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KCC Announced the Basic Plan for Selection of Public Channels and Recognition of Welfare Channels for the Handicapped

Korea Communications Commission (chairman: Kyeong-jae Lee) reviewed and concluded its basic plan to select public channels and to recognize welfare channels for the handicapped for 2014.

With respect to public channels, KCC determined to select businesses in three areas such as social welfare, promotion of science & culture and educational support through comprehensive evaluation of their expertise in their respective fields.

KCC will look carefully into the programming of the potential welfare channels for the handicapped, too, in its evaluation of the candidate broadcasters.

The evaluation committee for the selection of public channels and the recognition of welfare channels for the handicapped will be composed of a chair person and 13 expert committee members - six for public channels and seven for welfare channels for the disabled.

The evaluation for public channels will be carried out in five areas as

stipulated in Article 56-2(3) of Enforcement Decree of the Broadcasting Act. The evaluation for welfare channels for the handicapped will be also made according to the same regulations and standards set for the selection of public channels.

KCC will select up to three public channels, in the order of points that applicants have received, provided that they have won more than 650 points out of the perfect score of 1,000 and received more than 40% of the point allocated to any one of the five evaluation items.

KCC will also choose up to three channels as welfare channels for the handicapped, in the order of points that applicants have received, provided that they have obtained more than 700 points out of the perfect score of 1,000 and received more than 60% of the point allocated to any one of the five evaluation items.

KCC will proceed with its evaluation work according to the basic plan announced today and make final decisions on the selection of public channels and the recognition of welfare channels for the handicapped for 2014 in November 2013.