New Batch of Korean Volunteers to provide

ICT Training in remote areas of Sri Lanka

The Korean IT Volunteers (KIV) altogether comprising two teams arrived in Sri Lanka on 1st July under a NIA -TRCSL Program to provide ICT training under the TRCSL e-NABLE project programme at two Vocational Training Centers run by the Department of Social Service during the month of July 2013. TRCSL is co – ordinating the 2013 programme in collaboration with the Korea IT Volunteers supported by the World Friends , the Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning and the National Information Society Agency (NIA) of Korea for purpose of enhancement of ICT knowledge and skills of persons with special needs in Sri Lanka.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka will deploy these Korean teams to train staff members /Instructors at IT centers /students undergoing ICT training under the TRC e-NABLE project in Thelabuyaya and Wawinna Vocational Training Centers (VTC's) supervised by the Dept. of Social Service. The language of instruction will be English.

The Government of South Korea dispatches teams of Korean volunteers skilled in Information Technology (IT) annually to developing countries to impart training in advanced IT Technology.

The Korea 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.

With ITU Assistance, the Korea IT Volunteer training programme was conducted in Sri Lanka last year specifically for members of TRCSL staff and special schools, IT instructors of select centers, and IT teachers during the month of July and August 2012.

Two Teams

Each of the two new teams from Korea will comprise 4 members drawn from one of two (2) Korean Universities.

The team "ALIM-IT" will comprise: Mr. Lee Taeho, Mr. Kim Sanghun, Ms. Cho Seyun, Ms.Yoon Seran from Sungkyunkwan University of Republic of Korea.

The team "KAI.T" will comprise: Mr. Kim Hankyul, Ms. Ho Yujeong, Ms. Bae Hyunjoo, Mr. Gu Jawook from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea.

KIV Programme Social Services Vocational Center ,Wattegama

Their syllabus includes IT topics such as: Introduction of MS Office Word, PPT, Excel, Photoshop, Corel Draw & Video Editing, Trouble shootings Web designing etc. and an introduction to various aspects of Korean culture. Two classes will be conducted parallel to each other for the duration of the training course. Altogether there are 68 persons who have enrolled for this training.

We expect to see appreciable benefits accruing to the Vocational Training Centers and enhanced development of ICT skills among members of staff and students flowing from this training by the Korean Volunteers.

We are also thankful to the Korea IT Volunteers supported by the World Friends, the Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning and the National Information Society Agency of Korea (NIA), and the ITU, for their considerable input in making the Korea IT Volunteer (KIV) programme in Sri Lanka a success.

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