

Annex 1 Side-Event organized by the National Human Rights Commission of Korea

“Balancing Freedom of Expression and the Right to Privacy in Informatization Society”

Grand Ball Room, Hotel Plaza, Seoul

Wednesday, 27 June 09:30-12:00 hrs

(English and Korean Simultaneous interpretation provided)

■ Background

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets the Right to Privacy and Freedom of expression as a part of core human rights in 1948. With the rise of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), the notion of human rights, especially in cyberspace, has been repeatedly challenged. The development of internet and Social Network Service (SNS) not only contributes to the advancement of democracy but also raises issues regarding Freedom of Expression in the case of government’s censorship.

This event is designed to explore ways to fulfill responsibilities of all stakeholders including the National Human Rights Institutions, academia, Information and Telecommunication companies and civic groups in order to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights in the face of rapid development of ICTs. In this event, panelists will present their views on how to balance the Freedom of Expression and the Right to Privacy in the real world by introducing various cases such as collection of personal data by private companies, the “Real Name System” on internet bulletin boards and defamation problems.

The discussion aims to :

- Provide a comprehensive explanation regarding Human Rights on Information based on examples of the Republic of Korea
- Raising awareness among relevant organizations and policy makers in Korea about the importance of balancing the rights which clash with each other
- Discuss the role of stakeholders concerning how to protect and promote human rights
- Identify issues to be presented at the opening session of the 12th ASEM Seminar

Programme

■ Chair: Prof. Ilhwan KIM, Law School of Sungkyunkwan University.

■ **Opening Remark(09:30)**

- Mr. Jinpyo HONG, Standing Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea

■ **Technical Demonstration (09:40-09:50)**

- Demonstration of scanning personal data by searching resident registration numbers on a public web portal by Mr. Seonghoon PARK, National Human Rights Commission of Korea

■ **Presentation (09:50-10:30)**

***1st topic : Information privacy by Prof. Inho Lee, Law school of ChungAng University.**

(Protection of Personal Data and the Right to be Forgotten)

- An increase of CCTVs and surveillance
- Collection of resident registration numbers and leakage of personal data
- Collection and usage of personal data by public institutions and private entities
- Collection of information on patterns of personal life and marketing (Big Data, filtering, Data Mining)
- Right to be Forgotten

***2nd topic: Freedom of Expression in cyber space by Prof. Min-Yeong Lee, Law Professor of Catholic University of Korea**

(Freedom of Expression and its limit)

- Development of SNS and the Realization of Democracy
- Scanning of personal data (Online Witch Hunting)
- Freedom of Opinion on online bulletin boards and Defamation
- Clash between Freedom of Expression and the Right to Privacy

■ **Discussion and Comments (10:30-11:40)**

- Prof. Beomsoo Kim, Graduate School of Information of Yonsei University
- Mr. Eung-Hwi Chun, Trustee, National Council of the Green Consumers Network in Korea
- Prof. Young-Kuen Chang, Law Professor of Hongik University
- Wolfgang Benedek, Professor at the Faculty of Law at Graz University
- Andrew Puddephatt, Director of Global Partners

■ **General Q&A and Closing Remark (11:40-12:00)**

- Closing Remarks : Michel Filhol, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation