

NIA-TRCSL Korean ICT Volunteers(KIV) Programme 2018

“NIA-TRCSL Korean ICT Volunteers (KIV) Programme 2018” was held from 24th June to 10th August 2018 in Sri Lanka. The programme was jointly organized by the National Information Society Agency of Korea, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka(TRCSL) , Western Provincial Department of Education & Department of Social Services with the intention of enhancing the ICT knowledge and skills of persons with special needs in Sri Lanka.

The Korean ICT Volunteer (KIV) programme is organized and managed by 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 “NIA Korean ICT Volunteers Programme” has been used by us with a view of uplifting special education in Sri Lanka.

This year, six KIV teams comprising of 24 Korean undergraduates conducted their IT classes at six training centers in Kalutara, Gampaha and Colombo districts. For the third time, TRCSL organized the “ICT Training Programme for Teachers involved in Special Education” in co-operation with Western Provincial Department of Education. Out of six teams, five volunteer teams were dispatched to training centers under Education Department and one volunteer team was dispatched to Seeduwa Vocational Training Center . It has been reported that the beneficiaries of this year’s KIV programme include over 160 students and 120 teachers. Under the e-NABLE project, the arrangements have been made for these volunteer teams to train A/L IT students, teachers (special education) and students with special education needs at following training centers.

- I. Deepangoda Sri Medhananda Maha Vidyalaya, Homagama
- II. Kochchikade Maha Vidyalaya, Negombo
- III. Western Province Teacher Training Center, Kimbulgoda, Gampaha
- IV. De Soyza M.V., Piliyandala
- V. Sri Subhuthi M.V. Waskaduwa, Kaluthara
- VI. Seeduwa Vocational Training Center, Negombo

The members of the “You and Me Rendezvous” team are Ms. Hyeon Ji Kim (Team Leader), Ms. Oh Sujin, Mr. Kim Hyun Gyu and Mr. Lee Sang Hoon. They conducted their ICT training programme for teachers involved in special education & students at De Soyza Maha Vidyalaya, Piliyandala.



Figure 1: Team "You and Me Rendezvous " with Special Education teachers Piliyandala Zonal

The members of the “KFC” team are Mr. Kim Taeyeong (Team Leader), Ms. Jeong Minseo, Mr. Jo Yongjun and Ms. Lee Jinyou. They conducted their ICT training programme for teachers (special education) & A/L IT students at Kochchikade Maha Vidyalaya, Negombo.



Figure 2: Team " KFC " with A/L IT students of Kochchikade Maha Vidyalaya, Negombo

The team “Arirang Srirang” conducted ICT training programme for teachers(special education) & students with special education needs at Sri Subhuthi M.V. Waskaduwa, Kaluthara. Mr. Choi Sung Hoon (Team Leader), Ms. Hong Jin, Mr. Lee Young Gwan and Ms. Bae Ji Min are the members of “Arirang Srirang” team.



Figure 3: Team “Arirang Srirang” with Special Education teachers of Kalutara, Horana & Mathugama Zonals

The members of the “IT’s gonna be HAPPY” team are Ms. Kim Yuji(Team Leader), Mr. Han Jeongyeop, Mr. Park Eunwoo and Ms. Kim Minji. They conducted their ICT training programme for teachers (special education) of Homagama and Jayawardenapura zonals & students with special education needs at Deepangoda Sri Medhananda Maha Vidyalaya, Homagama.



Figure 4: Team “IT’s gonna be HAPPY” with Students with Special Education Needs and their parents

The team "RAON" conducted ICT training programme for teachers(Special Education) & students at Kimbulgoda Teachers Training Center and Bandarawatta Parakrama Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha. Ms. Kim Minji (Team Leader), Mr. Kim Junkyum, Ms. Sung Jinsil and Ms. Lee Arim are the members of "RAON" team.



Figure 5: Team "RAON" with teachers(Special Education) of Kelaniya & Gampaha Zonals



Figure 6: Team "RAON" with A/L IT students of Bandarawatta Parakrama Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha

The members of the KIV team that provided ICT training for students with special education needs at Seeduwa Vocational Training Center are Ms. Choi Hae-min (Team Leader), Ms. Kim Suyeon, Ms. Shin Jiwon and Mr. Lee Hayoung.



Figure 7: KIVs with students with special education needs at Seeduwa Vocational Training Center

The syllabus of the ICT programme conducted by KIVs includes technical topics such as Adobe Photoshop, Scratch, MS Office, Video Editing, Java, Web Development and Drone Demonstration etc. Introduction to various aspects of Korean culture and Korean language were also part of the course. TRCSL hopes there will be a considerable improvement in the special education in Gampaha, Colombo and Kalutara districts through this Korean ICT (KIV) Volunteer Programme. We extend our appreciation and thanks to Korean ICT Volunteers as well as National Information Society Agency of Korea for their sustained input in making the “Korean ICT Volunteer (KIV) programme 2018” in Sri Lanka a noteworthy success.



Figure 8: KIVs' field visit to Sigiriya