

## **ITU/NIA International ICT Volunteers Programme 2016**

The “ITU-NIA International IT Volunteers (IIV) Program 2016” was co-ordinated by TRCSL in collaboration with the International Telecommunications Union and National Information Agency (NIA) of Korea with the intention of enhancing the ICT knowledge and skills of persons with special needs in Sri Lanka.

This year, three volunteer teams comprised of twelve Korean undergraduates arrived in Sri Lanka on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to conduct ICT training programmes at three education centers during the months of July & August in 2016. Under the e-NABLE project, the arrangements are made by TRCSL for these volunteer teams to train students with special education needs & teachers involved in special education at Sevana Special School-Pita Kotte, Vocational Training Center-Wattegma and Kothalawalapura Maha Vidyalaya, Ratmalana.

The Korean IT Volunteer (KIV) programme is hosted by the Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning of Korea and managed by the National Information Society Agency of Korea (NIA) since 2001. Every year the Government of South Korea sends teams of Korean volunteers skilled in Information Technology (IT) to developing countries. Unlike any other country, the “International ICT Volunteers Programme” has been used by us with a view of uplifting special education in Sri Lanka.

The members of the “T.I.K” team are Mr. Dongheon KWAK (Team Leader), Mr. Hyunkyuu LEE, Mr. Sunghee YANG and Mr. Minsoo KIM and they will be conducting their ICT training programme for teachers at Kothalawalapura Maha Vidyalaya, Ratmalana. This year, for the first time, TRCSL organized this “ICT Training Programme for Teachers involved in Special Education” in co-operation with Western Provincial Department of Education.



**Figure 1: Team "T.I.K" with teachers involved in Special Education (Group 1)**



**Figure 2: Team "T.I.K" with teachers involved in Special Education (Group 2)**

The members of the “Eol-C-Gu-Na” team are Mr. Hyungyum KIM, Mr. Jeongjae CHOI, Ms. Bomi CHUN and Ms. Soyoung KIM and they will be conducting their ICT training programme at Sevana Special School Pitakotte, Kotte, Colombo.



Figure 3: Team “Eol-C-Gu-Na”



Figure 4: Team “CoALA”

The Members of the “CoALA” team are Mr. Minhoo RUU, Ms. Hyeyeon LEE, Ms. Juyoung PARK and Mr. Sunghoon LEE. They will be conducting their training at Wategama Vocational Training Center, Department of Social Service, Wavinna, Kandy.

The syllabus of the ICT programme conducted by IIVs includes Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Video Editing, MS Office, Database & Web Development topics as well as an introduction to various aspects of Korean culture. We expect to see appreciable benefits accruing to the Vocational Training Centers and enhanced development of ICT skills among members of staff and students following this training by the Korean Volunteers. We are also thankful to the Korean IT Volunteers supported by National Information Society Agency of Korea and the International Telecommunication Union for their sustained input in making the “International ICT Volunteer (IIV) programme 2016” in Sri Lanka a noteworthy success.



**Figure 5: Evaluation & Certificate Awarding Programme at TRCSL**



**Figure 6: Joint cultural programme performed by the three IIV teams at Wattegama VTC**



**Figure 7: IIVs' visit to 'Senehasa Foundation'**



Figure 8: IIVs' visit to Rangiri Dambulu Radio and TV transmission station



Figure 9: IIVs' field visit to Sigiriya