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Functions and Roles of Education Research Institute: Research Process in KEDI From Planning through Evaluation to Dissemination

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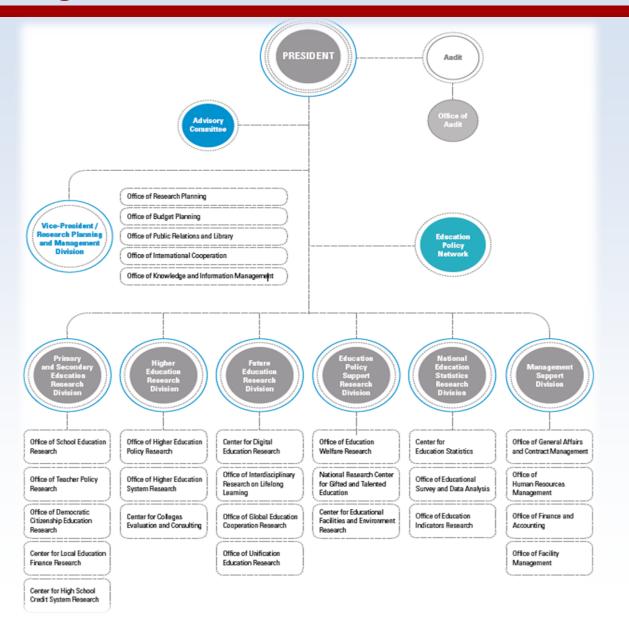
KEDI Goal: Establishment Purpose

Contributing to improving 'the quality of life of the people' and 'national development' through education by conducting comprehensive and scientific research for solving problems facing Korean education and developing an innovative education system

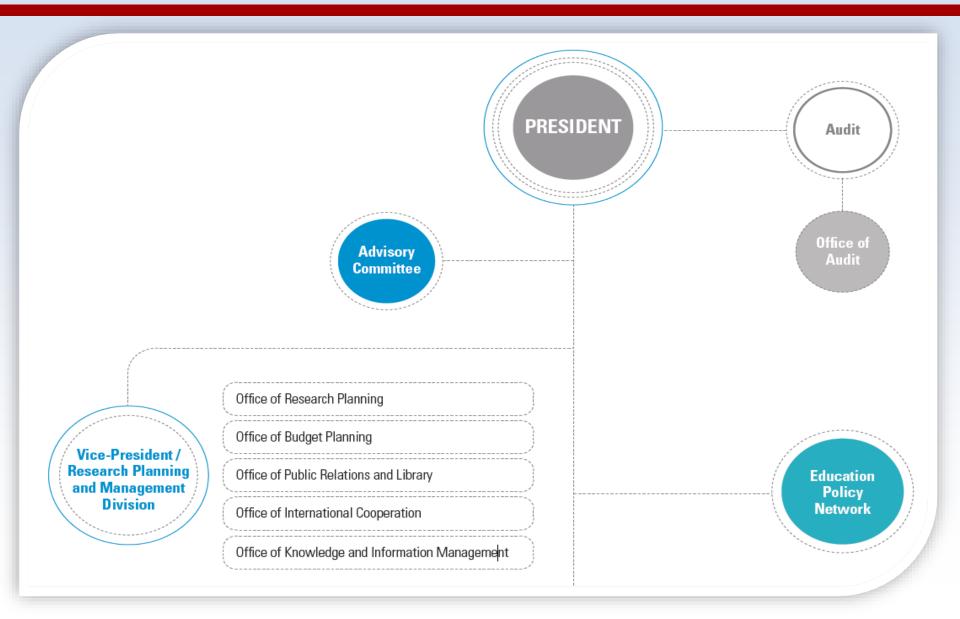
KEDI Functions

- Comprehensive research and development on preschool, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and lifelong education policy
- ② Research and development on teacher, education finance, educational facilities and environment
- ③ Research and development on distance education
- ④ Research and development on global educational cooperation
- 5 Research and development on **gifted education**
- ⑥ Research and development on education statistics

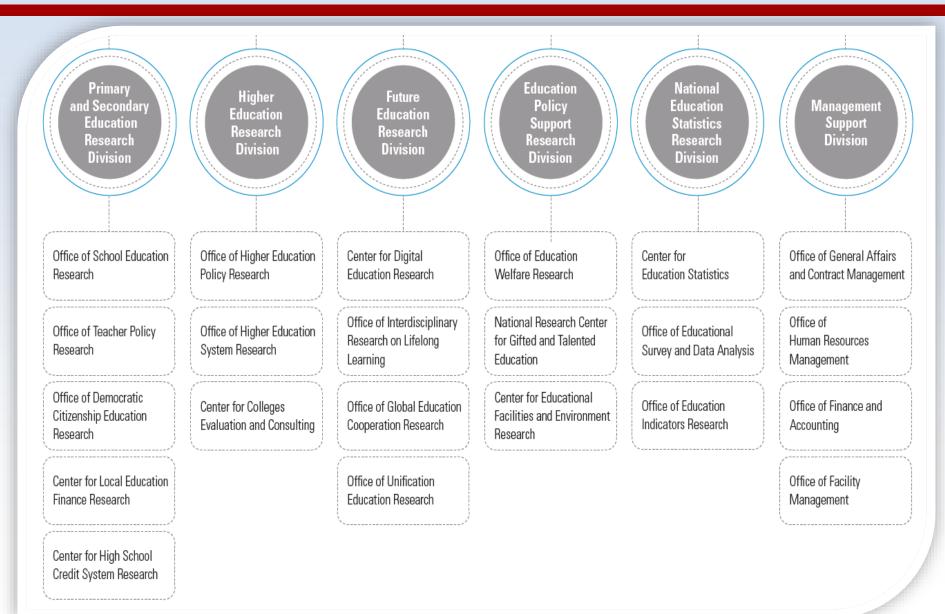
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Types of Research Projects

Types by Fund

Government funded, directly from MOEF

Consigned/commissioned research/nonresearch projects from MOE and other non-profit research institutes

Overhead income from consigned/commissioned projects

Types of Research Projects

Types by Purpose

Policy research focused on policy contribution

Academic research focused on academic contribution

✓ Academic research less than 30% of the total research budget

Types of Research Projects

Types by Period

Long term, 10~12-month research projects (planned in the previous year)

Short-term, not more than 6-month Research projects (needs-based in the current year)

✓ Short-term research projects less than 30% of the total research budget

Research Budgets

Types by fund

Government funded (36 projects)

\$ 2,166,827

Consigned/commissioned

\$ 46,577,274*

Overhead income (9 projects)

\$ 281,256

*including non-research projects, mostly occupied

Research Budgets

Types by Purpose

Policy research (33 projects)

\$ 1,521,716

Academic research (12 projects)

\$ 645,201

*excluding consigned/commissioned research

Research Budgets

Types by Period

Long-term research (35 projects)

\$ 1,969,226

Short-term (10 projects)

\$ 197,601

*excluding consigned/commissioned projects

Goal	 Strengthening the role and responsibility (R&R) as a national research institute by presenting policy alternatives to reasonably solve the pending issues
Direction	 Mediating [Policy Design & Making → Field Implementation and Settlement] and [Field Request → Policy Design] Contributing to the design of the national education system to respond and lead the post-corona future society
Strategies	 An institute-wide research planning system led by Research Planning Office & Research Project Review Committee Comprehensive internal and external policy environment and government policy task analysis Expansion and systematization of diversified demand surveys targeting policy consumers Facilitating proposals from researchers based on policy demand Institutionalization of participation in research planning by outside experts in various academic fields

Procedures

Step 1	 Analysis of internal and external policy environment
Step 2	 Identification of national-social pending issues
Step 3	 Setting key agenda for derivation of research projects
Step 4	 Proposals of research projects based on policy demand
Step 5	 Selection of research projects

Procedures

Step 1 • Analysis of internal and external policy environment

- ✓ Analysis of future prospects and current status in relation to education
- Analysis of the major national tasks in the field of education, the Ministry of Education and the National Education Council's major policy tasks and agenda

Procedures

Step 2 • Identification of national-social pending issues

- (Top-Down) Policy Research Council with participations of Government, national-level committee, National Assembly, city and provincial offices of education to analyze pending issues
- ✓ (Bottom-Up) Analysis of pending issues at the level of divisions and offices/centers inside

Procedures

Step 3 • Setting Direction for derivation of research projects

- ✓ Based on the results of analysis of policy environment and pending issues, establish a direction for research in line with the purpose and role of the institution
- ✓ Reflecting the results of consultation with outside experts (Research Planning Advisory Committee) on the research direction

Procedures

Step 4	•	Derivation	and	open	proposal	of	research	projects
Step 4		based on p	olicy	deman	d			

- Identifying potential research projects through demand surveys targeting policy consumers (government, provincial offices of education, teachers and students, and the public)
- ✓ Inside research project competition based on the results of policy environment analysis and policy consumer participation

Procedures

Step 5 • Selection of research projects

- ✓ Selection of research projects through a multi-level process of collecting internal and external opinions
- ✓ ① Review of proposals → ② Presentation of proposals →
 ③ Final selection of projects
- ✓ Consultation by the Research Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed project in terms of the importance and urgency of the research project

- Research Project Management System
 - Establishment of the basis for full-cycle management of research project planning, conducting, evaluation, and feedback through the research project management system (information system)

The entire process of research project operation is systematically managed with an information system to improve the systemicity of conducting research projects

Improve research management efficiency through integration and linkage between research and administration

Support continuous management of policy/academic contributions after the end of the research as well as the process of conducting research through the management of the history and output of each research project

- Research Project Review/deliberation
 - Full-cycle research management through the operation of a three-stage review system of 「Implementation Plan review-Interim review-Final review」

At each stage of review, the designated review committee members and the general review committee members participate in in-depth discussion by research project

Two of the designated review members, including government officials, are required to participate in all three stages to maintain continuity of research management

Research Ethics Review

 Establishment of review and management procedures for each stage of research to comply with research ethics

Start	 Conduct research ethics education for researchers Commitment to comply with research ethics when participating in a research project (specify consent items in the research project participation agreement)
Interim	 Interim review for compliance with research ethics during interim review Compliance with less than 10% plagiarism rate as a result of Copy Killer inspection A list of references and the original should be submitted
End	 Written review of research ethics by the Research Ethics Inspection Team on the evaluation report The final result of the Copy Killer inspection and the confirmation of research ethics compliance are submitted.

- Research Ethics Inspection
 - IRB: Bioethics Review Committee
 - Conduct review to secure bioethics and safety for human research projects, such as safety of research subjects and personal information protection measures
 - Secure the ethical and scientific validity of the research, and identify if legitimate research procedures are employed

Research Evaluation

- Research report evaluation and feedback
 - Final evaluation of the research report through an evaluation group composed of 100% external experts
 - Research report evaluation results are notified to the researchers along with specific review opinions.
 - Final revisions and supplements are implemented before the research report is printed.
 - Establish an objection procedure for the evaluation result, and when an objection is filed, the research report is reviewed by the evaluation committee, and when the objection is admitted, it is finally reflected in the evaluation result.

- Means of disseminating research results
 - Publishing on the KEDI homepage

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- Means of disseminating research results
 - Posting of research results using YouTube(KEDI TV), SNS

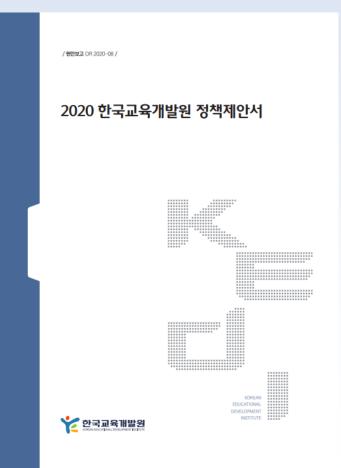
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- Means of disseminating research results
 - Press contributions and interviews
 - Hosting forums, seminars, and academic conferences



- Publication and distribution of various research products
 - Research reports
 - KEDI Brief
 - Collection of policy proposals





Thanks for your time!





Korean Education Statistics at KEDI

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History of Education Statistics In Korea

1960s and 70s

Paper-based Survey

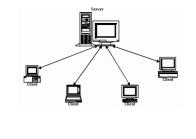
- 1962 Launch of the First survey
- Household Visit Survey
- Verification using abacus
- Low Reliability & Applicability of Data



1980s and 90s Computer-based Survey

- Application of Computers for Collecting and Creating Datasets
- 1998 Independent C/S Survey System

Client-Server System

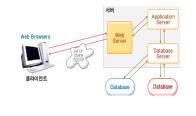


2000s

Web-based Survey

- 2000 Web-based Survey (Higher Education Stat.)
- 2007 Web-based Survey (Lifelong Education Stat.)

Web Based System



2010s

DB to DB Linkage

- 2010 Linked to National Health Insurance Service DB (Employment Stat.)
- 2010 Linked to NEIS (Primary & Secondary Stat.)
- 2016 Survey Using Direct Transfer of Raw Data (Higher Education Stat.)



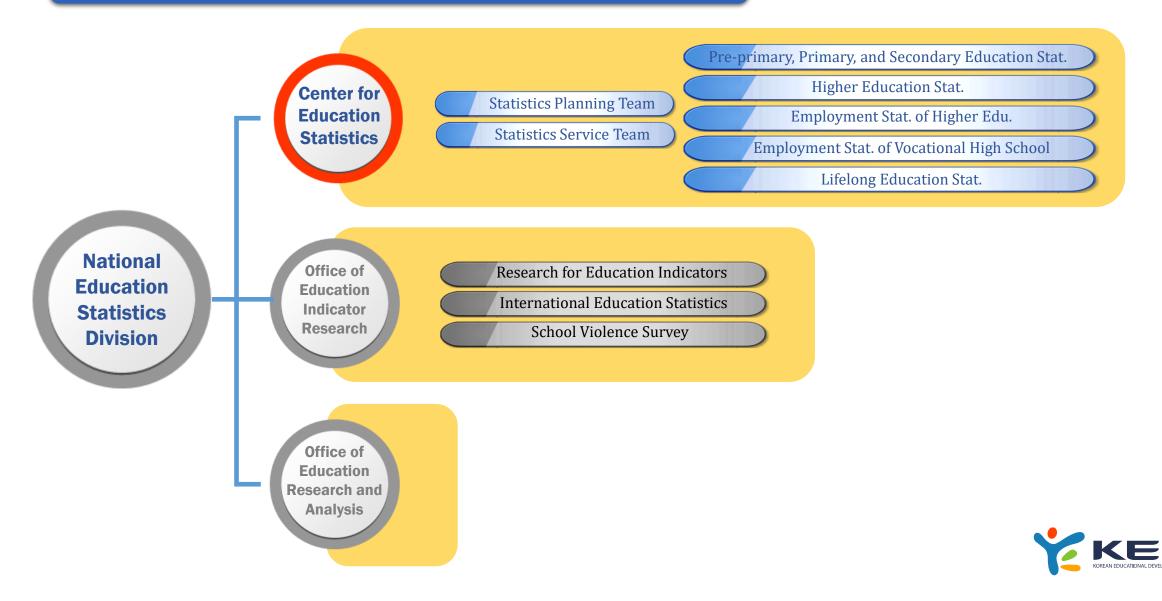


History of Education Statistics In Korea





Org. Structure of KEDI Education Statistics



Major Tasks of Individual Team

+ Approx. Budget for 2020

Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary Education Statistics (\$2,159,000)

- Survey of Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary Education Stat.
- Publishing Various Research Outcomes (Yearbook, etc.)
- Building and Managing Education Statistics DB

Employment Stat. of Higher Edu. (\$1,660,000)

- Survey on Graduates from Higher Education Institutions
- Publishing Various Research Outcomes (Yearbook, etc.)
- Building and Managing the Employment Stat. of Higher Edu. DB

Higher Education Statistics (\$1,370,000)

- Survey of Higher Education Statistics
- Publishing Various Research Outcomes (Yearbook, etc.)
- Building and Managing the Higher Education Stat. DB

Lifelong Education Statistics (\$856,000)

- Survey on Nationwide Lifelong Education Facilities and Participants
- Publishing Various Research Outcomes (Yearbook, etc.)
- Building and Managing Lifelong Education Stat. DB

Employment Stat. of Vocational High School (\$484,000)

- Survey on Graduates from Vocational High Schools
- Building and Managing the Employment Stat. of Vocational High School DB

Stat. Planning Team/ Stat. Service Team (\$723,000)

- Setting Project Plans and Responding to External Requests
- Analysis of Descriptive Stat. / Service to General Public and/or Government Agencies
- Managing Internet and Mobile Service Webpages



Cooperation System of Edu. Stat.





- What to See: the Employment Status of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions
- Target: All Graduates from Higher Education Institution in a Given Period
- Main Purpose: Calculation of Employment rate by School
- Legal Basis: Article 26-2,3 of $\[$ ^{$rac{1}$} the Fundamentals of Education Act $\]$

Article 11-3 of the [[]Higher Education Act]

• Type of Stat.: Processed Statistics Based on Data Linkage

– Classification of Stat. in Korea			
(3 types)	Administrative	Survey	Processed
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Employment Stat. of Higher Education Graduates

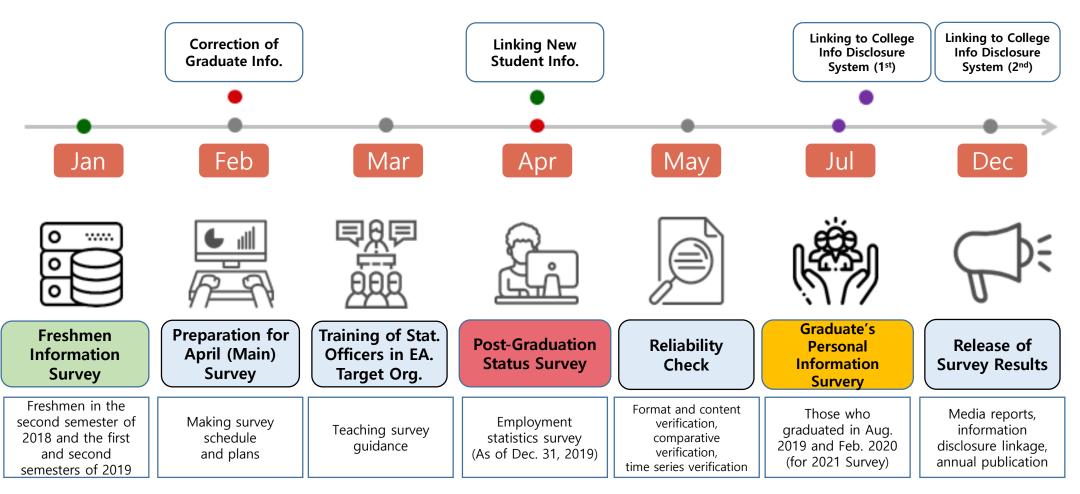
History





Employment Stat. of Higher Education Graduates

Process



Source: 2020 Annual Project Report for Building the Employment and Career Information System (2020, p.11)





- **References** for Student Employment Counseling at Colleges or Universities
- **Data Source** for Administrating Higher education institutions
- **Evidence-based Data** in the Establishment of University Policy by the Ministry of Education
- Official Criterion for University Evaluation by the Ministry of Education

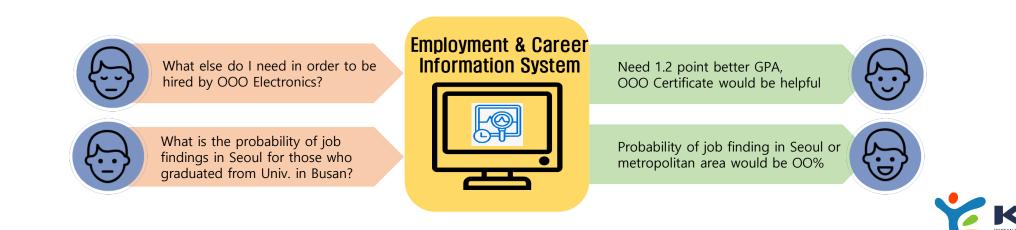


Backgrounds of Developing the Employment & Career Information System

- Accumulation of about 600,000 graduates' employment information each year \rightarrow Good enough to create 'Big Data' resources
- Request to develop more practical information system for individual students in Job Search and/or Career Planning
- New information system development project launched in 2019 by virtue of advanced big data analysis algorithms



- Collected Items Lists (as of 2020)
 - In addition to graduate's employment status, <u>personal information items</u> are surveyed (e.g., GPA, official certificate, experience of field practice, TOEIC score, high school graduated)
 - For Answering detailed questions in finding jobs and developing careers
 - Using accumulated datasets from Employment stat. of higher education graduates, and applying cutting-edge AI analysis technique, the Employment & Career Information System seeks answers to specific questions.



Current Data Issues in Korean Edu. Stat.

- Rapidly changing educational environments & Increased uncertainties
 - Request to utilize high-tech education technology
 - Importance of the fast response to unexpected situations (e.g., pandemic of COVID-19)
- Utilization of Education Data does not meet social needs
- Plenty of useful data, but fragmented
- Personal Information Protection Act obstacles to the free and comprehensive use of data
- Difficulties in sharing information among data collecting institutes



Challenge and Future Plan for Korean Edu. Stat.

A Major Revision of the Personal Information Protection Act

- To open the possibilities for free use of public data containing personal information by converting them into 'anonymous data'

Organizing [Education Big Data Committee] by MOE

- Chairman the Minister of Education / Committee members the heads of major education data collecting institutes
- Preparing for guidelines on data classification, utilization, public disclosure range, etc.
- Providing the criteria of data compatibility and data merge

KEDI's Efforts for Upgrading Education Data Utilization

- Trying to classify and merge internal/external datasets
- Developing new data analysis and service system based on a large scale data





