

# Public Institutions Reform Cases and Future directions

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# 1. What is a public institutions(PIs)?

## Definition

- Institutions which are established or financially supported by the government to provide public services

## Designating as public institutions

\* Legal framework to designate as public institutions

- 1** *Government-invested institutions : established by law or invested by Gov't*
- 2** *Commissioned : government support including commissioned tasks or granted monopoly exceed the half of its total revenue*
- 3** *Government-linked institutions : gov't or PIs has more than 50% of its shares, or more than 30% of shares & de factor control*
- 4** *Subsidiaries·reinvested institution : subsidiaries of or invested by PIs*

## 2. Currently designated public institutions in 2011

- 286 as PIs under the Act on the Management of Public Institutions
- Classified into 3 types based on the finance and human resources

|             | Public Corporations  | Quasi-governmental organizations  | Non-classified public institutions  | Total |
|-------------|--|---|---|-------|
| Number      | 27   | 83  | 176   | 286   |
| Requirement | Self-generating profit exceeds half of total revenue with more than 50 employees | Self-generating profit is less than half of total revenue with more than 50 employees | Designated as neither public corporation nor Quasi-governmental organization            |       |
| Examples    | Korea Electrical Power Corporation<br>Korea Highway Corporation                  | National pension Service, KOTRA   | Government-invested research center,<br>Hospitals affiliated with national universities |       |

# Reference Public Institutions' status in the national economy

## General current status

|                                       | Workforce<br>(end 2010) | Budget<br>(end 2010) | Asset<br>(end 2010) | Debts<br>(end 2010) | Current term<br>net profits |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Public corporation                    | 93                      | 181.5                | 444.6               | 271.8               | 5.0                         |
| Quasi-governtal<br>institutions       | 67                      | 173.9                | 183.7               | 104.5               | 1.1                         |
| Non-classified<br>public institutions | 88                      | 108.9                | 25.7                | 10.3                | 1.1                         |
| Total                                 | 247                     | 464.3                | 654.0               | 386.6               | 7.2                         |

### 3. Public institutions management system in the past

#### *Before 1983, ex-ante management by responsible management*

- Act on the Government-invested institutions Budget and Accounting in 1962, Act on Management of Government-invested institutions in 1973
- Responsible ministers had the right to appoint and dismiss executives, and the members of the board of directors were only from the management board.

#### *Performance evaluation system*

- The Framework Act on Government-invested Institutions Management enacted in 1984
- Management evaluation system was introduced, The board of directors changed into non-standing director system from the government and outside directors

## ***Autonomous & responsible management system***

- Parallel system of standing and non-standing directors in the board of directors

## ***Since 2004 Management coverage was extended to government-affiliated institutions***

- The Framework Act on the Government-affiliated Institutions Management enacted 2003

## ***Since 2007 Resetting the standard qualifying public institutions and strengthening ownership functions***

- Unifying the management systems with the legislation the Act on Management of Public Institutions
- Differentiated managing level by PI types
- Ownership and internal checks were enhanced



# 4. Current PIs management system

## Supervising PIs

Government

Internal corporate governance

People, meadia

## Areas to be supervised by institution type

| Areas to be supervised        |  | public corporations + quasi-governmental institutions | non-classified PIs |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| Government                    | Budget formulation and enforcement                               | ●   | ▲ adherence        |
|                               | Management results evaluation                                    | ●   | ▲                  |
|                               | Dismissal or dismissal suggestion· demand for executives         | ●   | ▲                  |
|                               | Guideline on executive remuneration                              | ●   | ▲                  |
|                               | Functional adjustments and guideline in innovation               | ●   | ●                  |
| Internal corporate governance | Organization the board of directors                              | ●   | ✘                  |
|                               | Executives appointment process                                   | ●   | ✘                  |
| People, media                 | Management information disclosure, customers satisfaction survey | ●   | ●                  |

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# 1. Backgrounds for reform

- Lack of checking mechanism for monitoring the management board

➡ incentives to prioritize the interests of the institution ex. labor union

- External monitoring system by responsible ministries not working properly due to collusions of interests between ministries and institutions

- Overlapping management systems of Various Acts

- The Framework Act on Government-invested Institutions Management and the The Framework Act on Government-affiliated Institutions Management Act on Privatization, other relevant laws

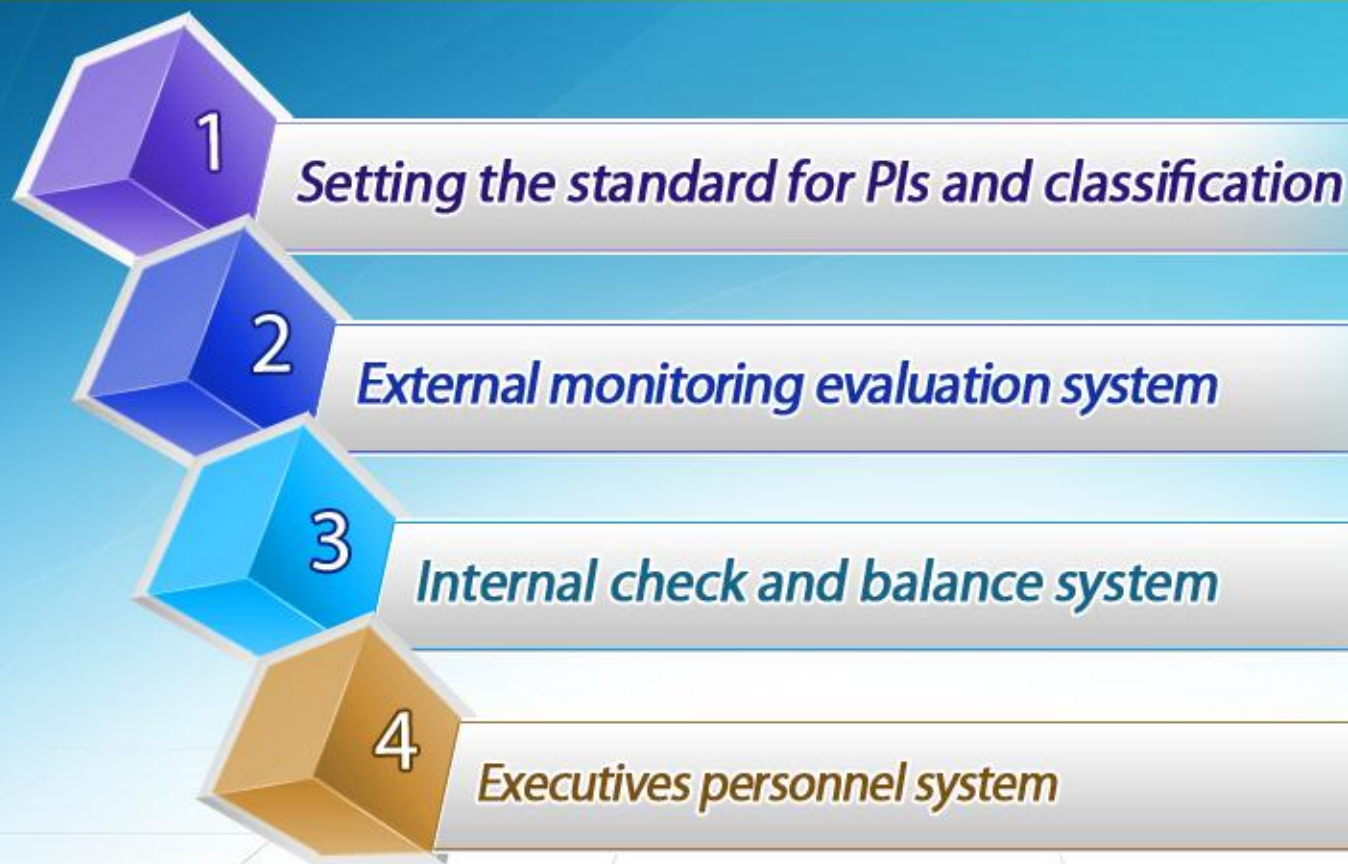
## 2. Reform directions

### Policy objectives

To restore peoples' confidence and enhance the capability of institutions

### Major tasks ahead

setting 4 major tasks ahead



### 3. Governance reform 1 : setting standard for qualifying PIs

#### 1 Setting the standards of PIs based on the international standard

##### Before the reform

- Unclear definition of PIs, blind-spots of monitoring

##### After the reform

- Designating public institutions base on the extent of Govt's financial support, and services' publicness

| Reference                                   | Description   |
|---|---|
| 1 Government<br>-invested institutions      | • Gov't or public institutions have more than 50% of its shares or more than 30% of its shares&de factor control over   |
| 2 Government<br>-affiliated institutions    | • Established by law and invested by Govt   |
| 3 Supporting<br>-commissioned institutions  | • More than 50% of its revenues are from government support (govt-commissioned affairs, monopoly granted by the govt)   |
| 4 Subsidiaries-re<br>-invested institutions | • Public institutions have more than 30% of its shares and de factor control over, or established by a public institution and invested by the govt or the concerned institution |

## ② Classifying institutions base on the business characters

### Before the reform

- Lack of characteristic-based management system by institution type

### After the reform

- Based on the rate of self-generating profits out of total revenue : public corporations, quasi-governmnetal institutions, non-classified public institutions
- Institutions whose self-generating profit exceed half of its revenue are public corporations, and institutions which do not exceed are quasi-governmental institutions

### 3. Governance reform 2 : enhancing external monitoring and evaluation system

#### 1 The Committee for Management of Public Institutions

##### Before the reform

- responsible ministries, Govt- invested management committee, Gov't-affiliated committee dublicately managed

##### After the reform

- The Committee for Management of Public Institutions management monitors and evaluates

##### Reference

##### Committee for the Management of Public Institutions

##### 1 Constitution

- Half of the members are from the private sector (chaired by the Minister of Strategy and Finance)

##### 2 Functions

Executives appointment

Management evaluation

Management guideline setting

Institutions evaluation

Executives evaluation

## ② Re-organization of supervision system within the government

### Before the reform

- Overlapping management monitoring by responsible ministries and the Committee causes no responsibilities

### After the reform

- Dualizing the monitoring system :  
management supervised by the Committee,  
businesses by responsible ministries

| Reference  | Before  | After  |
|------------|---|--|
| Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible ministries (comprehensive monitoring)</li> <li>Ministry of Budget Planning (setting the budget guideline)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee for Management of Public Institutions (setting the management guideline)</li> </ul> |
| Businesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible ministries (comprehensive monitoring) over business</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible ministries (monitoring over business)</li> </ul>                                      |



### 3 System improvement for transparent and autonomous management

#### Management disclosure

- Obligating all the public institutions to disclose their management information

#### Management evaluation

- Overcoming the non-competitiveness with the strict performance evaluation
  - Encouraging performance improvement by reflecting the results to personnel and remuneration
  - Enhancing the effectiveness of the evaluation system by making the system tailored for each institution
  - Strengthening competitiveness by introducing global indices which make comparison with the world's top enterprises possible
- \* Details of the Business Performance Evaluation System for Public Institutions were presented at the 5th Asian Network in Kualarumpur

### 3. Governance reform 3 : strengthening internal check and balance system

#### 1 Promoting independence of board of directors

##### Before reform

- Checking management board has meant little due to standing directors

##### After reform

- Enhancing responsibilities and authority of the board of directors
- Introducing non-standing directors and giving new right to the board of directors to propose the dismissal of the institutional head

Deciding extension or dismissal of non-standing directors based on their performance

## ② Enhancing effectiveness of internal monitoring system

### Before reform

- The role of Inspection and Audit Officer was weak

### After reform

- Internal management monitoring function works effectively

Market-based public corporations are obligated to establish the audit committee

Determining the personnel and remuneration based on the business ethics pledge and performance evaluation

Giving the Inspection and Audit Officer the right to request for auditing staffers' personnel

### 3. Governance reform 4 : transparent and fair personnel system

#### 1 Establishing the Executive Nominating Committee

##### Before reform

- Only candidates for the insitutional head was nominated by the Nominating Committee

##### After reform

- Candidates for the executives are nominated by the Executive Nominating Committee

##### Constitution of the Executive Nominating Committee

- ➔ Mainly consisting of non-standing directors and outside experts from the private sector

## ② Adjustment of executives appointing rights

### Before reform

- Appointing authorities by responsible ministries



### After reform

- Autonomous management system strengthened by the Committee for Management of Public Institutions(CMPI)

| Reference   | Public corporation    |  | Quasi-governmental institution |                                       |
|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | Before                | After  | Before                         | After                                 |
| Recommendation of appointing institution's head               | Responsible ministers | After being delivered by the CMPI<br>→ responsible ministers | Responsible ministers          | Responsible ministers                 |
| Appointing and dismissing standing directors                  |                       | Institution's head   |                                |                                       |
| Appointing and dismissing non-standing directors              | Minister of MOSF      | CMPI<br>(chaired by Minister of MOSF)                        | Responsible ministers          | CMPI<br>(chaired by Minister of MOSF) |
| Recommendation of appointing the inspection and audit officer |                       |  |                                |                                       |

\* means large-scale institutions(Institutional heads, and inspection and audit officers are appointed and dismissed by the President)

### 3 Improving executives' term

#### Before reform

- 3 years
- \* Incentive-less without any specific condition of dismissal or consecutive term

#### After reform

- 3 years for institutional head's term, 3 years for other executives term with possibility of 1 year consecutive term
- \* Deciding consecutive term based on management performance and job evaluation  
(Dismissal is possible even during the term)

| Reference                    | Before   | After   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Institutional head           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaranteed term of 3 years</li> <li>* Necessity of consecutive terms was not there and 3 years term was taken for granted.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years(term) + 1 year(extensions)</li> <li>* Based on management results</li> </ul> |
| Directors, and audit officer |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years(term)+ 1 year(extensions)</li> <li>* Based on job-evaluation</li> </ul>      |

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# 1. Background of Reform

## *Undermining private sector's capability*

- Undermining market economy's vitality even when private sector is competitive enough

## *Profligate management*

- Sharp increase in labor costs, excessive welfare expenses **◀ utility rates and financial support**

## *Limitation of monitoring and control*

- Monopolistic industrial structure, hard to be directly monitored by the people

***Removing inefficiency of the public sector, vitalizing the market economy, and enhancing public sector's capabilities***



## 2. Basic Principles for Public Institutions Reform

***Small  
government,  
big market***

- Private sector competition is possible
  - ▣ Privatization, private consignment
- Industries remaining in public
  - ▣ Consolidation & abolition, streamlining (prescribed number of workers)

***Stabilizing  
the Korean  
People's Life***

- Excluding possibility of increase in service charges :  
businesses related to electricity, gas, and running water  
will remain at the hands of the government
- Promoting stable employment :  
employment transfer and natural retirement

### 3. Implementation Plan for Reform from 2008 to 2009

**Six rounds of announcement for reform in order to enhance efficacy and competitiveness**



## 4. Reform hitherto

### Consolidation, abolition

- Consolidating 36 institutions into 16, 5 abolished

### Workforce reduction

- Reducing the prescribed numbers of PIs by 22,000 in 129 institutions, and cutting the subsequent surpluses gradually by year 2012

### Privatization

- 7 institutions sold or listed, and sales announcements for 7

### Functional adjustment

- Reducing or merging functions among institutions are underway

### Liquidating invested-companies of PIs

- Stakes in 76 institutions out 131 were sold

### Rationalizing remuneration

- Compensation for institution's head and audit reduced June 2008, starting salaries for employees cut in Feb. 2009, performance-based incentive system was introduced and gradually adopted by more institutions

Major  
changes

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# 1. Completion of the current reform plan

Consolidation & abolition  
and workforce adjustment  
will be completed

Privatization,  
functional adjustment

***Reforming PIs is well in process***

Stake sales will be  
completed by 2012

performance-based  
incentive system

## 2. Enhanced autonomous and responsible management

### ***Public institutions' autonomous management was enhanced***

- Reviewing the offer of greater autonomy over labor force, organization, and budget based on major performance results of institutions under testing

### ***Securing responsibility based on management evaluation***

- Giving clear compensation and responsibility reflecting management results

### ***Establishing performance evaluation system***

- Requiring institutions to adhere to a standard for fair and systematic performance evaluation system

### ***Strengthening the management information disclosure system or ALIO***

- Improving ALIO system for a greater access by the people

# 3. New role of Public Institutions

## *Pls' role in creating a 'fair and just society'*

- Need to fulfill social duties as corporate citizens

### *Correcting unfair transaction*

ex) Establishing a task force team to support small-and-medium sized companies within Pls

### *Offering equal opportunities*

ex) Hiring people with physical handicap, women, the disadvantaged  
Supporting social corporations

### *Spreading the sharing movement*

ex) Identifying tasks by creating a social contribution committee within Pls

## *Creating more jobs for youth in Pls*

- Creating value added, reserving enough labor pool to provide necessary services to the people
- Making the youth internship system effective by giving interns with good performance a regular position

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