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Draft Digital Education Norms Discussed to Reflect Core Values and Principles of the Digital Age

- Experts and educational stakeholders convened at the 10th Digital Human Capital Development Forum
- The forum highlighted the importance of using digital technologies safely and effectively to support human growth and development.

The Ministry of Education (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Lee Ju-Ho) hosted the 10th Digital Human Capital Development Forum at Seoul National University of Education in collaboration with the Korean Education Association and Ewha Womans University's Institute for Future Education.

As digital transformation of education sector accelerates, with initiatives like AI-powered digital textbooks and renewed focus on educational technology, the Ministry is establishing a new system of educational norms for the digital era. This system aims to ensure that digital technologies are utilized in a way that strengthens the core functions of education.

The forum featured a panel discussion on "Direction of Establishing a Digital Education Normative System." This discussion brought together education experts, government officials, educators from local municipalities, students, and parents to explore the education normative system for the digital age.

Ewha Womans University's institute for Future Education presented the "Digital Education Norms*." These norms outline basic principles for digital education, grounded in universal values, and address potential challenges arising from the digital transformation of education. They are intended to serve as a code of conduct for educational institutions, guiding them in the safe and effective use of digital technologies.

*"Freedom and rights", "Fairness and equal opportunity", "Safety and trust", "Promoting innovation", and "Promoting human welfare."

The draft is significant in that it extends the world's first "Ethical Principles for Artificial Intelligence (Aug. 2022)" to the entire digital education system.

Furthermore, the draft reconfigures the Korean government's "Digital Bill of Rights (Sept. 2023)" to better suit the specific characteristics of the education sector, ultimately aiming to realize a shared prosperous society in an increasingly digitalized era.

The Ministry of Education plans to finalize the draft after a public discussion process. This process will involve educators from various fields, including experts, and learners, to ensure consensus within the education sector.

Director-General Lee Youngchan of the Digital Transformation of Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education emphasized, "Digital technology should be utilized to support human growth and development. To achieve this, we need to come together and share the values and principles that should guide education in the digital age."

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