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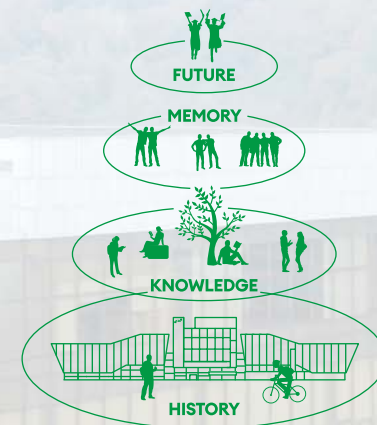


**KDI SCHOOL  
YEARZINE  
2022**



Making History  
Making Knowledge  
Making Memories

## Making KDI School Together



KDI SCHOOL YEARZINE 2022

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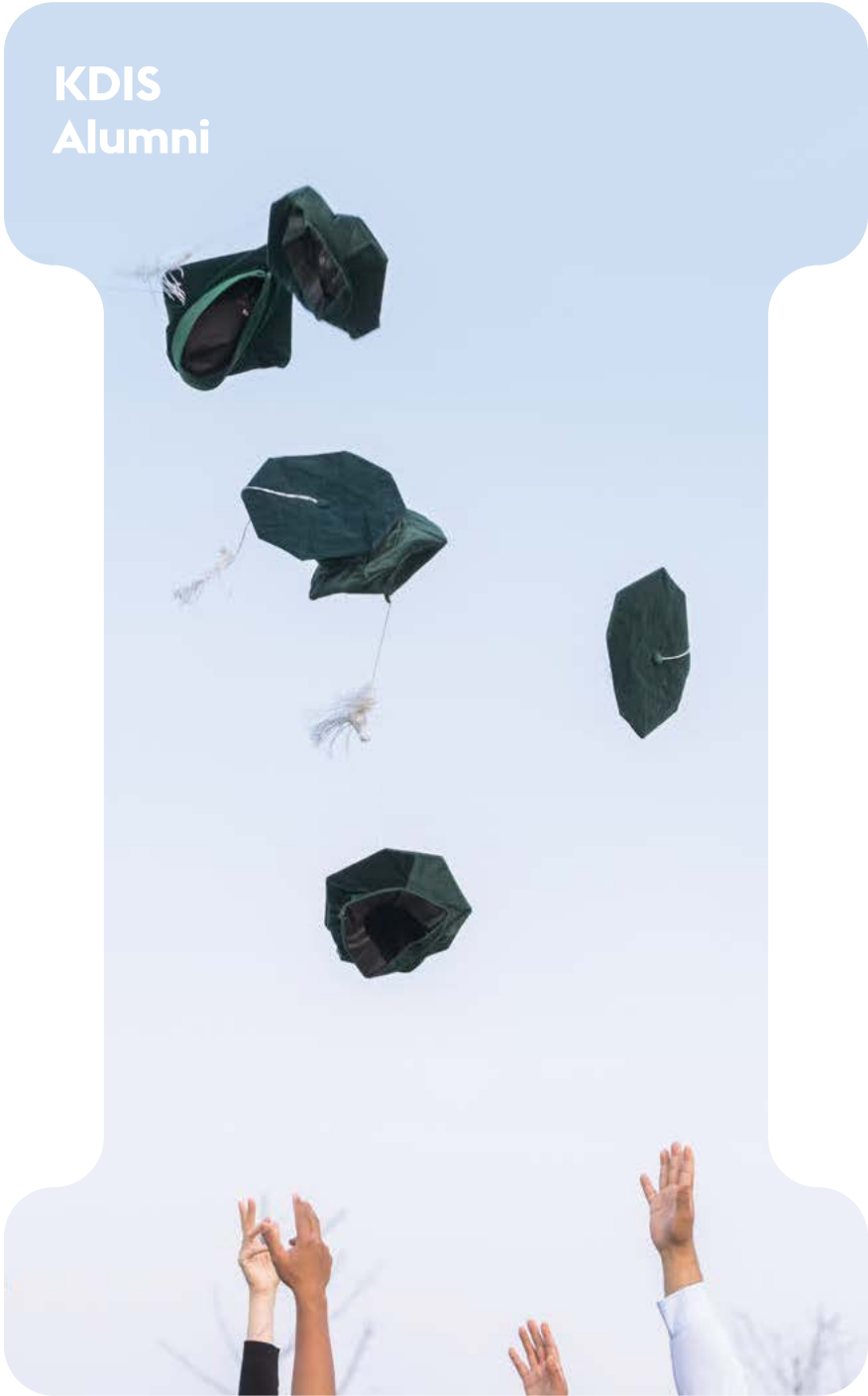


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# 25 Years of KDIS

It has been 25 years since the opening of KDI School in 1997. Let's take a look at the past journey of KDIS and how it became what it is today.

## EARLY DAYS

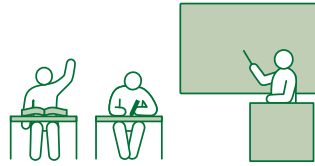
KDIS was established in December 1997 with the goal of fostering 21st century global talent.

## RAPID GROWTH

KDIS achieved rapid success as a professional graduate school for policy & management with world class programs and faculty.



1997



12 Established with authorization from the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development



1998



03 Classes began (4 programs)  
07 Dr. Lim, Gill-Chin inaugurated as the first dean



1999

11 Official name changed from KDI School of International Policy and Management to KDI School of Public Policy and Management

12 Designated as an APEC Education Hub

12 1st graduation (33 graduates)

2000



02 Global Master's Program (GMP) launched, enabling students to acquire dual degrees both at KDI School and abroad



2001

10 KDI School Alumni Association established

2002



01 Designated as the Korean Hub of the World Bank GDLN (Global Development Learning Network)

The Korean Hub of the World Bank GDLN



2003



01 E-Learning Program Launched

2008



10 Former President Kim Dae-jung visited KDI School and held discussions with 140 next-generation leaders selected from 14 Asian countries through GDLN.

2010



02 President Lee Myung-bak visited KDI School to meet with international students.

## CONSOLIDATION

KDIS became the first school outside of the United States to receive accreditation by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) for its Master of Public Policy (MPP) program.



**10** Designated as a participant of the "Campus Asia" project



**08** Designated as participant in the Korea-EU Industrialized Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Program



2011

2012

2013

2014



**01** Master's program restructured into MDP and MPP, Ph.D. in Development Policy established

**07** MPP program received accreditation by NASPAA-The Global Standard in Public Service Education



**12** Relocation to Sejong City



## CONTINUOUS INNOVATION

Over the past 25 years, KDIS has awarded degrees to about 2,700 international alumni from over 140 countries, which is the most in Korea, and continues to innovate itself as a global education hub for public policy leaders. This innovation has been recognized by accolades such as the Outstanding Institution Award and the Innovative Institution Award.



**11** Became the first Korean research institute to be a 3ie (International Initiative for Impact Evaluation) Associate Member and held academic sessions for public officials from key ministries at Sejong Government Complex



**06** Entered into an MOU with WIPO, KIPO and the City of Sejong in an effort to disseminate the experience of development through IP to developing countries



**09** Newly Opened Student Cafeteria "Food for Thought Lounge (FTL)" with Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik

2016

2019

2020



**05** Was Awarded "Outstanding Institution Award" from the NRC



**07** Signed an MOA with the City of Sejong and National Agency for Administrative City Construction to establish a second campus of the Sejong City Joint Campus



Greetings to  
KDI School Family!

KDIS  
MESSAGE



Greetings to KDI School Family!

We have reached the end of 2022 – a year marked by turbulence and the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a great point of pride for our school that we continue to carry out our educational and research mission at the highest possible level. I salute you for your dedication and sacrifice.

As you all know, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of our school this year. As a founding member, I can only say “How time flies!” Thanks to our commitment to excellence, we now enjoy a well-earned reputation as a premier policy school in Korea. Thanks to our globalist spirit reflected in our academic programs and school affairs, we draw students from all corners of the world. As of this year, 6,700 KDI School alumni from 141 countries are making their footprints as innovative leaders in all walks of life. I believe that we have done a fine job of fostering future global public leaders who can contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

We will not be complacent, however. We are embarking on a new path with a new vision for the coming 25 years. In response to the urgent need to upgrade and strengthen the public policy capabilities in the face of unprecedented challenges and threats, both domestically and globally, KDI School aims to play a pivotal role in establishing a top-notch public policy cluster in the city of Sejong. This is of course on top of everything we do currently.

We will seek greater support from the government in accordance with our expanding role. I urge all members of our school community - faculty, staff, students and alumni – to rally behind this new vision. If you all play a part, our ambitious vision will turn into reality.

I am proud and privileged to see our alumni continue to step up and be the difference that our world needs. Let us keep in mind to stay connected, and to walk together onward to the next 25 years!

*Jong-Il You*

Dean, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

25 Years of KDI School in Histo-graphics

# What Has KDI School Achieved in 25 Years?

## The birth of KDI School and "The Globe"?

**Name**  
KDI School  
**Date of Birth**  
Dec 1997  
**Age**  
25 years old



**Reason for birth**

- Fostering international experts
- Training and nurturing expert human resources
- Internationalization of public-private investment

**Name**  
The Globe  
**Date of Birth**  
Dec 1998  
**Age**  
24 years old



**Reason for birth**

- Chronicle KDI school's history
- Improve the brand image of the School through distribution of publications to alumni

## How many hours have passed since the establishment of KDI School?

219,000  
hours

24 hours × 365 days × 25 years

This is equivalent to approximately 4,055 roundtrip flights to Argentina, which is the farthest country from South Korea.



**Tip** It takes about 27 hours to arrive in Argentina from Incheon International Airport.

## How many countries are represented by KDI School graduates?

141  
195  
countries



The number of countries KDI School alumni come from is nearly close to the number of 195 UN member countries.

About 11km



If all KDI School graduates held hands and stood side by side with arms apart, how many kilometers long would that line be?

This is enough KDI School alumni to finish a 10km relay event just by passing the baton to the next person.

**Tip** KDI School has seen over 6,700 graduate since its establishment. (About 4,000 domestic graduates and 2,700 international graduates)

## How many people have participated in capacity building programs at KDI School?

Total of  
30,755  
people



30,755 people can pack the Jeju World Cup Stadium.

**Tip** A total of 30,755 people from 167 countries have received KDI School capacity building training.

## How high would you be able to stack all of the books in the KDI School library?

Approximately  
9,420m  
269,370  
books



The collection of books kept at the KDI School stacked on top of each other would be higher than Mount Everest, which is 8,839 meters tall.

**Tip** The total collection of books at KDIS library is 269,370 books. [as of 2022]

## The total number of news articles on KDI School over the past 25 years is 38,375 articles. If there was one article written for each day, how many years would it take to write all the news articles on KDI School?

About 105 years

One article everyday would be 365 articles in a year; 3,650 articles in 10 years; and 36,650 articles in 100 years. So, it would be 105 years.

**Tip** If one article was written each day, that would be 38,375 articles ÷ 365 days = 105 years.

# KDI School's 25th Anniversary

## Special Guests Convene to Celebrate KDI School's 25th Anniversary



On December 5th, 2022, KDI School celebrated its silver anniversary of empowering the next generation of public policy and development practitioners worldwide. Drawing on the expertise and research of Asia's leading think tank, Korea Development Institute (KDI), which has significantly contributed to the economic and social development of Korea, KDI School has become an internationally-recognized center for education and research in public policy and development. KDI School's diverse faculty and student body make our institution truly special and give us a distinct character. At this 25-year mark, this is a success worth celebrating.

The KDI School 25th Anniversary Ceremony brought together 330 participants to mark the special occasion, including Korean and international alumni, faculty, and staff. The audience also included a number of special guests, including Hae-Gu Jung (Chairperson of the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences), Ju-Ho Lee (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education), Minho Choi (Mayor of Sejong City), and Hyoung-ju Ryu (Director of Management of K-water). These guests were also joined by invited guests from KDI School's overseas partner institutions, and together they make congratulatory remarks. These were followed by speeches of gratitude made by past and present student representatives at KDI School.

The KDI School Global Alumni Network is proud of its alumni worldwide, and 5 alumni guests were invited in recognition of their achievements as high-ranking officials. 3 international alumni from the first cohort of graduating students from the MPP program in 1998 were also invited as special guests.

At the ceremony, KDI School Alumni Office launched its alumni working partner program, which connects alumni as working partners to accomplish mutual global goals. The program participants, alumni of KDI School, may propose new global cooperation projects or join the already existing projects by partnering with each other. Four winning teams from the KDIS alumni working partner program and representatives of alumni associations by continent arrived in Sejong; they joined not just to commemorate and re-connect with each other but also to share memories of how our school and the faculty members have contributed to their professional and personal development.

One special guest, the Honorable Prondencia Awa Injoh, Member of Parliament for Momo East Constituency (National Assembly, Cameroon), shared her thoughts in her congratulatory remarks:

*"Congratulations KDI School on this memorable day as we celebrate the Silver Jubilee. I am proudly a product of KDI School, and I remain indebted to this highly recognized institution of learning for all my achievements, which have permitted me to strive administratively and politically since I graduated in MDP 2012."*

In the afternoon, the KDIS 25th Anniversary Conference gathered the representatives of several international public policy schools: Danny Quah (Dean of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore), Nancy Staudt (Dean of Pardee RAND Graduate School, USA), and Jacint Jordana (Director of IBEI - The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Spain). The guests participated in a roundtable discussion with Professors Heung Suk Choi (Korea University) and Woo Chang Kim (KAIST).

The conference was followed by the KDIS 25th Anniversary Alumni Homecoming. Alumni gathered to share their stories and reflect on the past and present. Ozgur Demirkol (Deputy Director of the Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific at the IMF) delivered his congratulatory remarks as an MPP alumni of the first 1998 cohort. Dana Aleksic, a representative of the South East Europe Alumni Association spoke on how to activate the engagement of alumni associations. These speakers were followed by Diana Sayuri Bayona Matsuda (MPP alumni, 2006), who shared her success story as a former Vice Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Peru.

The special events and spirit of the KDI School 25th Anniversary Ceremony provided a venue for discussing ways to achieve inclusive, sustainable, and long-term economic development. It was also not only a moment for celebration and recognition of KDI School's contributions but also an occasion for revealing a future vision for the KDI School of Public Policy and Management. As such, the day honored not only the 25 years that have gone by but also turned our thoughts to the 25 years that are yet to come.



### | The 25th Anniversary Ceremony of KDI School of Public and Management



### | KDIS 25th Anniversary Conference : Future of Public Policy Education



# KDIS TOP

# 10 NEWS

## Diplomatic Corps Gathered for KDI School's 25th Anniversary

To celebrate the KDI School's 25th anniversary and strengthen the cooperative relationships with the diplomatic community in Korea, Professor Cho Dong Chul\* conducted a special lecture titled '50 Years of Korean Economic Development and Tasks.' Held for the first time in three years after COVID-19, the lecture aimed at broadening the understanding of Korea's political and economic issues amongst the ambassadors and diplomats visiting the country.

In November, KDI School launched a new program called "Global Governance and Diplomacy Workshop," focusing on addressing global issues and sharing different countries' experience working towards the SDGs. Speeches from ambassadors and other key figures from foreign embassies were



met with enthusiastic questions and animated discussion by KDIS faculty and students. The event was a great success and had the audience reflect on our School's founding mission of learning and listening from our partners and peers.



\* Professor Cho Dong-chul was appointed as the 17th KDI President as of December 1st, 2022.

## New Slogan: KDI School Where the Difference Begins



Another way to celebrate KDI School's silver anniversary was the replacement of the school slogan. Hence, instead of the previous "Shape the world, pioneer the future" slogan, a new one "KDI School where the difference begins" was introduced. This emphasizes the role of a think tank in creating differences by providing differentiated education and delivering the school's vision of the future.

## Gearing Back to Normal with Offline Classes and Events

Breaking away from Covid-19 restrictions, we are back to offline classes, and we had remarkable events: the Soccer Festival which attracted 250 participants from across the KDIS community, the Song and Dance Festival where our fifteen amazing teams have performed, the International Food Festival where students shared their exquisite cuisine, and finally Talent Donation that allowed KDI School's multinational students to give a class to local schools, enriching the global competency of young Sejong city residents.



## Newly Launched DPPM: Ph.D. in Public Policy

In an effort to respond to the high-quality educational needs of public officials, KDI School launched a new Ph.D. program in Public Policy and Management. This comprehensive Korean and English-based course allows domestic students to improve their problem-solving skills through developing policy, management, global, and convergence competencies.

## External Linkages Strengthened with New Partner Universities



In the pursuit of ongoing improvement, KDI School continues to establish new partnership expansion with other world-leading universities in the area of public policy. Therefore, in the framework of cooperation, the school launched a dual degree program with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and signed an MOU with the Hertie School of Governance.

These partnerships will allow students from KDIS's Global Masters Programs (GMP) and partner universities to have mutual exchange visits to each other's countries.

Moreover, under the newly established partnerships, 15 students from the Free University of Berlin have already visited KDIS to have a campus tour.

## Minimizes Covid-19 in Campus with Proactive Measures

Despite the nationwide lifting of restrictions on wearing masks outdoors, KDI School made additional efforts to minimize spread of Covid-19. Thus, by issuing a 7-day quarantine measure and continuous operation of self-quarantine rooms for students with symptoms, minimized Covid-19 on Campus.

## K-Developedia Expands Further on Its 10th Anniversary



This year, K-Developedia, an online knowledge-sharing platform for Korea's socio-economic development experience, celebrates its 10th anniversary. Starting from the database containing information primarily on Korean development, it has expanded over the past ten years to include international content. For example, it now contains research papers from various development institutions on Korean geopolitics, polarization, and fiscal economics.



## 1st Policy Strategy Program for Senior Officials Conducted

In alignment with the school's mission of educating public personnel, KDI School launched a course focusing on problem-solving capacities for senior leaders in 12 public enterprises. These included at least 20 managers from government organizations in the fields of public transport, finance, agriculture, trade, and so on. 179 lectures, institutional visits, domestic workshops, and overseas training were conducted in the framework of a new course.

## KDIS Website Gets Makeover

As a part of creating a better user experience and smoother conditions for current and future KDIS students, the school reorganized its website. The new homepage has a more user-friendly interface that is consistent with trends and facilitates non-face-to-face education and provision of services. Moreover, a newly introduced "one-stop service" allows current KDIS students to obtain needed information more easily, which simplifies the work for both staff and students.



## One Step Forward to a More Sustainable School Operation



One of KDI School's global missions is to foster sustainable ways of living. And in light of this mission, the school has launched various campaigns such as Pure, Plogging Day, and so on. On February 2022, KDIS established a "Paperless System" to digitize their accounting process not only to prepare for the post-COVID-19 era but also to implement innovative smart administration. This paperless method brings forth an environmentally friendly operation, supports Work Diet, improves work efficiency by eliminating the physical boundaries, and most importantly, helps build a green office.

# Congratulations Messages from Alumni

2022 marks KDI School's silver anniversary, reflecting 25 years of educating the next generation's global leaders and international experts. For this joyous occasion, alumni association representatives from around the world share their congratulations and messages of goodwill and cheer.



**Dana Aleksic**

2010 MPP-ED  
Europe-South East  
Europe Group

On behalf of the South East European Alumni Association, I am delighted to congratulate KDIS on its 25th Anniversary! We would like to thank all the faculty and staff for their continuous dedication towards creating the best public policy school in Asia. As alumni, we are happy to be part of KDIS' unique, supportive, international community, and we're wishing you many more successful years ahead! 모든 것에 감사드립니다 (Thank you for everything)!



**Mohamed Farzan Abdul Razzak**

2009 MPP | Asia-Sri Lanka

On behalf of the Sri Lankan KDIS Alumni, I congratulate the KDIS family on reaching its 25th anniversary. This milestone reflects the history of KDIS and its significant contributions to the personal and academic development of thousands of students from Korea and overseas, past and present. Many of the KDIS graduates in Sri Lanka became high ranking government officials and executives. Credit should be given to KDIS, which has contributed immensely to their role as leaders and architects of the future of our nation. I hope KDIS grows further and scales new heights in its future.



**Roque Luiz Wandenkolk**

2013 MDP | America-Brazil

I wish a new, prosperous, and long journey to KDI School. Congratulations on its achievements with incredible investments in education, knowledge sharing programs, the training of global leaders, and deep efforts to celebrate cultural differences in the world. I sincerely feel happy to be part of this success story, which culminates from much work, engagement, passion and determination of the KDI School. Congratulations on these 25 years, and I wish many more years ahead. Thank you very much KDIS for being part of my life and my soul! I miss you a lot! I love you KDIS!



**Lydia Kiwumulo**

2013 MDP | Africa-Uganda

Congratulations KDIS on your 25th anniversary. Thank you for being the champions of change and sharing your first-hand experience with the world for the past 25 years. You have produced agents of change in global governance and diplomacy, and in addressing and implementing global issues. You give opportunities to the least advantaged countries to improve through your education in good policy frameworks. Thank you for being the hub for champions of change, and for molding professionals to better formulate policies. The Ugandan alumni are proud to be associated with one of the top policy schools. Long live KDIS.



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# Something about KDI School



KDI School has provided me with many things for which I am grateful. Starting from a scholarship that allowed me to gain area-specific policy-making knowledge and finishing with diverse field trips that help to explore Korean history and culture. However, apart from these, KDIS also pays special attention to the adaptation of international students to living in Korea. For example, the KDIS Buddy program matches one Korean and two international students. When I first came here, it was difficult for me to figure out how things work here. I did not know how to rent bikes, make online orders, buy tickets for trains, and so on. I was frustrated and overwhelmed with the amount of information that I needed to deal with. Moreover, this feeling was intensified by the fact that I did not reside in the dormitory where I could talk to other students and get some pieces of advice. However, thanks to my buddies Yoo Jin and Lyka, I was able to learn all the necessary things and easily adapt to living here. They were patiently helping me with every non-familiar thing, so now, I feel beyond grateful for such kindness shown to me. KDIS' Buddy program not only helps to explore the cultural differences of participants and build a global community but also brings together people from all over the world. So, thanks to this great school initiative, I found close friends with whom I tried home-cooked Korean national dishes, visited interesting spots, and had a chance to do café hopping. I love my school for its efforts in making each of our lives more exciting and diverse.

One of the things I admire most about KDIS is the constant pursuit of improvement. The school tries to integrate all the modern methods of policymaking. For example, the university recently introduced a data science concentration. Before taking Data Visualization, Fundamentals of R for Public Policy, and Fundamentals of Python Programming, I thought data science was all about programming. However, during these classes, I realized that it could serve as a powerful tool for policymakers when dealing with complex issues such as poverty, hunger, unemployment, food insecurity, gender inequality, climate change, etc. These problems can be solved more effectively by applying data science. We live in an era where "data is the new oil," which feeds entire industries and is of enormous value, especially when you consider that the public sector is cluttered with huge amounts of data on population demographics, production of goods and services in countries, economic transactions between trading companies, health and pandemics. However, if this data is not processed, it becomes virtually useless. So, we need to use this information and get conclusions that will help in policy making. Data science allows policymakers to think through different channels. I think this is a natural evolution of the school's mission to train and educate the next generation of leaders and policymakers.

# Match the Scene

7-year-old Kaung  
Past



Can you describe your photo and navigate us through your life 25 years ago?

This photo was taken in 1997 when I won the outstanding student award of my whole region. At that time, I was a good student interested in music, drawing, and debating. Moreover, I was an active student who enjoyed making friends and participating in social events. Looking at my picture, which shows me at the age of seven, brings back many fond memories of the time when I was a promising schoolboy. I still vividly remember my dreams as a child, where the most typical dream was to become a doctor to help others and get a degree from a famous educational institution. However, my life story has taught me that despite many efforts, life does not continually develop according to our plans and dreams. Even though I diligently studied to get into the best

**Kaung  
Phyto Wint**

2022 MPM  
Myanmar

medical school in my country, I could not get in. As an alternative, I received a bachelor's degree in information technology. After that, I pursued a career as a diplomat. I never imagined that I would end up where I am today. It was never in my plans, and I never thought it would happen. However, my profession as a diplomat and my studies at KDIS allow me to pursue other interests, such as making new friends and participating in social and cultural events. It is remarkable that today, 25 years later, I can regain the self-confidence that I had as a hopeful seven-year-old student at KDIS.

How would you describe your current life? How close it is to your imagination 25 years ago.

Growing up has been an emotional roller coaster for me. For 25 years,

This year KDI School celebrates its silver anniversary of educating the next generation of global leaders and international experts. To reflect on this, we asked KDIS students to share their lives over the past 25 years.

32-year-old Kaung  
Present



I changed several occupations and start doing many things from scratch. However, whatever I did I always tried to be friendly and approachable since networking and communication are foundations of success in the 21st century. Starting from college, I actively sought out opportunities to participate in extracurricular clubs, groups, events and competitions, and volunteer work. It helped me feel rejuvenated, energetic, stress-free, and happy. Moreover, attending such events taught me many things that greatly contributed to getting to a position as the third secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar in 2013. Making connections through friendships and networking helped me succeed in my career as a diplomat and in other areas of my life. As a diplomat, I rely heavily on the support and resources I have gained

through my network. I am now a student at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, pursuing a master's degree in public administration. KDI School helped me find people who shared my enthusiasm for studying international relations. Thanks to the active student community, I had the opportunity to participate in various extracurricular activities, from art and culture to volunteering and more. Thanks to KDIS, I have been able to quickly expand my circle of friends and acquaintances. KDIS alumni are the best, and I know I can count on their friendship and advice long after I leave campus. Although I did not succeed in becoming a doctor as I had hoped, I was able to continue my education at a prestigious institution, KDIS, and advance in my work.

5-year-old Rujapa  
Past



Can you describe your photo and navigate us through your life 25 years ago?

25 years ago I was a 5-year-old girl living in Thailand. At that time, I had just started attending a pre-primary school and was interested in everything. I liked drawing, singing, and learning languages. As you can see in the photo, I was quite an outgoing and confident kid who was not scared to perform in front of a big audience. Probably due to these personality traits I was able to participate in a song competition devoted to Thai Mother's Day organized by my school. It was a special day for me not only because I won the contest but also because I made my parents proud of me.

How did you imagine your life back then?

Growing up in a family of lawyers, I frequently have been told how important and necessary their job is for people and society. As Martin Luther King once said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice

Rujapa  
Prakongsri  
2022 MIPD  
Thailand

everywhere". Therefore, although my family would support every decision of mine, they wanted to transfer their faiths and convictions to me. However, I was too little to understand the laws, abstract duties of attorneys, or notion of justice. Hence, I paid more attention to my family hobbies: both my parents treasured art and creativity. As a result, all my childhood was filled with singing and drawing, and I was fond of it. Perhaps for this reason, I could never imagine my life without singing and thought it was an amazing area to explore and I was ready to dedicate my life to this profession. Apart from the arts, I loved learning languages, so I cherished the idea of traveling abroad and talking to local people in their native language. Hence, I started studying English quite early and wanted to practice it with foreigners visiting my country. Overall, I would say that I was a very soft-mannered child who loved creative hobbies, participating in different performances, and communicating with people.

How has your life changed in 25 years and how would you describe your current life?

First of all, I became older and realized that there is no such thing as "the rightest choice." We do not have to decide on things that make a significant part of our lives, such as our occupation, once and forever. We can be interested in many things, try them out, and then choose our path. I believe this is a privilege of a contemporary person – the ability to explore this ever-expanding world full of knowledge. For example, although I assumed my profession would be related to languages or arts, I still chose the path of intellectual property lawyer and even became a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association. Despite the difficulties of studying law and consequent working as a lawyer, I am still passionate about my job and strive to improve my qualification. As for my love of languages, I continue learning them. For instance, for one year I lived in Norway and studied Norwegian.

30-year-old Rujapa  
Present



Before coming to KDI School, I also worked as a senior trademark attorney at the Korean Desk and started learning Korean. I am happy that now I have all the opportunities to improve my Korean language by taking "Korean Language and Culture III" and "Advanced Oral Communication and Composition in Korean" courses.

With regards to singing, recently I participated in KDIS' Song and Dance Festival where I finally had a chance to sing one of my favorite Korean songs in front of an international and Korean audience. Thanks to KDIS, I was able to realize my most cherished dreams – learning about intellectual property in Korea, improving my Korean language, and singing. To sum up, I would say that many things change over the quarter of a century, however sincere passion for something will always stay with us no matter what we do for a living. As KDIS proceeds to foster future global leaders, so do I continue expanding my knowledge and sticking to my passions.

# Campus Life Outside the Classroom:

## A Spotlight on KDIS Clubs and Forums

In the spirit of “outside-the-box thinking”, KDIS also offers students an outlet for other well-rounded pursuits through the KDIS student forums and clubs. The KDIS student forums are organized by the students who form groups by region or policy area of interest. The forums organize various activities such as interviews, seminars, and conferences. Meanwhile, the KDI School student clubs aim to provide students with ample opportunities to come together and share valuable experiences through various social, cultural, scholastic, athletic, and religious programs. They are a venue for students to mingle and get to know others while pursuing common interests beyond academics. They help students foster friendships among members through voluntary participation in areas of common interest.

KDIS highly encourages students to get involved in the student forums and clubs and provides support for their activities. This year, we have seen many interesting groups initiated by students and professors. In particular, 6 student forums and 17 student clubs were officially registered during the Fall 2022 semester.

Let’s take a look at some of the best organizations and find out what they are up to!

Life as a KDI School student is vibrant and also challenging. The school provides a happy mix of both pedagogic and extra-curricular endeavors, making student life here anything but dull.

### KDIS MDP Reading Group



Organized by Professor Changkeun Lee, the MDP Reading Group aims to offer members insights into what makes a “good” empirical paper and ultimately give them a motivation for their own research topic. The group, made up of five MDP students and one faculty member, will meet to discuss and deep dive into a single academic paper, learn its strength and discuss how it could be improved. Members will look into what others have done in the frontier, and ideally find a gap they would like to fill in. For this semester, Professor David Sungho Park is leading the group, and the focus will be on papers in micro-development economics. Those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in the near future would benefit the most by participating in this group.

### KDIS Photography Club



The main purpose of the club is to provide KDIS students with an interest in photography the opportunity to get together, share ideas and experience, be creative, and at the same time, explore places and capture the culture of Korea through the camera lens. Open to all kinds of photographer, it also aims to engage the KDIS community in the art of photography through knowledge-sharing and capacity-building on technical skills.

From the past semesters, the club organized various activities such as themed shoots for creative, portrait, day and night, lifestyle, urban photography, cherry blossoms, black and white, color, selfie, and monochromatic challenges, as well as photowalks in Sejong City. They started the Fall 2022 semester with an orientation and a basic photography workshop. Among its upcoming activities are more photography challenges, photowalks, an advanced photography workshop, and club socials. Ms. Antonie Lyka Manaloto from the Philippines is the current club Representative.

### KDIS Women's Leadership Forum



The KDIS Women’s Leadership Forum aims to be an inclusive platform where female KDIS students from different countries, religions, cultures, and backgrounds can connect, converge, share, and address various topics related to gender equality and women’s empowerment. It hopes to create a safe, respectful space where students can share real-life stories and experiences from women across multiple contexts by addressing race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and nationality, among others, to bring awareness- through practical activities developed by students themselves- about gender and its intersectionalities. For this, the forum organized regular “Safe Talks” on relevant issues such as gender-based violence at work, women in public spaces, and LGBTQIA+ rights. They also had activities commemorating Women’s Month and an art program to celebrate women, entitled ‘WomArt’. It also featured 31 remarkable women leaders for their ‘31 Days, 31 Woken, 31 Profiles’ editorial.

This semester, the group is continuing its various programs with the purpose of deconstructing, unlearning, and re-learning about feminism, women’s rights, and inequality by developing a strong community of students, alumni, and mentors. Ms. Stefany Michelle Campins, from Mexico, is the current Forum Representative.

# What's on My Plate?

Amidst the daily hustle and bustle of school, international students in KDIS also navigate regularly the joys and pains of figuring out what to eat in a foreign country. We talked to two of them to find out what is regularly on their plates and pick up their special recipes for tasty meals that other KDIS students may also enjoy. Let's dig in – bon appétit!



**Hans Nkwati  
Pekwangha**

2021 MDP | Cameroon

## Han's Fufu Corn And Vegetables

### Ingredients

Dried vegetable leaves, Meat, Dried fish, Egusi (ground pumpkin seeds), Chopped onions, Sliced tomatoes, Garlic, Cooking oil

### Cooking Instructions

- 1 Fry onion in cooking oil for 2 mins, carefully stirring while frying.
- 2 When it turns golden color, add the tomato.
- 3 In a separate pan, fry ginger with garlic and dried fish.
- 4 Mix and cook together for 7mins .
- 5 Add the vegetables.
- 6 Add salt and seasoning mix (crawfish seasoning mix)
- 7 Add a bit of water while mixing.
- 8 In a separate pot, mix the egusi with water to give it a smooth texture.
- 9 Continue to mix it until it reaches the desired texture- soft and fluffy.
- 10 Once cooked, wrap the fufu in a plastic wrap and gather all the sides of the wrap to cover the fufu then twist to wrap.
- 11 Serve the fufu wrap with the vegetables and enjoy it hot.



I routinely cook my own meals and also usually for my “brothers” and “sisters” here too. I always enjoy cooking, and I frequently cook for 2-3 days a week to stock up food for the week. This takes planning, and I already have my system down pat. For the recipe I am sharing, some of the ingredients are from my precious stash that I brought from my country, which I carefully portion to last long enough. For this meal called Fufu Corn and Vegetable, egusi is used. This is ground pumpkin seed, usually common in Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana and Gambia. This is not readily available in Korea, so I have requested this from new students to bring when they travelled here from my country at the start of the Fall semester. In some communities, they eat egusi like a main meal and as a staple like rice. For me, I eat it with vegetables and meat, served with fufu corn. Try this recipe too when you want to feel the warmth and richness of African culture and cuisine!

**Narangarav Batsuuri**

2021 MPP | Mongolia



For me, cooking while living in Korea as a KDIS student has been a series of happy experiments. I am health conscious, and I have always preferred balanced, nutrient-filled food, so I like to make it myself. Moving to KDIS, I was both challenged and overwhelmed by the culinary options available. I am used to having a lot of meat with carbs and vegetables, but on a student budget, this was a luxury. To also maximize my time, I had to be creative and more intentional with my food preparation. After being here for more than a year, I have gotten into my groove in the kitchen and mastered grocery shopping- online and in-store. This recipe I am sharing is my top easy, healthy, default meal- a product of many trials and errors I have enjoyed. In my country, I usually eat meat with rice, but here now, I just mix it with random vegetables, depending on what I find or what is in season here. In particular, I like it with the sweet potatoes because these are usually available year-round in Korea.

Try this quick and nutritious recipe next time you find yourself pressed for time but longing for a good fill! (PS: sharing this with your roomie is a must, according to my dear roomie! 😊)

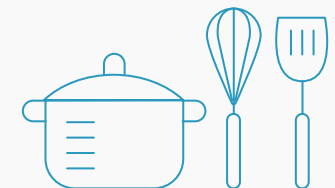
**Nara's Mo-Ko (Mongolian-Korean) Meat and Veggies**

**Ingredients**

A cup of sliced beef (cubed or bite-sized). Two cups of frozen mixed vegetables (carrots, broccoli, cauliflower etc.). Fresh ones are also okay, but frozen vegetables are easier to prepare. One cup of sliced sweet potatoes (bite-sized). Two tablespoons of cooking oil. One tablespoon of chopped garlic. One tablespoon of sliced onion. Salt . Black pepper

**Cooking Instructions**

- 1 Fry one tablespoon of chopped garlic and one tablespoon of onion in 2 tablespoons of cooking oil.
- 2 When the garlic turns golden, add the beef and fry for a little bit.
- 3 Add a pinch of salt while mixing the meat.
- 4 When the meat is cooked, add in the mixed vegetables and stir fry together. Season to taste with more salt if desired.
- 5 Add in the sweet potato and cook for 2-3 more minutes.
- 6 Season with a pinch of black pepper.
- 7 Serve and eat while it is hot!



# My Favorite K-content

It's no surprise that Hallyu has taken over the world by storm, especially during the pandemic. The Korean wave has become more than a passing trend and has gained a loyal following, KDIS students included! We asked a few of them for some K-content recommendations and here are their suggestions:

Anete Beinaroviča 2022 MDP | Latvia



Music, literature, and art is something that is near and dear to my heart, whether I am in my home country or abroad, and I strongly believe that together they constitute a very profound picture of a society's way of life, thought process and beliefs. This is among the reasons why I have such a deep appreciation for K-content.

I got into K-content around 2018 – partially thanks to my workplace and partially because "Fake Love" by BTS was being played so much on different radio stations in Latvia that it immediately stood out and made me want to find out more. My office also closely cooperates with the Embassy of Korea in Latvia so I then had constant exposure and got drawn into the K-world without me even noticing.

As I became more and more interested in Korean culture, I wanted to explore their literature as I am a huge book worm. I recently read "I Want to Die But I Want to Eat Tteokpokki" by Baek Se-hee, and it attracted my attention because of the title, obviously. And while I usually avoid books that even slightly resemble the self-help genre, this one was different. It felt like a therapy session, and I really appreciate the author being so candid and sharing her experience with all of us readers- an experience that many, including myself, have gone through. I highly recommend this book!



\* Source: HYBE Entertainment Homepage



\* Source: Kyobo Book Centre Homepage

Anto Nofianto 2021 MDP | Indonesia



Ever since I was a child, my family would watch K-dramas, such as Winter Sonata, Stairway to Heaven, and Memories of Bali on the TV every evening. Because of this, I was indirectly introduced to K-content, and I then lost interest in other countries' TV shows as I became accustomed to the uniqueness of K-drama.

Memories of Bali was quite popular in my nation in 2004 because the filming took place there. This drama was memorable for me and my family not only because it portrayed Bali, but because the story was a crazy and chaotic ride that was filled with greed, tears, and misery. It focused on family issues and human relationships, and also presented emotions with logical plot creation. It was a really well-made TV series, and I would recommend it to others too.

K-Dramas appeal to people's hearts rather than their heads, and they are usually about love and family- themes that are common to everyone's life. From the characters, we are able to better understand ourselves and the feelings of others. They teach us the value of family and friends, as well as what happiness is. These days, dramas merge the right balance of truth and imagination in a very innovative way, so that the audience may enter the fantasy realm and think it might happen in the real world as well. Because of this, I highly recommend K-Dramas to everyone.



\* Source: SBS Homepage



\* Source: SBS Homepage



## My KDIS

### Sang Woo Kim

2021 MPP  
South Korea



The Covid-19 pandemic has affected and changed the lives of literally every one of us. For several years, we had to restrain ourselves in movements and keep our distance, and no one was sure when this ambiguity would fade away. This also applied to university life: I spent almost two semesters of my graduate degree studying online. The absence of real-life communication with professors and other students was gradually making everyone frustrated. Until one day Professor Inbok Rhee, whose course Topics in Political Economy of Development I was taking, did not suggest students come to his office hours offline.

Since it was my first semester, I felt nervous but still decided to email the professor to discuss my research concerns and future career aspirations. I did not expect anything specific as it was our first meeting but the professor was super kind and welcoming. I shared my concerns about choosing between a thesis or SRP and what I would like to do after graduation. Professor Rhee took everything seriously and carefully explained to me that good research consists of a careful literature review. Moreover, he showed me several websites with open positions for working in international organizations. After this short yet productive conversation, I started applying for some positions and wanted someone to review my application. You cannot imagine my surprise when Professor Rhee agreed to check my application and subsequently provided objective and detailed feedback. In November 2022, thanks to Prof. Rhee's guidance and my personal efforts, I got a position as a researcher at the Korea Transport Institute. I am beyond grateful to KDIS professors for their kindness and sincere desire to help students.

## Soulmate

### Marian Freyja Gilo

2021 MPM  
Philippines



KDI School puts great emphasis on quantitative analysis and taking courses on it is a requirement for most students. However, many of us came from diverse backgrounds with different levels of experience and knowledge of statistics. Therefore, despite professors' efforts, the Quantitative Methods course is one of the most challenging for many students, including me. Due to the 100% online format of the class and visa restrictions, it was almost impossible for students to communicate, organize study groups and help each other.

However, one day, one of my classmates - Surachet Sriphuriak from Thailand with a background in finance - found out that his close friend was struggling with the QM course. To help him, he organized review sessions to explain to his friend topics in statistics. As it was expected, soon many students became aware of this and asked Surachet to join the sessions. Although he hesitated a bit, in the end, he became the "group lecturer" for our QM review sessions which took place in one of the lecture classes. Since some of us were still stuck in our home countries due to visa issues, the sessions were also shared in Zoom. Hence, due to his kind efforts and detailed explanations, all students could understand QM better and solve the midterm and finals proving that the KDI School is not only about high-quality education in evidence-based policymaking but also a community that finds a way to solve the problem together despite differences.

# KDIS Fashion Looks

## #SPRING

**Adriana Martinez**

2021 MDP  
Colombia



**KDIS School is not only a #1 Asian public policy school that uses evidence-based policymaking to educate future global leaders but also a place that gathers people from all corners of the world. They come from different countries, continents, and even climate zones. Therefore, today we decided to ask current KDIS students about the Korean four seasons and their must-have seasonal fashion items.**

For me, Korean Spring means vibrant colors and ideal weather. It's not cold, not humid, not hot but full of fresh air. It's the time to walk around and enjoy both flowers blooming and cherry blossoms, bringing life to every corner, park, and street.

Spring is the perfect excuse to add color to our style. My oversized denim jacket is my must-have for this season in South Korea. Because of its neutral shade, I wear it with flower prints, vibrant slacks, animal print skirts, dresses, crop tops, shorts, and jerseys. It goes well with boots, flats, sandals, espadrilles, or sneakers.

An oversized denim jacket is timeless and will never go out of style. It is perfect for color lovers like me or for the more conservative people who prefer neutral and discreet tones. I wear it both during the day and at night, and it always adds a special touch to my outfits.

In Colombia, we don't have seasons, but the weather in Bogota, my city, can be spring-like in some periods. And guess what? That's right, my denim jacket goes out with me!

Go get yours and elevate your spring looks!

## #SUMMER

**Nigora Burokhonova**

2022 MDP  
Tajikistan



My home country, Tajikistan, is a mountainous country with four seasons. We experience cherry blossoms during the spring, green trees in summer, beautiful leaf falls, and snowfalls. Therefore, I thought that I was fully aware of what to expect in South Korea and considered myself a well-prepared person.

However, what I could not imagine is the humidity in summer. Although the temperature rises quite high during summer in Tajikistan, it is still dry, so we can easily breathe and walk, which is not the case here. Due to the high humidity, it is hard to go out and spend time outside as much as I wish.

Nevertheless, Koreans are so creative and have so many useful items for such situations. For example, hot packs during the winter or hand fans for summer.

I bought one fan at the beginning of summer and it made my summer so much more comfortable as I could still enjoy the green trees and walk with my friends. So, if you are not used to humidity, purchasing hand fans may be a good decision to fully relish the Korean summer.

## #FALL

### Anto Nofianto

2021 MDP  
Indonesia



I come from Indonesia, where we have only two seasons - dry and rainy. Despite this, the temperature stays pretty much the same all the time, so we just make sure to bring an umbrella during the rain.

However, South Korea is a different case: it has four distinct seasons. Korean Fall is all about saturated yellow and orange colors everywhere, falling leaves, and cool weather. Therefore, my beanie hat is my go-to clothing item for this season since it is not too heavy, and I still can hear what people are saying, but it is also warm enough to keep my ears covered. Moreover, it is easy to style as it goes well with classic wardrobe elements or with oversized jackets, boots, and sneakers. So, if you are coming from tropical warm climate zones, you might consider purchasing a beanie hat to keep you warm during the colorful yet pretty cool Korean autumn.

Although there are four seasons in Eritrea, the temperature variation is not as extreme as in South Korea. Therefore, before coming here I did not know that winter can be so harsh and did not bring my warm jacket since I never had one! As a result, I had to buy one during my transit at Doha airport. However, it was still too light for dry icy cold winds, so I had to purchase another heavy Korean down jacket. Nevertheless, what I desperately need during the winter is my gloves. I love biking and usually take a bicycle to get to the grocery store, shopping malls, and even for meeting with friends. However, it is almost impossible for me to use a bike without gloves as my fingers freeze during the winter. Hence, if you happen to come to South Korea during the winter, bring or buy warm jackets, and do not forget about gloves!



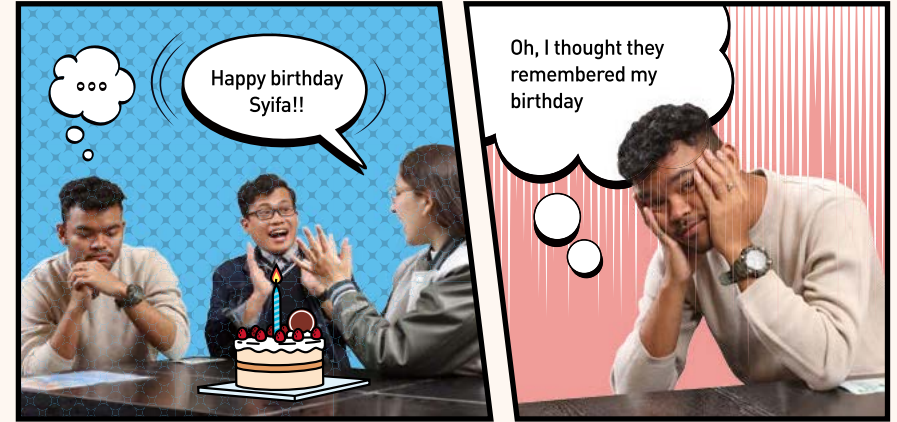
## #WINTER

### Yonas Solomon Gebremeskel

2022 MPP  
Eritrea

# Student Lifetoon

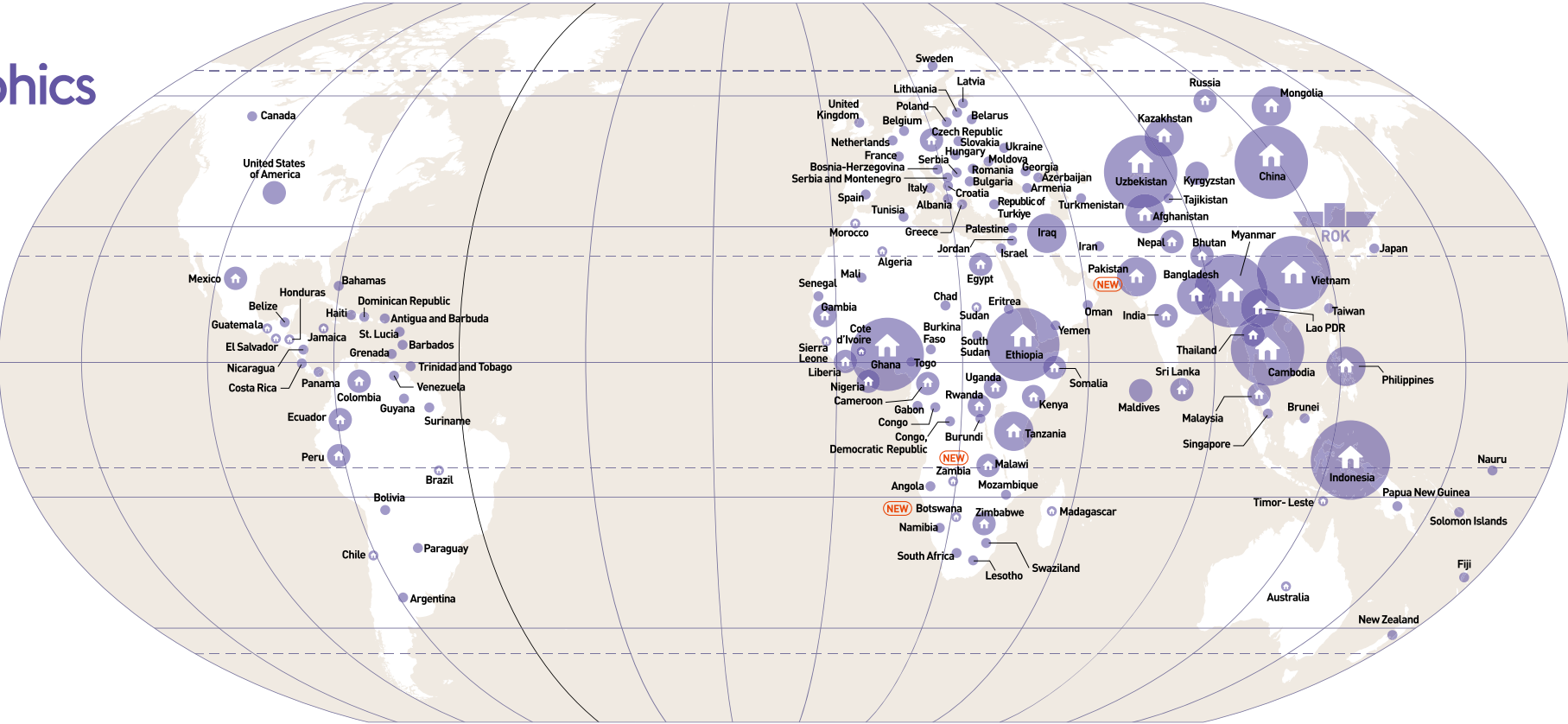
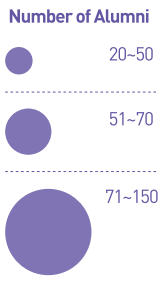
Student Lifetoon shows a sneak peak of memorable moments in KDI School. Here, let's take a look at a couple of new students as they adapt to campus life and how they celebrated a birthday in Korea for the first time.



▲ The photo above is from the day of his birthday.



# Alumni Infographics



### Alumni Body

**59%**

Domestic

**4,056**

**41%**

International

**2,769**

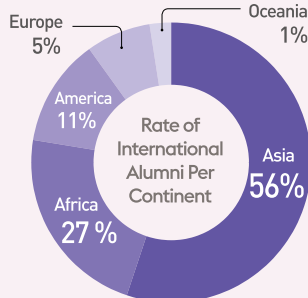
Total **6,825**  
From 141 countries

### Countries with Most Alumni

Continent	Country	Count
AFRICA	Ethiopia	87
	Ghana	75
	Tanzania	51
AMERICA	Colombia	26
	Mexico	26
	Peru	25
ASIA	Indonesia	146
	Vietnam	107
	Cambodia	105
EUROPE	Russia	25
	Czech Republic	21
	Romania	11
OCEANIA	Fiji	9
	Papua New Guinea	5
	Solomon Islands	4

### Number of Alumni Associations

Year	Number of Alumni Associations
2011	6
2013	21
2015	29
2019	36
2020	47
2021	54
2022	57



# Zoom in Alumni Program

The school has about 4,000 Korean alumni members in a variety of fields, including the government, public organizations, financial institutions, media, private corporations, NGOs, and international organizations. In addition, the international alumni body has around 2,700 global leaders from 140 countries. The school provides the following programs for its alumni:



Scan the QR code to view the KDIS Alumni Programs

For this year's alumni workshop and in celebration of the school's 25th anniversary, the top 4 projects of the 2022 KDIS Alumni Working Partnership Program was invited to present their projects.

\* Project Team Leader

**SDG Case Studies: "Story Telling for SDG Implementation"**

Partnership  

**Socrates Luseka\***  
2021 MDP | Kenya

**Cynthia Mbabazi**  
2020 MPP | Uganda

**Promoting Indonesia Halal Industrial Parks to Korean Business**

Partnership 

**La Ode Nazaruddin\***  
2011 MPP | Indonesia

**Arifenie Fitri Nur**  
2016 MPP | Indonesia

**Improving Health Outcomes in Africa through a Centre for African Digital Healthcare Policy**

Partnership     

**Dr. Festus Adedoyin\***  
2016 MDP | Nigeria

**Ousman Gaku**  
2018 MPP | Gambia

**Abshir Yonis Muse**  
2018 MDP | Somalia

**Shevon Moore**  
2018 MPPM | Guyana

**Maria Sheya**  
2017 MPP | Namibia

**Hayoung Jeon**  
2016 MDP | Republic of Korea

**Lovia Afoakwa**  
2015 MPP | Ghana

**E-Library for Sustainable Development Goals**

Partnership  

**Bao Nguyen Van\***  
2020 MDP | Vietnam

**Edgar Joshua Vasanthakumar**  
2020 MDP | India

The team leaders of the top 4 projects all appreciate the impact of their KDIS education on their professional development and emphasize making use of the school's alumni services. They are looking forward to more opportunities to collaborate with alumni. The following are the testimonials of the team leaders as they provide brief descriptions introducing their projects:



**Socrates Luseka**  
2021 MDP | Kenya

Socrates Luseka applies his KDIS education in his work with KOTRA-Kenya, especially the Monitoring and Evaluation course taught by Prof. Paik. Grateful for the education he got, Socrates and a fellow alumnus initiated the story telling campaign of SDG implementation case studies. It aims to inspire by telling the stories of alumni that are working on SDGs, so that others may also do their own SDG projects. The campaign plans to expand by hearing more alumni stories.



**La Ode Nazaruddin**  
2011 MPP | Indonesia

La Ode Nazaruddin used the alumni services to aid in his work with Indonesia's Ministry of Industry, specifically with the Center of Halal Industry. This was an advantage as he was able to coordinate with another alumnus working in KOTRA, resulting in a webinar that educated Korean businesses on the aspects of the Halal industry in both the Indonesian and global markets.



**Dr. Festus Adedoyin**  
2016 MDP | Nigeria

For Dr. Festus Adedoyin, being a KDIS alumni is like being a global citizen with a network of different experts. KDIS has also enabled him to pursue research both as an interest and a career. With the school's education and network, Dr. Adedoyin co-created the Centre for African Digital Healthcare Policy, which was inspired by KDIS policy lectures. The Centre fills in policy direction gaps in digital health technologies in Africa and guides stakeholders and investments towards such endeavors.



**Bao Nguyen Van**  
2020 MDP | Vietnam

Bao Nguyen Van says that KDIS is a quality academic environment as he gained more analysis tools and a wider perspective. Aside from education, the school's alumni network is a great advantage. This network provided feedback on his E-Library project, which provides academic information, data, and other materials on sustainable development in a user-friendly manner. It acts as a knowledge sharing platform to exchange good practices regardless of country.

# In Those Days

**Need an inspiration boost? The professional achievements of our fellow KDIS Alumni : our first generation of KDIS alumni from way back in 1998 speak for themselves. We sat down with the first batch of our Alumni to get to know their life and career path after graduation.**

## Hello! Please briefly introduce yourself.

Hi everyone. My name is Ozgur Demirkol, and I am a Türkiye national and a proud KDI School alumnus from the school's first batch back in 1998. I am currently Deputy Director of the International Monetary Fund's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo. I served as an advisor to the IMF Managing Director, and also to Deputy Managing Directors for more than four years until late summer of 2022. Before that, I worked as a senior economist in the Asia and Pacific and the Middle East Departments of the Fund. I started my career in the Türkiye Treasury in 1993, and then I moved to Washington DC in 2007 to represent Türkiye at the IMF Executive Board.

## What did you study at KDIS back then and why did you choose to study at KDIS?

I studied Growth and Development and International Economics in 1998. KDI School was a brand-new institution back then. The most attractive part of the school

was its top-notch academic staff. From the very beginning, our professors were so dedicated to making KDI School one of the best in the world. Our curriculum had the right blend of theory and practice and was full of case studies to enrich our understanding of complex policy questions.

## What is the most memorable experience of your student life at KDIS that you can share with us?

This is a question with no easy answer. There are so many of them! I came to Korea with my spouse, and we arrived on February 25, 1998 when Kim Dae Jung was sworn in as president, which marked the first transfer of power from a ruling party to the opposition in modern South Korean history. It was also in the thick of the Asian Financial Crisis. Looking back, it must have been very difficult for the school to handle a bunch of foreign students arriving from different parts of the world at that time, but they handled it very well! The best part was the friendships with the students. We felt we were like a family. There were also dinners hosted by our professors either in their homes or local restaurants, movie nights at school, field trips, nice study rooms allocated to us, our dear ajumma who served us food in the cafeteria, street grocery shopping in Chongyangni haggling with vendors, and visits to Dongdaemun and Namdaemun markets.

### Interviewer

**Akmaral Kamaliyeva**  
2022 MDP  
Kazakhstan



## How has KDI School helped/influenced your career path?

I cannot tell you enough about the positive impact of KDI School on my career. KDI School challenged and nurtured me intellectually. It deepened my understanding of economics and provided me with the right analysis tools to make good policy choices. I relied on my training as a public policy practitioner in Türkiye and later at the IMF. The school also introduced me to Asia, Asian history, and the Korean development experience, which opened up new horizons for me. Here, let me remember and pay a special tribute to our beloved Professor David Lumsdaine, Dr. D., whom we lost at an early age. Dr. D was a constant source of care and compassion for his students and represented the KDI School's best in many ways. He was not the only professor that I had the privilege to know: Professors Nam Sang Woo, Hahm Sang Moon, Lee Ju Ho, Lee Seung Joo, late Lim Gill Chin, Park Hun-Joo, You Jong Il, Yoo Yoon Ha, Yun Hai Young, just to name a few. I owe each and every one of them a lot for bringing out the best in their students and being an inspiration for us.

▼ Original batch of foreign students in KDI School in 1998



### Interviewee

**Ozgur Demirkol**  
1998 MPP  
Türkiye



## What would be your advice to current students at KDIS?

I studied hard and made very good use of our library and its enormous knowledge base. I would recommend current students to make the best use of these resources. On a personal note, I am a firm believer in having a long-term perspective in life and having targets. We should not be discouraged by small blips and always look ahead.

## This year KDIS celebrates its 25th anniversary. What would be your wish to the school and the community?

Being an alumnus of the KDI School has been a source of pride for me over the last 25 years. Our school has done well and continued to flourish as a shining example of graduate education in public policy in the region and the world. I hope KDI School will continue on the same path in the future, responding to the needs of an ever-changing world that necessitates continuous adaptation and innovation. The KDI School community is a big family, and it is my wish that we keep our ties strong wherever we are in the world.



**Please introduce yourself.**

I consider myself to be a 'POSCO Man', having 35 years of experience serving POSCO Group. During that time, I took on the role of Vice Director at Posco Value Management, rising to the position of Chief Financial Officer, before becoming the CEO of POSCO Plantec and the President of the Soccer Group 'Jeonnam Dragons.' Currently, I am an advisor at SeAH



**Interviewer**

**Hye June Kwon**  
2019 MPP  
Republic of Korea

Besteel. I've written a book titled 'User's Guide to Iron Man's Hope', which contains all of my past experiences. Recently, I've explored the Alps, the Trail to Santiago, and the Jeju Olle Trail, and my plan for the future includes walking the 4,500km-long Korea Dulle Trail over the next 7 years.

**You entered KDI School in the very first cohort. Can you share with us why you chose to pursue your postgraduate degree at KDI School at that time?**

At that time, I had returned to Korea after working 5 years overseas and was studying for my MBA, in the evening, at my own

expense. My then-supervisor knew about my studies and recommended KDI School to me, which has been a very valuable development opportunity in my life.

**Do you have any particularly memorable KDI School life episodes?**

Back then, it was a difficult time in Korea due to the IMF Foreign Exchange Crisis. I was in my late 30s. KDI School was a new institution, but with the great leadership of the late president Gil-jin Lim, the faculty, professors, and students were all very enthusiastic and dedicated. Living together with foreign students was new and fun to me. The memory of going to Muju Resort and Deogyusan Mountain together is still quite vivid.

In addition, I will never forget the school trip to the USA. We took our eldest child with us, and she often talks about that. It was the one year that I considered to be the most precious in my life and is something I can't really describe in brief.

**You emphasized 'happiness management' while serving as the CEO of POSCO Plantec. Our school also shares this aspect as a part of our vision for global public leader education. What is your definition of 'leadership' and 'happiness management'?**

Leadership must be properly exercised for the good of our society. In order for people to be happy, they need to have freedom, feel a sense of reward, and have trust in interpersonal relationships. With that in mind, I worked hard to support our employees' mindset and organization



▲ Students visit the Independence Hall in 1998

system during a time when we experienced a particularly difficult environment due to a certain walkout.

I strived to change the system and organizational culture so that people could trust each other. Our company ended up being able to graduate from the walkout. Looking back now, my efforts to make the employees happy ended up coming back as my own happiness, too.

**You published a book called <User's Guide to Iron Man's Hope> in 2021. Do you, as the 'turnaround (company rehabilitation) expert' that saved your past company from 'falling off a cliff,' have a message you want to convey to KDI School students?**

I would like to emphasize leadership to the students who become future public leaders. Leadership is desperately needed in a crisis situation. In reality, if the world was always at peace, why would leadership be needed at all? Leaders are the ones who are able to find the right direction in a crisis, lay out clear policies, and get organizations to work together organically. That is why I believe leaders should strive to create a 'happy' organization that is automatically faithful

to the values of existence and mutual trust. It is my hope that the next generation of KDIS students will become great leaders who can take the reigns all over the world.

**This year marks the 25th anniversary of KDI School. What kind of graduate school would you like to us move towards?**

Keep following this great vision. I agree with the school's vision of nurturing global public leaders. In world history, isn't Korea a very rare and successful case of compressed growth? Industrialization, democratization, informatization, and urbanization were all achieved in a short period of time. These intangible assets can be well employed by Korea to contribute to the development of human society in the future.

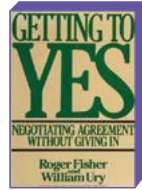
In addition, as KDIS is one of the leading public institutions in Korea, I would like to see the school open up more channels of communication and cooperation with the private sector, in order to further its vision and provide more opportunities to the students. You've made it this far, keep it up!

**Interviewee**

**Chung-Myong Cho**  
1998 MBA  
Republic of Korea



# KDIS Bookshelf



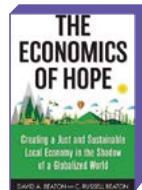
**Getting to Yes:  
Negotiating  
Agreement  
Without Giving In**

by Roger Fisher  
& William Ury



**Duncan Chando**  
2016 MDP

Getting to Yes offers a concise, step-by-step, proven strategy for coming to mutually acceptable agreements in every sort of conflict.



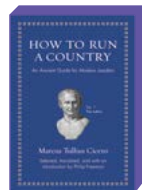
**The Economics of  
Hope: Creating a  
Just and Sustainable  
Local Economy in  
the Shadow of a  
Globalized World**

by David A. Beaton  
& C. Russel Beaton



**Edgar Joshua  
Vasanthakumar**  
2020 MDP

Stimulating for economic development professionals involved in policymaking, particularly the insights on long-term sustained growth through social change reforms.



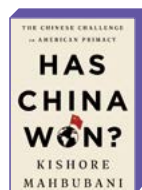
**How to Run a  
Country:  
An Ancient Guide  
for Modern  
Leaders**

by Marcus Tullius Cicero



**Mohamed  
Abdi Omar**  
2021 MPM

Cicero says: governing a country is like steering a ship, especially when the storm winds begin to blow.



**Has China Won?:  
The Chinese  
Challenge to  
American  
Primacy**

by Kishore Mahbubani



**Siti Mariam Binti  
Sulaiman**  
2017 MDP

A book that shares insights on the dynamics driving America and China towards a major geopolitical contest.

**“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one.”**  
– George R. R. Martin –  
Looking for a fresh perspective on current affairs? Want a deeper understanding of our increasingly complex modern world? Then give these books a try – they might change your worldview!



**Kinh tế thời nguyên  
thủy ở Việt Nam  
[Primitive Economy  
in Vietnam]**

by Đặng Phong



**Nguyễn Thị Bích  
Ngọc**  
2011 MPP

A theory and also a methodology to understand socio-economy and why it behaves as it does today.



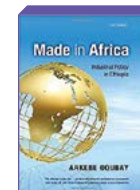
**Poor Economics:  
A Radical  
Rethinking of  
the Way to Fight  
Global Poverty**

by Abhijit V. Banerjee  
& Esther Dufo



**Ranel Ram Cheng**  
2016 MPP

Articles discussed in our classes at KDIS actually come alive in this book, which challenges our preconceived notions of development.



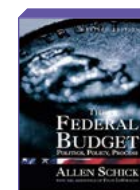
**Made in Africa:  
Industrial Policy  
in Ethiopia**

by Arkebe Oqubay



**Mahmud Muhye  
Yazew**  
2021 MDP

The author, Oqubay, critically assesses Ethiopia's industrial policy, including its achievements and shortcomings in transitioning from an agrarian to an industrial economy.



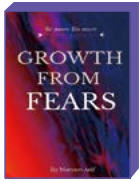
**The Federal  
Budget: Politics,  
Policy, Process**

by Allen Schick



**Abul Basher  
Md. Amir Uddin**  
2011 MPP

This is an important book to understand modern day budgeting process especially since scarce government resources face various competing demands.



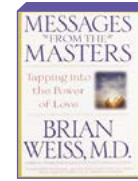
**Growth from Fears**

by Maryam Arif

**Abdul Khalique Panhyar**  
2012 MPP



This self-help book guides you how to tackle challenges and forge a new path for yourself.



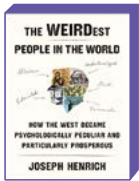
**Messages from the Masters: Tapping into the Power of Love**

by Brian Weiss, M.D.

**Chaowanan Pilaon**  
2019 MPP



An interesting read into the true story of a journey that simultaneously happened in both the past and the present.



**The WEIRDest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous**

by Joseph Henrich

**Luis A. Cerda**  
2015 MDP



This shows how people raised in Western societies are likely to be peculiar and how this affects what is considered "normal".



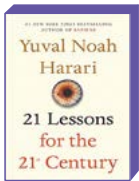
**Good Economics for Hard Times: Better Answers to Our Biggest Problems**

by Abhijit V. Banerjee & Esther Duflo

**Susantha Perera**  
2006 MPP



I heard that the book has been practically exercised and statistically proven.



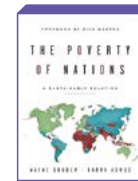
**21 Lessons for the 21st Century**

by Yuval Noah Harari

**Goitom Abera Baisa**  
2011 MPP/PM



This is a must read as the book explores current challenges, including technology, nationalism, religion, and migration.



**The Poverty of Nations: A Sustainable Solution**

by Wayne Gruden & Barry Asmus

**Vibeli A. Hermano**  
2015 MDP



This book outlines sustainable solutions in addressing the poverty of nations and outlines paths to national prosperity.



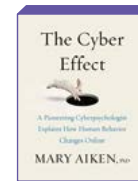
**Competition Law, Tenth Edition**

by Richard Whish & David Bailey

**Md. Salahuddin Ahmed**  
2005 MPP



The tenth edition covers competition law and the economic perspective in the digital marketplace.



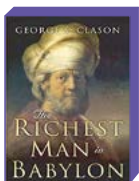
**The Cyber Effect: A Pioneering Cyberpsychologist Explains How Human Behavior Changes Online**

by Mary Aiken

**Dana Aleksic**  
2010 MPP/ED



In a world that is increasingly governed by technology and social media, this book is mandatory reading for everyone.



**The Richest Man in Babylon**

by George S. Clason

**Festus Adedoyin**  
2016 MDP

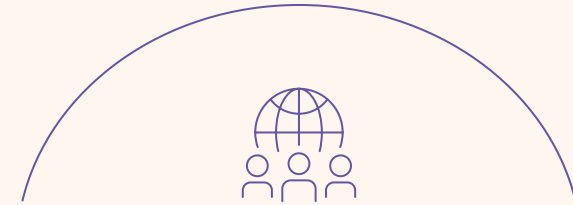


This book will bring out the best in anyone by exposing them to hidden wealth and values that is within.



# KDIS GLOBAL LEADERS

## International Alumni



**Berlian Napitupulu**

1998 MPP  
Indonesia

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



**Ozgun Demirkol**

1998 MPP  
Türkiye

International Monetary  
Fund (IMF)  
Deputy Director



**Ping Chen**

1998 MPP  
China

The Global Times  
Deputy Director



**Parjono**

2000 MPP  
Indonesia

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



**Giang Truong Bui**

2003 MPP  
Vietnam

The Central Theoretical  
Council of the Political  
Bureau of the CPV  
Vice-Chairman cum  
Secretary-General



**Lijian Zhao**

2005 MPP  
China

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Spokesperson



**Yam Kumari Khatiwada**

2006 MPP  
Nepal

Office of Prime Minister and  
Council of Ministers  
Secretary



**Gediminas Navickas**

2010 MPP  
Lithuania

European External Action  
Service (EEAS)  
Deputy Head,  
Secretary General Office



**Polinel Peouv**

2011 MPP  
Cambodia

State Secretariat of  
Civil Aviation  
Secretary of State



**Nusratilla Zikrillaev**

2011 MPP  
Uzbekistan

Ministry of Tourism of  
Uzbekistan  
Deputy Minister



**Prodeencia Awa Injoh**

2012 MDP  
Cameroon

National Assembly  
Yaounde  
Member of Parliament for  
Momo East Constituency

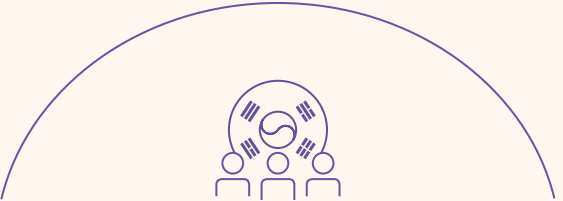


**Airlangga Hartarto**

'19 Honorary Doctorate  
Indonesia

Ministry for Economic  
Affairs/House of  
Representatives of Golkar  
Coordinating Minister/  
Chairman

Domestic  
Alumni



**Dongseok Park**  
2000 MBA  
Inews24 Co.,Ltd  
President



**Daekwon Kim**  
2001 MBA  
Daegu Suseong-gu office  
Suseong-gu Mayor



**Jangho Kim**  
2001 MPP  
Gumi City Hall  
City Mayor



**Wankyu Chung**  
2002 MBA  
The Credit Finance  
Association  
Chairman



**Jinwook Chung**  
2004 MPP  
Fair Trade Commission  
Standing Commissioner



**Yiwonyoung Yang**  
2005 MPP  
National Assembly  
Member of the National  
Assembly



**Hyunrae Jo**  
2007 MPP  
Korea Creative  
Content Agency  
President



**Soohyok Han**  
2009 MAM  
KG ZEROIN  
CEO



**Hyoungkwon Ko**  
2012 MPP  
OECD Management Board  
of the Pension Budget and  
Reserve Fund  
Chair



**Jongwoo Lee**  
2016 MDP  
Korea Customs Service  
Vice Commissioner



**Taesoo Kim**  
2022 PM  
The Export-Import Bank of  
Korea  
Executive Director



**Indae Yoon**  
2022 PM  
Ministry of Economy and  
Finance  
Director of Economic Policy  
Bureau

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# Research Activities

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2022  
Publications by  
KDIS Faculty



**Prof.  
Baek, Ji Sun**

The Impact of Improved Passenger Transport System on Manufacturing Plant Productivity  
• Regional Science and Urban Economics, 96, 103805



**Prof.  
Cho, Dongchul**

Predictive Abilities of Inflation Expectations and Implications on Monetary Policy in Korea  
• The Korean Economic Review, forthcoming



**Prof.  
Jung, Kwon**

Lifestyle Segmentation of Older Koreans: A Longitudinal Comparison of Segments and Life Satisfaction  
• Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, 34(1), 3-30



**Prof.  
Kim, Soonhee**

Platform Government in the Era of Smart Technology  
• Public Administration Review, 82(2) 362-368



**Prof.  
Kim, Taejong**

A "Ballpark" Assessment of Social Distancing Efficiency in the Early Stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic  
• International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 19(3), 1852



**Prof.  
Kim, Yeong Jae**

The Countervailing Effects of Stocks of Knowledge on Low-carbon Innovation through International Collaboration  
• Energy Policy, 170, 113217



**Prof.  
Lee, Changkeun**

Structural Change and Energy Intensity in Korea, 1970-2005  
• Review of Economic History (경제사학), 46(2), 337-358  
• co-Author: Seyoung Park (2019 MDP)



**Prof.  
Lee, Jongyearn**

Efficiency or Equity? Determinants of Regional Allocation of Infrastructure Investment in the Republic of Korea  
• The Korean Economic Review, 38(1), 73-108



**Prof.  
Lee, Junesoo**

Public vs. Public: Balancing the Competing Public Values of Participatory Budgeting  
• Public Administration Quarterly, 46(1), 39-66



**Prof.  
Lee, Seohyun**

The Impact of Uncertainty Shocks: Evidence from Geopolitical Swings on the Korean Peninsula  
• Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, 84(1), 21-56



**Prof.  
Lee, Siwook**

How Large Is the Impact of Exports on Economic Growth? Korea from the 1960s through the 2010s  
• Journal of Economic Research, 27(1), 69-84



**Prof.  
Lee, Taejun**

How Does Digital Governance Contribute to Effective Crisis Management? A Case Study of Korea's Response to COVID-19  
• Public Performance & Management Review, 45(4), 860-893



**Prof.  
Liu, Cheol**

Public Corruption and Government Management Capacity  
• Public Performance & Management Review, 45(2), 397-427



**Prof.  
Merfeld, Joshua D.**

Sectoral Wage Gaps and Gender in Rural India  
• American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 1-19



**Prof.  
Park, Sungho**

COVID-19 Market Disruptions and Food Security: Evidence from Households in Rural Liberia and Malawi  
• PLOS ONE, 17(8), e0271488



**Prof.  
Rhee, Inbok**

Ethnicity Is Not Public Service Destiny: The Political Logic of Service Distribution in South Africa  
• World Development, 159, 105962



**Prof.  
Sohn, Wook**

A Survey of the Literature on Banking in Korea: A Decade on from the Global Financial Crisis  
• Asian Review of Financial Research, 35(1), 89-149



# Research Activities 2



**2022 Policy Strategy Program for Senior Officials**  
02.14 - 12.20



**G20 Global Leadership Program (1st)**  
07.07 - 21



**2021-22 Korea-US Policy Dialogue: Economic Inequality and the Future of the Middle Class**  
08.30 - 31



**KDI School's 25th Anniversary: The Frontiers in Development Policy Conference**  
10.12 - 13



**The 10th Anniversary Conference of K-Developedia: Discovering Knowledge from the Past, Leveraging Knowledge for the Future**  
10.20

07.04 - 15

**2022 MOFA Junior Scholar Fellowship**



08.24 - 25

**Impact Evaluation Conference for KDI School's Anniversary**



09.22 - 10.06

**G20 Global Leadership Program (2nd)**



10.16 - 23

**GDLN Blended Learning Seminar Series**



11.10 - 11

**KDI School-World Bank DIME Conference on Impact Evaluation in Development amid Overlapping Global Crises**



As an innovative institution pioneering international development with knowledge sharing, KDI School regularly conducts various research conferences on relevant and timely themes. These conferences gather local and international experts from the academe, international organizations, and local and foreign governments to share key lessons and experiences that can contribute to global policy and development, and also further enrich the education of KDIS students. Let us highlight some of the most dynamic conferences that KDIS organized this year!



# Knowledge Sharing

Experimental Lab for Public Management Research Lab

The ExPMR Lab is one of the recently established labs at KDI School that produces high-quality research by applying experiment-based research to theories and issues within the field of public management.



The KDI School's research labs have quickly developed into centers of various academic practices, including performing research and hosting global international conferences. In this article, we shed light on the Experimental Lab for Public Management Research (EXPMR Lab), which just recently hosted its 3rd International Conference dedicated to the theme 'Financial Tools and Mechanisms for Critical Social Policy Needs' and gathered international experts from the US, Korea, Hong Kong, and Uzbekistan at KDI School this October. Sounds amazing, right? Well, there's more to learn, and we've got you covered! We'll find out more about the lab and its events, as well as opportunities for our students.



The Lab has built a vast academic network, consisting of professors from the US, Europe, and Asia. Moreover, the EXPMR Lab has also been involved in organizing international conferences. It regularly conducts special seminars that bring together highly experienced experts across different fields to present their research articles and papers related to development, public policy, public management, and economics. One of the notable features is that during such events the Lab selects the best articles and then publishes them as a special issue in the Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration. Earlier this year in April, the EXPMR Lab hosted the 'Special Promotion Eeminar', an event which served as a platform for authors of the best papers to promote their research results to academics and policy workers. The current collaborative efforts are focused on providing consultancy services, capacity-building programs, and collaborative research activities to different ministries of the Uzbekistan government, namely the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction, and the Ministry of Finance.



The core members of the ExPMR Lab are Professor Liu Cheol (head of the lab), Professor Kwon Jung, and Professor Inbok Rhee, who have extensive research and teaching experience in marketing, budgeting, public financial management, and the political economy of development. Current students and alumni of the school are always welcome to participate in activities conducted by the ExPMR Lab by joining the lab as research assistants, as well as conducting research. The Lab regularly makes announcements when more researchers are needed to undertake a particular research project – so keep an eye out for future updates if you are interested in this great opportunity!

# Faculty Profile Infographics

One of the KDI School's advantages is its top-notch faculty members. Each year, the school tries to attract outstanding professors with a diverse set of backgrounds. This summer, five distinguished professors have been added to the existing faculty list.



**Minsung Michael Kang**

Professor of Public Administration and Policy, KDI School



**Yeong Jae Kim**

Professor of Environmental Economics, Energy Policy, Climate Policy, KDI School



**David Sungho Park**

Professor of Development Economics, KDI School



**Dongil Lee**

Professor of Political Economy of Development, KDI School



**Seohyun Lee**

Professor of Economics, KDI School

## Minsung Michael Kang

### Major Subjects (Educational Subjects)

Public Administration and Policy



### Special History

Multi-country academic attainments as a trilingual in Korean, English, and Japanese



### Hobbies & Specialties

**Cycling** (Road bike)



### Your Three Most Treasured Possessions



Road bike, first publication, and iPad—thanks to my spouse

### The Values That Are Most Important In Your Life



**Justice**

“  
With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility  
”

### Favorite Quotes Or Phrases

How Would You Describe Your Personality In One Word?

**INTJ-T**

### What Are You Most Dedicated To?

**Democratic Bureaucracy**

### Who Is Your Role Model?



### 3 Most Frequently Used Apps

OUTLOOK

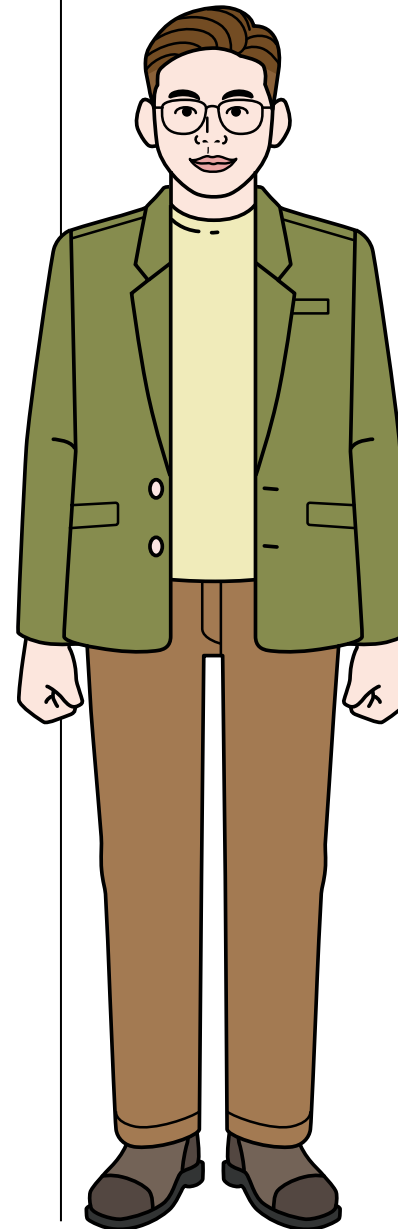
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### What Is The One Thing You Would Tell KDIS Students?

“ **Seize the day, but also let it be** ”



## Yeong Jae Kim

### Major Subjects (Educational Subjects)

Environmental Economics, Energy Policy, Climate Policy



### Special History

Won prize on TV quiz show

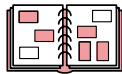


### Hobbies & Specialties

Cycling, Climbing



### Your Three Most Treasured Possessions



Family photo album,  
TempurPedic,  
shoes

The Values That Are Most Important In Your Life

**Freedom**

### Favorite Quotes Or Phrases

“ If you hang around the barbershop long enough, sooner or later you're gonna get a haircut ”

How Would You Describe Your Personality In One Word?

**Considerate**

What Are You Most Dedicated To?

**Happy family**

Who Is Your Role Model?



**Prof. Robert Stavins**

3 Most Frequently Used Apps

TWITTER

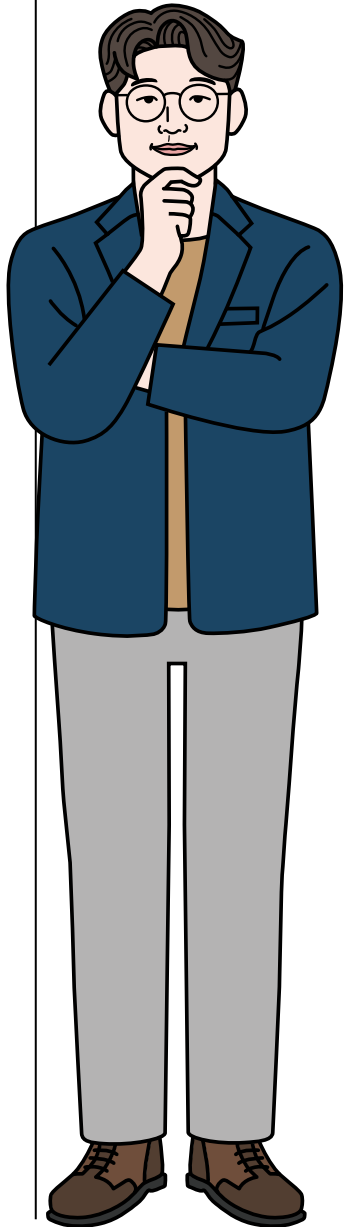
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What Is The One Thing You Would Tell KDIS Students?

“ When you fail, that is when you get closer to success! ”



## David Sungho Park

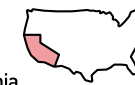
### Major Subjects (Educational Subjects)

Development Economics



### Special History

I call myself a Korean-Korean, but I've also spent about half of my life in California, so some of my identity is shaped from that background



### Hobbies & Specialties

**Tennis**



### Your Three Most Treasured Possessions



iPhone,  
Tennis bag,  
coffee maker

The Values That Are Most Important In Your Life

**Persistence**



### Favorite Quotes Or Phrases

“ All endeavour calls for the ability to tramp the last mile, shape the last plan, endure the last hours toil ”

- Henry David Thoreau -

How Would You Describe Your Personality In One Word?

**Slow learner**

What Are You Most Dedicated To?

Becoming a scholar who is known for one paper everyone would learn from

Who Is Your Role Model?

My PhD advisor



**Prof. Jonathan Robinson**

3 Most Frequently Used Apps

MAIL

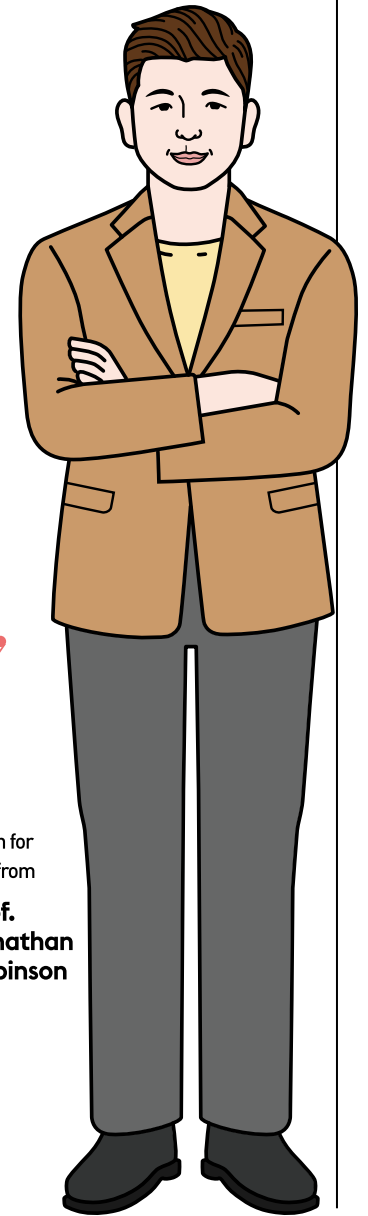
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What Is The One Thing You Would Tell KDIS Students?

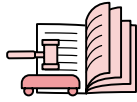
“ If you're interested in anything about me above, please reach out to me! ”



## Dongil Lee

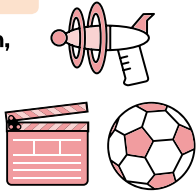
### Major Subjects (Educational Subjects)

Political Economy of Development

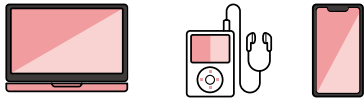


### Hobbies & Specialties

Binge-watching action, sci-fi, and apocalypse TV shows/movies, following up on the Premier League highlights and news



### Your Three Most Treasured Possessions



My Macbook, airpods, and iPhone

### The Values That Are Most Important In Your Life

Humility and compassion

### Favorite Quotes Or Phrases

“ Be spring breeze to others and fall frost to yourself ”

### How Would You Describe Your Personality In One Word?

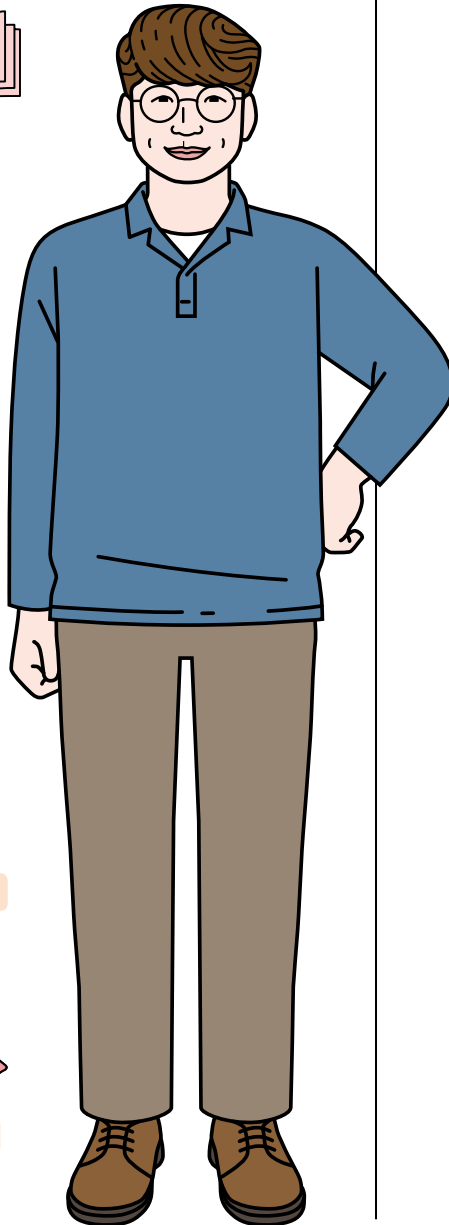
Introverted

### 3 Most Frequently Used Apps



### What Is The One Thing You Would Tell KDIS Students?

“ I hope you genuinely enjoy your time at KDIS. ”



## Seohyun Lee

### Major Subjects (Educational Subjects)

Economics



### Special History

I participated in Tail Risk Group at the IMF that looks into low probability, high impact events. It provides independent, outside the box thinking on tail events and informs directly the management team of the IMF, including the Managing Director.



### Hobbies & Specialties

I love listening to Bach piano pieces and going for long walks in nature.



### The Values That Are Most Important In Your Life

Resilience

### Favorite Quotes Or Phrases

“ Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts ”

- Winston Churchill -

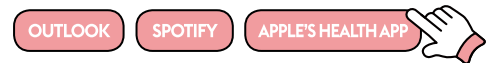
### How Would You Describe Your Personality In One Word?

Gretchen Rubin, an author, developed a personality framework and according to her four categories, I can relate myself as “questioners” who need to know why they are doing something. They tend to put high value on reason, research and information.

### Who Is Your Role Model?

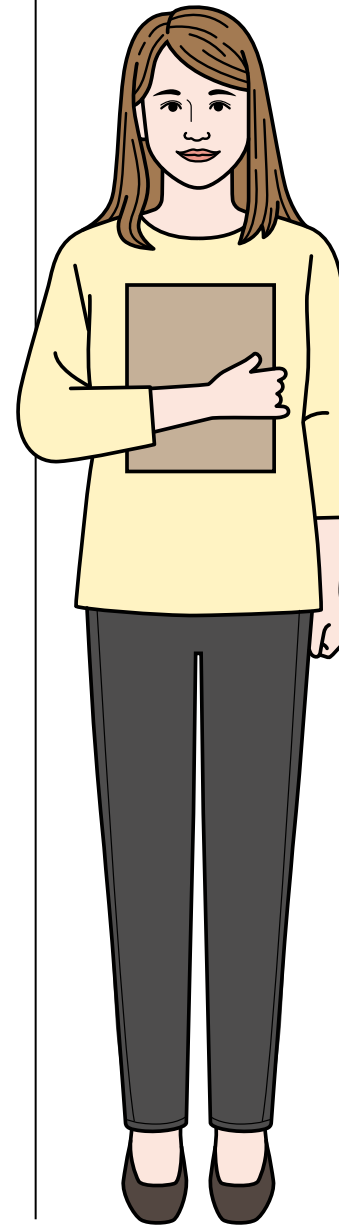
I get inspired by all the great people I met every day. They inspire me with different perspectives towards life.

### 3 Most Frequently Used Apps



### What Is The One Thing You Would Tell KDIS Students?

“ Don't lose your intellectual curiosity and passion for learning. And this also applies to me! ”



# KDIS Top Feeds


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In this era of digital domination, 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 its top posts and see what has been popular with the school this year!



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February 8









❤️ 351 likes



#kdischool #kdis #whatsinmybag #professor








1

"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."--  
Professor Gina Lee



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November 2




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#KDIS #KDISchool #PrayforItaewon #Prayers #Condolences

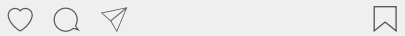
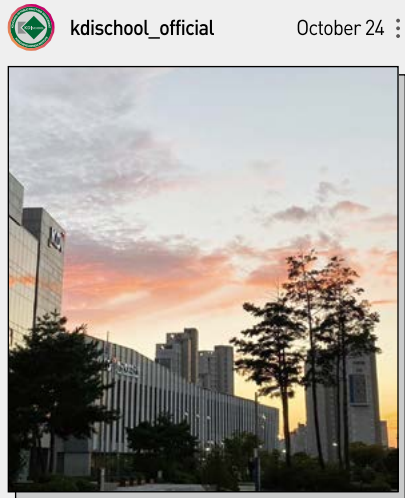


2

A tragic disaster in Itaewon occurred on what was supposed to be a festive Saturday night. (October 29, 2022) We at the school were beyond devastated to hear that so many lives were lost, including international students.. There were no reported casualties from KDI School.

We send out our deepest condolences to the families who lost loved ones, and we share some of the messages we received from our Alumni Association Representatives.



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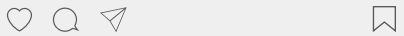
#kdis #kdischool #sejong #sunset  
#일몰 #세종시

3

Have you ever experienced watching the sunsets by the Geumgang river northwest of KDIS or any place in Sejong?

Here is the collection of beautiful sunsets and evening skies captured in Sejong over this spring, summer and fall seasons.

If you want to see more pictures, visit our News Center Website!



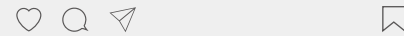
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#kdis #kdischool #sejong  
#MPPM #graduation #ceremony  
#graduationceremony

4

On 27th August, the 1st graduation ceremony for the MPPM (Master of Public Policy and Management) students was held.

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for all your tomorrows! KDI School was honored to be with these wonderful students.

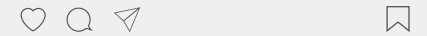


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#kdischool #kdis #spring  
#springtime #springvibes  
#springfashion

5

Who's excited to see KDI School in spring colors? Tell us what color do you like to wear in spring as well!



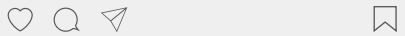
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#kdischool #kdis #sejong #cloudy  
#cloudyday #friendship

6

Have you ever woken up to a rainy day and felt like you don't want to get out of bed? The cloudy sky might not be the best way to start your day, but the laughter and stories you share with your friends give you the best comfort. Each year, KDI School witnesses encounter between students from different countries, building their beautiful bonds of friendship regardless of the differences. How about you? Tell us the most memorable encounter you've experienced in KDI School!





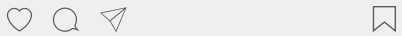
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#kdis #kdischool #dean  
#independenceday #korea #indonesia  
#batik #alumni #friendship

7

In appreciation of the hospitality and friendship that our Indonesian alumni association showed during the dean's visit to their country last March, the dean wore a beautiful Batik, a traditional Indonesian costume, to celebrate the Indonesian Independence day marked on this day of August 17.

We would like to congratulate Indonesia on its 77th Independence Day! May the glory of Independence Day be with you forever, and may the strong friendship continue between Korea and Indonesia.



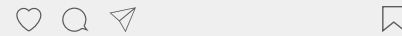
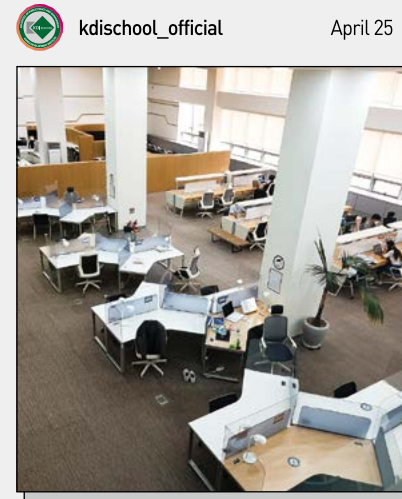
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#kdis #kdischool #kdisphotoclub  
#kdishikingclub #Jangtaesan #장태산  
#photoclub #hikingclub #photo #hiking

8

The KDIS photo club @kdisphotoclub in collaboration with the hiking club @hiking.kdis held its "Fall Foliage Photo Walk/Hike" activity last Sunday, 13 November 2022 at Jangtaesan Mountain Recreational Forest in Daejeon.

The amazing foliage photos that we took are now posted on the KDIS photo club ig page and KDI School News Center so please check them out! 😊

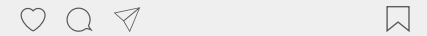


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#kdis #kdischool #finalweek  
#finalexam #library #study

9

With the semester ending and the final week approaching, KDI School Library will always provide you with world-class facilities including the main reading room which is open for 24 hours. Have you ever spent your day in the KDI School library as well? Tell us your best memories at KDI School library!



273 likes

#kdischool #kdis #alumni #india

10

During a business trip to India, Dean Jong-Il You and staff members met with the Indian Alumni Association.

On 24 March, Dean met with the alumni in New Delhi. The KOICA India representative, Mr. Woochan Jang (2011 MPP/ED), and the Korean Embassy counsellor also attended to strengthen the network between Korea and India. (Photo 1-8)

On 21 March, Mr. Sivaperumal (2015 MDP) graciously hosted a dinner for Dean and Ms. Seo in Kerala, India. (Photo 9)









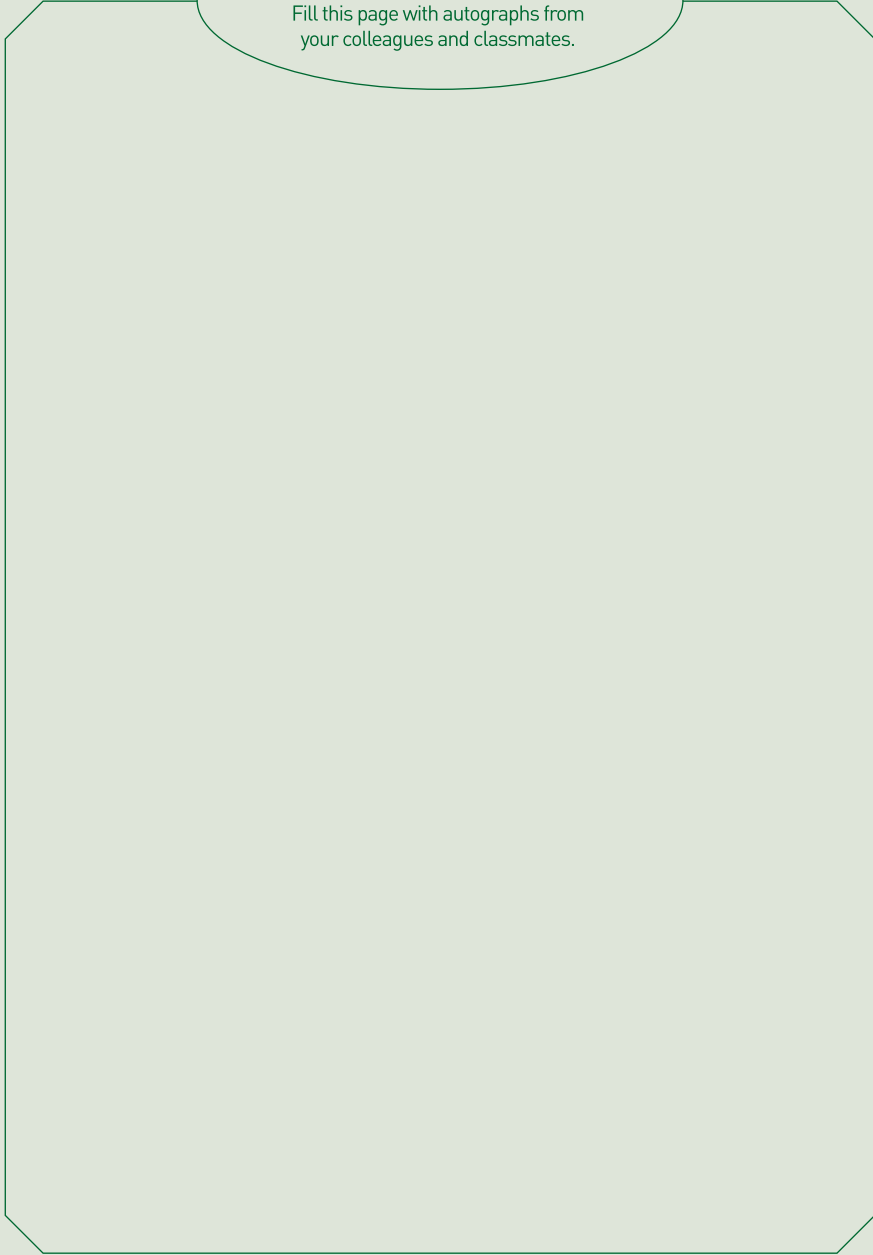






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