

## Guest Editorial

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The UN Global E-Government Survey 2010 ranked Korea first among 192 member states in both the e-Government Development Index and the e-Participation Index, which has heightened a sense of national pride. Korea had been ranked top among OECD member countries for three consecutive years by 2008 in the Digital Opportunity Index carried out by ITU. The global society has recognized the economic growth and the social development of Korea as a model case successfully done through informatization.

National Information Society Agency (NIA), a consultative organization established for national informatization, has provided technology advice for more than

twenty years, especially in the building of the information superhighway network and e-government. NIA has been reorganized according to the Korean Government's public organizations advancement plan. The agency has become a professional body for national informatization and has lived up to its reputation by merging with Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO) which was mandated in creating a healthier information culture and bridging the digital divide. NIA has taken a leading role in national informatization providing support for key policy issues, and now the agency has a vision of global responsibility to promote exchange and cooperation with advanced nations and to provide developing countries with consultation for the economic growth through informatization.

Korea will further enhance the nationwide efficiency through efforts to maximize efficiency in the management of national informatization projects. Also, Korea will achieve the goals of state-affair management and solve important national issues, such as reviving the economy, creating jobs, accomplishing low carbon green growth, and integrating all these into society. Korea will keep building the best foundation for ICT utilization and increasing the management efficiency of national informatization by establishing a knowledge-based infrastructure to match the brand new paradigm for informatization based on creativity and practicality.