KOREA IS COMMITTED TO
CONTINUING ITS ROLE AS A RESPONSIBLE
COUNCIL MEMBER OF ITU

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Ministry of Science and ICT

CANDIDATE FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
COUNCIL MEMBER

2019 - 2022

Responsible ITU Member

ITU Telecom World 2017, Busan

67 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

Korea joined ITU in 1952 and signed the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance of the United Nations in 1960. Thanks to ITU's support, Korea successfully transformed itself from one of the world's least developed countries to a global ICT powerhouse.

Korea was elected as ITU Council Member at the 1989 Nice Plenipotentiary Conference and has since been actively contributing to the efforts of the Union as a seven-time Council Member.

STRONG ITU SUPPORTER

Korea has been closely working with ITU and its member states for the development of the global ICT. In particular, Korea hosted the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference and 2017 ITU Telecom World. Through these efforts, Korea has supported ITU's cooperation projects for expanding global ICT usage and bridging the digital divide.

As a responsible member of ITU, Korea will continue to strengthen its collaborative efforts with all ITU members.

2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Busan

Global ICT Pioneer

ICT, Driving Force of Korea's Economy

Korea has achieved a lot in the field of ICT, which is demonstrated in its high rankings in various global ICT indexes, such as IDI (ICT Development Index). ICT is driving Korea's economic growth - the industry grows at 5.3% a year and contributes to 15.3% of national GDP. ICT will remain a key pillar for Korea in the future.

5G, Key to a Smarter Future

Korea first showcased 5G - the key technology for a hyper-connected intelligent society - at the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games. Korea will become the first country to commercialize the service in 2019.

5G technology will bring about a more connected, intelligent world that offers new opportunities to the global community. Based on its advanced ICT, Korea will lead the 5G world together with ITU and its member states.