

# New challenge of official food and drug statistics in Republic of Korea

WooSun Lee<sup>1</sup>, JongWook Kim<sup>1</sup>, Inmook Na<sup>1</sup>

1. ICT Management and Statistics Office, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety(MFDS), Republic of Korea

MFDS is responsible for producing official statistical data along with Korea's national statistical organization, KOSTAT (Statistics Korea) in the field of food and drugs. In addition, MFDS has been putting an effort into increasing the volume of national statistical data and enhancing their quality.

As the global trade of food and medical products is growing, MFDS is given more role of ensuring the safety of such products. Against this backdrop, we believe that statistical data will be extremely important for MFDS in establishing statistics-based policies that ensure the safety of food and medical products including imported food products.

Recently there are new challenges of MFDS about data driven policy such as bigdata in the field of decision making and statistics. We adopted new technique for Imported food regulations, and home and abroad pharmaceutical regulations, pre-estimation for food and drugs accident, etc.

Moving forward, the MFDS keep doing utmost secure the health and safety of Korean people.