussions regarding both our ongoing research projects and the ones that we intend to carry out in the future. We urge all students interested in becoming part of our vibrant research lab to look out for our announcements about research assistant openings.



KDI School of Public Policy and Management Hosts Korea-U.S. Policy Dialogue on Carbon Neutrality



From October 19 to 20, 2023, KDI School of Public Policy and Management through the International Cooperation Division, hosted the 2023 Korea-U.S. Policy Dialogue held at Hotel President in Seoul. The event highlighted research topics that are timely and of common interest to South Korea and the United States and facilitated the sharing of research conducted by experts from both countries. With this year's theme "Towards Carbon Neutrality," the dialogue pushed to promote policy and knowledge exchange among policymakers and academicians by sharing and discussing related topics.

Dean Jong-II You of KDI School officially opened the activity and highlighted the relevance of the initiative in coming up with solutions to address the pressing concerns in achieving carbon neutrality.



▲ KDI School's very own Professor Yeong Jae Kim shared the findings of his study with David Woo, KDIS student, entitled "Staggering Adoption of Price Increases for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure," which highlighted the effects of the price increase on electric vehicle charging behavior in Korea.

The Korea-U.S. Policy Dialogue is an annual event that has been taking place since its establishment in 2019. The initiative aims to strengthen academic collaboration and exchange between Korea and the United States on a range of social science issues. Organized by the KDI School as part of the Public Diplomacy Educational Cooperation Project, previous dialogues have tackled issues such as protectionism through an in-person event held in Washington, DC, in 2020, and political polarization and economic inequality both held online in 2021 and 2022, respectively. Centered on discussing carbon neutrality, this year's dialogue was the first in-person event in three years since the COVID-19 outbreak.

With students, policymakers and researchers in attendance, the activity emphasized the urgent need for partnerships and collaborative initiatives to deal with the threats of climate change. As both countries are determined to initiate changes towards achieving carbon neutrality, the dialogue was a useful platform for environment and climate change advocates to exchange ideas and concepts that are critical in promoting a more environmentally sustainable earth. As Ambassador and Deputy Minister for Climate Change Hyeoun Jenny Kim shared in her speech, "Climate change is an ongoing issue that demands our utmost attention and action. Activities like this dialogue are relevant steps towards a joint sense of responsibility for a greener earth."

As we know, Korea's 2050 Carbon Neutrality Strategy focuses on developing green innovations and advanced digital technologies to create synergies between the Green New Deal and the Digital New Deal, through investment and regulatory improvement. This has hastened and supported the transition to remote work and education, promoted low carbon and eco-friendly manufacturing, and is key to the country's transformation into a green and digital economy. Under the Korean "New Deal," the country aims to take decisive





action especially in supporting and investing in the development of innovative climate technologies to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

For the students who participated in the event, it was a learning opportunity and a wake-up call to join the global efforts for environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Some of them shared their thoughts on the activity:

Ruth Canesha Chamangwana, MDP student from Malawi, shared, "The biggest highlight of the dialogue for me was the discussion about renewable battery hybrid power plants and energy efficiency for

carbon neutrality. It highlighted some of the limitations that these sources could have and how these can be addressed for these technologies to serve their intended purpose. The discussion showed that combating climate change is not an easy task as it requires changes to knowledge and methodologies and adapting to new information that comes forth."

For lawyer **Kaushal Kumar**, an MIPD student from India, "As an aspiring development civil servant, I believe the knowledge on carbon neutrality that I gained from the dialogue is of prime importance for my future public service career to raise awareness and change relevant areas that were lacking in climate buildings. It emphasized the importance of international cooperation to address



▲ Professor Yeong Jae Kim poses with the student participants from KDI School on the last day of the dialogue. The students learned from expert speakers on the issues, challenges, and recent developments in tackling carbon neutrality as part of the overall initiative to address the threats of climate change.

the climate crisis and how fostering international cooperation and partnerships will be essential to achieving global sustainability goals."

Lastly, **Abigail Nwakanma**, lawyer and MIPD student from Nigeria, expressed, "As the world moves closer and closer, albeit slowly, towards decarbonization and green energy, the dialogue reiterated how imperative it is to engage and immerse oneself in discourse bordering on these significant subject matters. The dialogues were quite academic and technical but were valuable contributions to the clamor for a more decisive and intentional solution to the challenges of climate change."

KDI School's hosting of the dialogue was a testament to its commitment to fostering world class innovators and conducting systematic research and education related to economic development processes that considers the challenges of climate change and the environment. Acknowledging the fact that tackling the challenges of climate change requires global efforts and collective engagement, KDIS and its partners through this initiative intended to lead by example and encourage the international community to jointly make efforts to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

Faculty Profile “Who Am I?”

Q1.
What courses do you teach?
◆
Policy Process Analysis, Public Organizations and Management, and Policy Lab Practicum.

Q2.
What is your MBTI type?
◆
I don't know... LOL, I've never taken one.

Q3.
Which animal do you think best represents your personality?
◆
Maybe cats? Personal space is important to me.

Q4.
What is your stress relief method?
◆
Definitely sleep. I tend to sleep through any worries or concerns.

Q5.
What are you most committed to these days?
◆
I'm focused on settling in. I'd been away from home for a while, so there's some catching up to do.

Q6.
What are the three most important things to you right now?
◆
Family, time (management), and finding good coffee beans.

Q7.
What are your hobbies?
◆
I enjoy hiking and watching movies.

Q8.
What is your favorite quote or saying?
◆
“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, There is a field. I'll meet you there” by Rumi

Q9.
If you were to describe yourself using only one word, what would it be?
◆
I am down-to-earth.

Q10.
If you have a message for KDIS students, what would it be?
◆
Set your own pace, and with perseverance, your ambition will come your way.

KDIS strives to attract outstanding faculty every year.

In 2023, five new professors joined KDIS.

Guess who the new faculty members are through the following questions and their answers!

Q1.
What courses do you teach
◆
I teach Machine Learning for Social Scientists.

Q2.
What is your MBTI type?
◆
INFP

Q3.
Which animal do you think best represents your personality?
◆
A beaver

Q4.
What is your stress relief method?
◆
Taking a stroll with music

Q5.
What are you most committed to these days?
◆
Producing research

Q6.
What are the three most important things to you right now?
◆
Family, research, and food

Q7.
What are your hobbies?
◆
Movies and food tour

Q8.
What is your favorite quote or saying?
◆
“When I get sad I stop being sad and be awesome instead”

Q9.
If you were to describe yourself using only one word, what would it be?
◆
I am happy.

Q10.
If you have a message for KDIS students, what would it be?
◆
When life gives you lemons, make lemonade

Q1.
What courses do you teach?
◆
I teach **International Trade and Theories of International Relations.**

Q2.
What is your MBTI type?
◆
INFJ

Q3.
Which animal do you think best represents your personality?
◆
Turtle

Q4.
What is your stress relief method?
◆
Workout

Q5.
What are you most committed to these days?
◆
KDI School (I live very close by)

Q6.
What are the three most important things to you right now?
◆
Laptop, iPhone, wallet

Q7.
What are your hobbies?
◆
Workout

Q8.
What is your favorite quote or saying?
◆
“He who dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the all mighty.”

Q9.
If you were to describe yourself using only one word, what would it be?
◆
I am a dreamer.

Q10.
If you have a message for KDIS students, what would it be?
◆
Listen less to other’s opinions and listen more to your own inner voice.

Q1.
What courses do you teach?
◆
Competition Policy / Microeconomics / Behavioral & Experimental Economics

Q2.
What is your MBTI type?
◆
ESTJ, but my S, T, and J characteristics are very pronounced, leaning towards extreme ESTJ.

Q3.
Which animal do you think best represents your personality?
◆
Bear. The reason is that bears, like the meaning of “bear down,” are animals with tenacity and perseverance toward their goals.

Q4.
What is your stress relief method?
◆
Workout

Q5.
What are you most committed to these days?
◆
Antitrust Law and Cartel Enforcement Study

Q6.
What are the three most important things to you right now?
◆
My family, KDIS, and time for research

Q7.
What are your hobbies?
◆
I enjoy activities like running, hiking, and any type of strength training. The reason I exercise is that through pushing myself to the limits and overcoming obstacles repeatedly, I can become physically and mentally stronger.

Q8.
What is your favorite quote or saying?
◆
“The proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

This quote comes from a military unit’s motto. It’s a phrase that I’ve carried with me since serving as an officer in the military, and I hold it dear. Just as a commander must never give up and give their all for victory no matter the obstacles, it reminds us of the importance of giving our best in fulfilling the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to us in our lives.

Q9.
If you were to describe yourself using only one word, what would it be?
◆
Tenacious. I firmly believe that anyone can succeed if they persevere and remain patient, even in the face of difficulties.

Q10.
If you have a message for KDIS students, what would it be?
◆
“Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty-never give in, except to convictions of honour and good sense.” by Winston Churchill .

Q1.
What courses do you teach?
◆
Analysis of Market and Public Policy (AMPP) and Seminar on Public Policies (for Korean part-time Ph.D. program)

Q2.
What is your MBTI type?
◆
INTJ

Q3.
Which animal do you think best represents your personality?
◆
Way too difficult. A giraffe?

Q4.
What is your stress relief method?
◆
Reading books, meditation, getting enough sleep

Q5.
What are you most committed to these days?
◆
Teaching

Q6.
What are the three most important things to you right now?
◆
Family, KDIS, peace of mind

Q7.
What are your hobbies?
◆
Reading books, watching Netflix

Q8.
What is your favorite quote or saying?
◆
"A bad movie is concerned about the end of the world, but a good movie is concerned about your tomorrow."

Q9.
If you were to describe yourself using only one word, what would it be?
◆
Living

Q10.
If you have a message for KDIS students, what would it be?
◆
Cherish today!

Guess Me!

Did you enjoy the fun questions and answers about the characteristics and personalities of each professors?
Now, try to guess who each new KDIS professor is?



I relieve stress by sleeping - who am I?



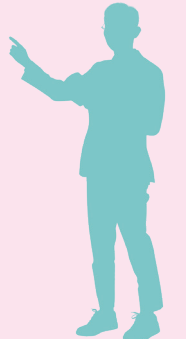
My personality resembles a beaver - who am I?



I call myself a dreamer - who am I?



I am a person to overcome my limitations and become stronger - who am I?



I am committed to teaching - who am I?



Jinseong Park

Jeong Yeol Kim

Angela Park

ByungKoo Kim

Seungjun Kim

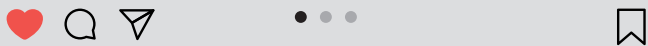


KDIS Top Feeds

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In the digital era, social media has become more prevalent than ever. KDI School is just as active online and its community has always kept up with the times. Here we've round up our top posts and seen what has been popular with the school this year!



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May 17



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#kdis #kdischool #union
#kazakhstan #alumni
#wedding #community

February 23



426 likes

#kdis #kdischool
#housemaster #event
#alumni #student #memories

This is a new family picture of Duman and Banu, KDIS alumni from Kazakhstan, who met each other while studying together at our school. KDI School is where knowledge is acquired, skills are developed, history is made, and even love is found.

"KDI School erases boundaries and unites the world, minds, and hearts. We wish our beloved school prosperity!" - Duman Yelubayev (MPP 2020) and Banu Abilseitkyzy (MPP 2021), Kazakhstan.

KDI School is grateful and honored to share this wonderful event with our community. We wish you all the best as you embark on this beautiful union.


With enthusiastic support from KDIS alumni and current students, over 70 messages are shared worldwide. We collected those messages together, made them into a book, and sent it to housemaster Woo.

Mr. Woo said he was very grateful to students and alumni and would never forget them anytime, anywhere.

Please visit our News Center to see the messages and photos. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and gave Mr. Woo unforgettable memories.

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March 24




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#kdis #kdischool #sejong
#student #interview #Kyrgyzstan
#키르기스스탄 #대학원생 #대학원

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January 30



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#kdis #kdischool #sejong
#springsemester #welcome
#orientation #newstart

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First, I would like to say that I have had an incredible experience at KDI School so far. The Master of Development Policy is a challenging program, but it is also very rewarding. I have learned so much about policy research and analysis and have been able to apply what I have learned to real-world development challenges.

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To learn more about Elina's story, head over to KDIS News Center.

And if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at @inc.z.ins

Elina Aibekkyzy [Kyrgyzstan, MDP 2023]

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July 5




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#kdis #kdischool #counselor
#counseling
#kdiscounselingservice

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August 8



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#graduation #completion
#masters

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"Everybody has problems; you are not alone."

Gina Lee is one of the two counselors at KDI School, having dedicated over 10 years of her career to the institution. Gina believes that mental health is important, and her role as a counselor is to help students reach their full potential.

Gina wants all students to know that they should not be afraid and should trust that they are not alone. No matter what issues students are facing, Gina is ready to listen and provide help.

To schedule a consultation, please email ginalee@kdischool.ac.kr for appointments.

Congratulations to our new graduates who have completed their course of study this August! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and may your caps fly as high as your dreams!

The best is yet to come.

March 20



♡ 323 likes

#kdis #kdischool #sejong
#sejongcity #favoritespot
#kdislife #세종 #금강보행교

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Goodbye winter, hello spring!
As the cold weather fades away, it's the perfect time to rent a bike or walk around on the Geumgang Pedestrian Bridge near Sejong City Hall. Enjoy the city lights of Sejong city illuminated during the busy semester.
What's your favorite spot in Sejong city? Leave your answers below in the comments.

July 26



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#kdis #kdischool #kdisalumni
#Putrajaya #malaysia
#recruitingtour #alumni

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The Malaysian alumni community warmly welcomed Associate Professor Kim Dong-Young of KDI School in Putrajaya on July 19th. Together, they gathered for an intimate dinner, sharing their experiences and memories at KDI School.
The Malaysian alumni community is delighted to host Professor Kim's visit. Welcoming him to our humble abode was a remarkable experience, and we hope he enjoyed his stay in Putrajaya.

April 10



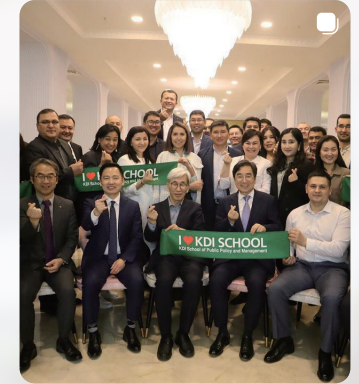
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#KoreanSpring #MtGyejok
#StudentLife #하이킹 #계족

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After three long years of waiting, KDI School students finally gathered for our 2023 Hiking Day event on April 7th! We were blessed with perfect weather, and the breathtaking view of new green leaves and flowers in full bloom from the top of Mt. Gyejok was truly unforgettable. After the hike, we enjoyed delicious Korean cuisine, including pajeon and makgeolli, while raffling off prizes during lunch.
Thanks to all who joined us for this amazing day!

April 20



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#uzbekistan #alumni
#granddinner

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On April 19, Dean You Jong-il of KDI School and Chairman Jung Hae-gu of National Research Council (NRC) visited Uzbekistan to build partnerships with Uzbekistan government institutions. During his visit, he got to meet the Uzbekistan Alumni Association at the grand dinner.
We were also joined by Dr. Adham Bekmuradov, the rector of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He graced our dinner with his presence in appreciation for our honourable alumni. We believe that this was truly a night to remember.













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