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Glocal Institutions as a First Mover: Leading Innovation Through “30 Glocal Institutions Initiative”

Key Points

- Strategies for innovations to take place in universities and colleges aimed to nurture 30 glocal institutions by 2027

【External Structure】 Innovation in Support Strategies	Focus on one strength strategy	No boundaries between ministries and local governments	Support institutions' innovation from the perspective of recipients	Wise selection and outcomes management
【Internal Structure】 Innovation in Structure & Operation	A hub for industry and regional cooperation	Break down the boundaries in and outside the institution	Operate an Innovative higher education system	Transparent announcement of institution performance

- Opinions collected through public hearings → final initiative and selection notice announced early April

- The Ministry of Education (headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Lee Ju-Ho) and Glocal Institution Committee (Chair, Kim Joong-su) will hold a public hearing on “30 Glocal Institution Initiative (draft)” on Thursday, March 16.

- The public hearing will begin with welcoming remarks from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho and Glocal Institution Committee Chair Kim Joong-su. Then, an information session on the “30 Glocal Institution Initiative (tentative)” will be

held, followed by a Question & Answer session with university and local government officials.

< Public Hearing on Glocal Institution >

- ☐ Date & Time : March 16 (Thurs), 2 pm, Sejong Government Complex
- ☐ Welcoming Remarks : Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho
and Glocal Institution Committee Chair Kim Joon-su
- ☐ Participants : University and local government officials
- ☐ Virtual : Live streaming by KTV

- ☐ In order for higher education institutions (hereinafter, institutions) to be empowered to transform to come with the declining student population and rapidly changing industry structure, Glocal Institution Committee held discussions on Monday, March 13, and developed a plan called “30 Glocal Institutions Initiative (draft).”
 - Based on shared insights, the initiative entails institution support strategies and plans to completely turnover the structure and operation of the university and college system to create a model for decades to come.
- ☐ Discussions on the direction of shaping glocal institutions have been conducted, particularly through meetings and consultations with experts and related organizations.
 - For instance, meetings were held to listen to opinions of university presidents and deans of institutions in order to devise a plan that is practical and relevant for institutions.
- ☐ Institutions with zeal to reform their system are designated as glocal institutions; they will take account of local communities and industry as “lead universities,” sharing best practices and be at the forefront of innovation and growth of all institutions.
 - Glocal institutions will have an open decision-making system, and break down the boundaries in and outside the institution by operating a flexible academic structure. In addition, it will embed

innovation in the operation system so that reforms can take place effectively and efficiently, equipped with a transparent autonomous performance management system.

- The Ministry of Education will hold four public hearings in Sejong (Mar 16), Daegu and Busan (Mar 20), and Jeon-ju (Mar 22) on “30 Glocal Institution Initiative (draft)” to gather views from institutions and local governments. All citizens will also have an opportunity to submit their opinions via the Ministry of Education’s website from March 15 to 28.
- The second meeting of the Glocal Institution Committee will be held on Mar 31 (tentative) to finalize the “30 Glocal Institution Initiative,” in which glocal institution selection will be announced (early April).
- Glocal Institution Committee Chair Kim Joong-su said, “Universities and colleges need to be revamped to become a source of pride for their communities and be respected by local residents; they have to be chosen by students and parents.”
- He added, “The institution support system has created an environment for institutions to make bold innovations, and thus, based on glocal institutions’ efforts, regional universities and colleges will be served as a hub for regional development in the near future.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho addressed, “Universities and colleges have faced many obstacles in carrying out projects due to the direction and vision given by the Ministry of Education, not being able to make autonomous and bold actions in leading their own innovations.”
- He noted, “Going forward, with the start of glocal institutions, the Ministry of Education will cooperate with other ministries and local governments, and be committed to supporting institutions in making bold changes.