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## MSIP, KCC start joint research on 700MHz band in earnest

- Set up joint research taskforce to prepare measures to use frequency band, which became redundant after the transition to digital -
- □ The Ministry of Science, ITC, and Future Planning (Minister Moon-ki Choi) and the Korea Communications Commission (Chairman Kyeong-jae Lee) agreed to form a joint research taskforce of the two agencies ("joint research task") to prepare measures to use efficiently the 700 to prepare measures to use efficiently the frequency band that has been secured following the transition of analog broadcasting to digital and hold its kick-off meeting on October 4.
  - \*\* The former Korea Broadcasting and Communications Commission decided to allocate 40 Mb of bandwidth out of 700 Mb band (108 Mb of bandwidth) to mobile telecom service and determine the use of the remaining bandwidth later by comprehensively considering the transition to digital and the development trend of convergence technology (January 2012).
- The joint research taskforce consists of 18 experts, including division directors in charge from the two agencies and experts from the academe and research institutes by taking into account expertise and diversity. The taskforce will be chaired by Prof. Yong-gyu Kim (economics department)

at Hanyang University, who was recommended by the two agencies through consensus and who will oversee the overall operation of the joint research taskforce.

- o Additionally, the two agencies said they will set up in October a separate consultative working group joined by key stakeholders from the telecom, broadcasting, and public sectors to enable them to share regularly the results of discussions at the taskforce and make suggestions.
- □ The joint research taskforce on the use of 700MHz band was formed in compliance with an agreement reached at the August 21policy cooperation meeting of senior officials from the two agencies.
  - o The taskforce will conduct in-depth study and discussions on the social and economic effects of frequency band, user benefits, future demand for frequency band, international trend of use, and trend of standard of technology development and prepare measures to use the 700 band, which would contribute the most to boosting public benefits as well as to the development of the broadcasting and telecommunication industry.
- Based on the result of discussions at the joint research taskforce, MSIP and KCC will gather diverse opinions through public hearings and finalize a plan as soon as possible following a review by the frequency review committee under the Office of Government Policy Coordination at the Prime Minister's Office.

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Composition of joint research taskforce on the use of the 700 Mz band (draft)

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	Hanyang University	Professor of convergence electronic engineering	Je-chang Chung	
	Yonsei University	Professor of electrical and electronic engineering	Jong-soo Seo	
	Inha University	Professor of communication and information	Dae-ho Kim	
	KDI	Senior researcher	Yong-hyeon Yang	
	Mokwon University	Professor of information, telecommunication, and convergence engineering	Deok-gyu Park	
	Kyung Hee University	Professor of electronic and electro-wave engineering	In-gi Hong	
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	Media & Future Institute	Head of policy research office	Jong-gwan Lee	
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