

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning
of the Republic of Korea and
the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and
Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan
on Cooperation in the Field of
Information and Communication Technologies

The Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning of the Republic of Korea and the State Committee for Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

CONSIDERING desire to further strengthening mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (hereinafter “ICT”) with a view to economic and social development of both countries,

RECOGNIZING the importance of ICT implementation to all sectors of economy and social sphere,

DESIRING to facilitate attracting foreign investments for ICT development,
Have agreed as follows :

Article 1
Scope of Cooperation

The Parties hereby confirm their intention to promote closer cooperation in the ICT sector in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of each country and this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) and on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

Priority Areas

The Parties express their mutual interest in cooperation and sharing experience in the following priority areas:

- a) Development of broadband access networks;
- b) Promoting, developing, implementing and exporting software;
- c) Widespread implementation of ICT at all industry sectors;
- d) Development of IT market and implementation of innovation technologies for providing new types of multimedia services in the sphere of communication and informatization;
- e) Development of new types of postal services and technologies on the basis of up-to-date ICT;
- f) Carrying out joint scientific researches, holding scientific and practical conferences and seminars on ICT as well as promoting creation of modern research and training laboratories;
- g) ICT expert training to keep up with the latest technology developments;
- h) Other areas in ICT as mutually agreed upon.

Article 3

Implementation

With the aim of implementing this MoU, the Joint Working Group will be set up among representatives of both Parties, which will carry out coordination of fulfillment of agreements, reached by this MoU.

If necessary, the Working Group will hold its meetings alternately in Uzbekistan and Korea once a year. Agendas of the Working Group meetings will be agreed by the Parties before each meeting.

Article 4

Funding

The Parties will agree on a case by case basis how initiatives will be funded and resourced.

Article 5
Cooperation within International Organizations

The Parties based on their interests will cooperate within international organizations such as International Telecommunication Union, Universal Postal Union. Bilateral consultations and negotiations will be held if necessary.

Article 6
Correspondence

Correspondence and exchange of information between the Parties related to the implementation of this MoU will be carried out in English.

Article 7
Release of Information

The Parties confirm that neither Party shall disclose nor disseminate any information to any third party given by the other side in the process of cooperative activities under this MoU, except as and to the extent authorized in writing to do so by the other Party.

In case of termination of this MoU, provisions of this article will continue to effect.

Article 8
Amendments

Amendments and additions to this MoU will be made by mutual consent of the Parties through separate proceedings, which will be considered as integral part of this MoU and will come into effect according to its provisions.

Article 9
Disputes Settlement

Any disputes and disagreements concerning the interpretation and implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Article 10

Validity

This MoU is not legally binding. It will come into effect on the date of the signature of both Parties and will continue to have effect for a period of three (3) years unless terminated by either party giving three (3) months written notice to the other. The MoU may be renewed for a period of three (3) years at a time.

Termination of this MoU will not affect any joint programs or projects that are already in progress and not yet completed at the time of its termination, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Signed in duplicate at Seoul on 19 December 2013, in the English language.

For the Ministry of Science,
ICT and Future Planning of
the Republic of Korea

For the State Committee for
Communication, Informatization and
Telecommunication Technologies
of the Republic of Uzbekistan