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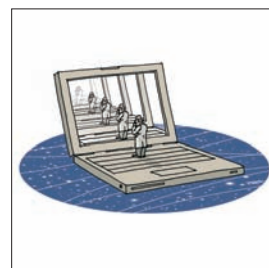
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### Internet economy A closer look

By OECD Observer

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Korea is host of the 2008 OECD ministerial meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy, 17-18 June. It is also a country with an exemplary record in broadband. Our cover shows a Korean student in a traditional scholar costume competing in a digital examination in 2006. Internet is fast becoming second nature to many Koreans, but even this IT-friendly country faces challenges when it comes to securing what has become a basic infrastructure. The Internet has emerged in the last two decades not only as a means of communication and exchange between people, governments and business all over the world, but as a critical support system of our economic and social way of life. This raises important policy questions, about confidence, security, convergence and development, which ministers gathered in Seoul will discuss in an effort to guide the future of the Internet economy.