Editorial

Dr. Seang-Tae Kim, Leading Korea’s e-Government Advances

Dr. Kim has a long and distinguished career in both academic and the public sectors involving public policy in the fields of public administration and ICT-related programs. He is the first President of the merged NIA-KADO organization – National Information Society Agency (NIA). In 2010 he was appointed and currently is a commissioner of the ITU-UNESCO Global Broadband Commission and Co-Chair of the Future Network Forum. Dr. Kim has published and co-authored a number of books related to e-Governance.

NIA under Dr. Kim’s leadership is advancing development of the Knowledge Based Information Society. This will further achieve the ubiquitous information society that has been an objective of NIA. “With the world’s best IT specialists, NIA endeavors to shape the future ubiquitous society in the year 2020, and identify and analyze diverse issues and agendas such as u-IT and social changes. By doing so, it supports the government in formulating feasible informatization policies.” The advancements already achieved by NIA and other Korean authorities have placed Korea as Leading Global IT and e-Government Development, as ranked by the United Nations in 2010.

This issue of the Journal is dedicated to the achievements of NIA under Dr. Kim’s leadership and comments its far-reaching objectives for the future. Among them are Green ICT initiatives, innovating public procurement, m-Government advancement and the Smart Government Implementation Plan.

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