

Korea ranks global No. 1 in ICT field

- ITU announces "ICT Development Index" assessment result -

Korea was ranked No. 1 among 152 countries surveyed in the ICT Development Index (IDI) announced by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at 24:00 on September 15 (Korea time).

The ICT Development Index of the ITU compares and analyzes the level of ICT development of ITU member countries. It is aimed at assessing ICT development routes, digital gaps and growth potentials of each country.

In this year's ICT Development Index, Korea and Sweden were ranked the first and second respectively followed by Iceland, Denmark and Finland. The U.K. and U.S. were ranked at the 10th and 17th positions respectively, while Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore were ranked 6th, 13th and 19th respectively. As such, only four Asian countries including Korea were ranked among the top 20.

The ICT Development Index assesses ICT development in three categories: accessibility, use and competency. Korea was ranked the world's No. 1 in the ICT use category and also produced outstanding results in the competency (2nd) and accessibility (10th) categories. By sub-index, Korea is ranked high in terms of percentage of households with Internet access (1st), count of

wireless broadband service subscribers (1st) and count of wired broadband service subscribers (4th).

< ITU ICT Development Index (IDI) Sub-index Ranking of Korea in 2011 >

Category	Subindex	Rank
ICT Accessibility (10th)	① Count of wire telephone circuits per 100 persons	4
	② Count of mobile phone subscribers per 100 persons	67
	③ International Internet bandwidth in comparison to Internet user count	70
	④ Percentage of households owning computers	17
	⑤ Percentage of households with Internet accessibility	1
ICT Use (1st)	⑥ Count of Internet users per 100 persons	10
	⑦ Wired broadband service subscribers per 100 persons	4
	⑧ Wireless broadband service subscribers per 100 persons	1
ICT Competency (2nd)	⑨ Percentage of attendance in secondary educational institutes	35
	⑩ Percentage of attendance in higher educational institutions	2
	⑪ Adult literacy rate	18

With the objective results announced, the Korean government's efforts over the years to improve its broadcasting and communications regulatory environment and to promote policies to advance IT infrastructure has been substantiated.

Attachment: 2011 ICT Development Index Ranking

<Reference> Glossary

- ITU: International Telecommunication Union
- ICT: Information and Communication Technology
- IDI: ICT Development Index

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2011 ICT Development Index Ranking

Ranking	Country	Index	Ranking by Category		
			ICT Accessibility	ICT Use	ICT Competency
1	Korea	8.40	10	1	2
2	Sweden	8.23	5	2	19
3	Iceland	8.06	2	8	10
4	Denmark	7.97	8	6	6
5	Finland	7.87	17	4	1
6	Hong Kong	7.79	1	10	52
7	Luxemburg	7.78	3	3	87
8	Switzerland	7.67	4	13	43
9	Netherlands	7.61	9	12	26
10	U.K.	7.60	7	11	36
11	Norway	7.60	12	7	17
12	New Zealand	7.43	19	14	8
13	Japan	7.42	27	5	28
14	Australia	7.36	24	9	11
15	Germany	7.27	6	20	44
16	Austria	7.17	15	16	34
17	U.S.	7.09	23	17	12
18	France	7.09	14	18	35
19	Singapore	7.08	11	15	73
20	Israel	6.87	22	19	39
21	Macao	6.84	13	26	42
22	Belgium	6.83	18	24	25
23	Ireland	6.78	20	23	27
24	Slovenia	6.75	25	30	3
25	Spain	6.73	30	21	16