

KCC Holds Inaugural Meeting of "Policy Advisory Council for Internet Culture"

KCC trying to expand social consensus on the need to curb cyber violence and promote a healthy Internet culture -

KCC (Chairman Kyung-jae Lee) held on Wednesday, September 25 the inaugural meeting of "the Policy Advisory Council for Internet Culture" at the Science & Technology Center in Seoul. The council is aimed at the creation and spread of a healthy Internet culture across the country.

In line with the increases in the use of smartphones and social networking sites, harmful contents, hateful comments, anti-cafes, and cyber bullying have emerged as serious social problems in Korea. To counter such trends and promote peace on the Internet, KCC has intensified its monitoring and education on the ethical use of the Internet in a bid to curb cyber violence in the country.

Nonetheless, KCC has reached a conclusion, i.e., the online problems in the country have grown so disproportionately that the efforts of the public sector alone cannot solve the issue once and for all.

Thus, KCC has launched "the Policy Advisory Council for Internet Culture" with the aim of promoting improvements in the country's Internet culture through the collaboration of all the major parties involved in the issues, ranging from Internet service businesses to service users.

At present, the board consists of 19 organizations and individuals from all walks of life including the ff.: civic groups such as the National Sunful Movement (Chairman Min Byung-chul), Youth Violence Prevention Foundation (Chairman Kim Jong-gi), and Alliance of Parents Caring for Schools (Chairperson Choi Mi-sook); Internet service providers such as NHN Corporation, Daum Communications, SK Communications, and Kakao Talk, and; outstanding individuals devoted to the cause including Cho Myung-sik of Korean Digital Times, Kim Young-hee, a PD at MBC and who is better known as Uncle Kim of a Rice Store, Seo Kyung-seok, a comedian who currently stars in a popular entertainment TV program titled "Real Men," and Tina Park, secretary general of Sunful Movement America.

KCC Chairman Kyung-jae Lee presented letters of appointment to the council members including Min Byung-chul, chairman of the National Sunful Movement, and discussed with them "the Current State and Aggravating Problems of Cyber Violence" in Korea.

"Of late, the side effects (of cyber bullying) are so serious that not just celebrities including entertainers and politicians but also innocent teenagers become targets of cyber violence. Some are even driven to commit suicide. It is time for the entire society to rise and act to build a healthy Internet culture in the country so that everyone can enjoy the benefits the

Internet has to offer without worries," said Chairman Lee.

The council members agreed on the seriousness of cyber violence in the country and on the necessity to counter online bullying. They vowed to campaign hard to fight cyber violence and promote the ethical use of the Internet in their respective areas and to gather regularly to propose to KCC policy solutions to the issues involved.

Through regular council meetings, KCC will listen to various voices of experts in diverse fields, reflect their perspectives on government policies, and launch joint campaigns with various private organizations to continue promoting a healthy Internet culture in the country.

Attachment: List of Policy Advisory Council Members

<Attachment>	List of Members of the Policy Advisory Council for Healthy Internet Culture
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Description	Organization	Name	Title
Government	Advanced Law & Order Department, Ministry of Justice	John Yang	deputy director (chief prosecutor)
Civic Groups (5)	National Sunful Movement	Byung-chul Min	chairman
	Youth Violence Prevention Foundation	Jong-gi Kim	chairman
	Sunful Teachers' Council	Seung-bae Han	chairman
	Alliance of Parents Caring for Schools	Mi-suk Choi	chairperson
	Korea Alliance of Youth Clubs	Myung-woong Park	secretary general
Academic Circles (2)	College of Law, Gachon University	Gyung-jin Choi	professor
	Korea Society of Internet Ethics	Yong-tae Shin	chairman
Internet Businesses (4)	NHN Corporation	Sang-hun Kim	CEO
	Daum Communications	Se-hoon Choi	CEO
	SK Communications	Han-sang Lee	CEO
	Kakao Talk	Seok-woo Lee	CEO
Culture (6)	MBC	Young-hee Kim	director
	Korean Digital Times	Myung-sik Cho	CEO
	Lee International	Nicholas Park	international lawyer
	Sunful Movement America	Tina Park	secretary general
	National Sunful Movement (co-chairperson)	Kyung-suk Seo	entertainer
	B&Viit Eye Center	Jin-kuk Kim	Co-CEO MD
Related Organization (1)	Korea Internet & Security Agency	Ki-joo Lee	President
Total	19 Persons		