

# *New University for Regional Innovation (NURI): What Next?*

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## *The NURI Project*

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- Launched with an aim to enhance regional innovation and ensure balanced national development
- Plans to provide US \$ 13 billion grants to selected HEIs during the five-year plan period (2004-2008).
- Has 109 participating HEIs across the nation implementing 131 regional workforce education and development programs.

## *The OECD review found NURI...*

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- Making it possible for participating universities to improve the quality of education and strengthen the innovational capacity;
- Showing the effectiveness of the university-driven regional development approach;
- But to be further evaluated on its effects.

## *After the review done...*

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- To share the findings, a national workshop was held (Oct.29.'06);
- The review team plan to participate in the “Global HR Forum” to be held in Seoul (Nov.9.'06);
- Policy studies are on the way to see the effects of the NURI project on
  - economic development of the regions
  - job readiness and career development of students

## *What Next?*

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- Regionally,
  - Local governments further involved into the project (regional programs)
  - Network brokers coordinating stakeholders
  
- Nationally,
  - The NURI project should be kept going on;
  - The “NURI road map” will be made with long-and short-term goals and evaluation plans

## *What Next?*

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- Globally, we hope to
  - Share lessons and know-hows from Korean case
    - NURI, a central government-initiated regional development project;
  - But the Korean policy context should be considered.
- The NURI team welcomes OECD member countries' visit to Korea