What is IIV Programme?

NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers programme (IIV) is an open international platform for mobilising resource of volunteers who will help promote ICT development and for development in the Asia-Pacific region.

The IIV programme was inspired by the Korean Government funded “Korea IT Volunteers” or KIV Programme which has been implemented by National Information Society Agency (NIA) of the Republic of Korea for over a decade. The IIV programme was then initiated by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with NIA and in partnerships with multiple stakeholders including governments, NGOs, academia, and private sector.

Since 2012, ITU and NIA have jointly dispatched over 420 Korean Volunteers to 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

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**Programme Objectives**

**ICT Promotion**
- To promote the use of ICTs for sustainable development and in a secure and safe manner.
- To develop ICT applications, services, and contents which will be specifically designed and created to suit individual communities and user groups.
- To help build human and institutional capacity in research and development in areas of information and communication technologies.

**Opportunities**
- To provide opportunities for volunteers (including youth, women and girls, and retired professionals) to gain and share knowledge and hands-on experience with other people at various levels.

**Networking**
- To help countries set up a network of local ICT volunteers.
- To connect and strengthen various networks and communities of volunteers around the Asia-Pacific region.
- To set up an ASEAN ICT Volunteers network in partnerships with ASEAN Member Countries and national and international organisations.

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**What IIVs do?**

**Key Activities of Volunteers**

Activities vary depending on the requirements from host organisations. In general, however, the following activities are usually undertaken by volunteers:

**IT Training/Education**

Provide advanced IT training according to the needs of a local organisation and as appropriate to background of trainees. Key target audience may include officers in government departments and agencies, employees in public and private organisations, students in schools and universities and others who pursue a professional career in IT field. Training courses will be designed in coordination with the ITU and the local organisations and vary to the requirements of trainees, such as: web programming, computer networking, web design and development; database and DBMS, and various software applications from basic to advanced level.
IT Project/Consulting
Assist local project teams in implementing IT-related projects with expected concrete outcomes. IT projects and consulting in which the volunteers participate could apply various skills and knowledge specifically customised to the needs of a local organisation.

ITU Projects
Assist the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in implementing various projects and initiatives in the region. These projects are, for example: website development, software application development, digital content development (including multimedia) and informatisation.

Who can be volunteers?
- University students (Bachelor degree)
- Students in Master Degree
- Professionals & retired professionals, researchers, professors, scholars
- Entrepreneurs, voluntary-minded people

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**Team Composition**

4 members / team

- **IT Role**
- **Communication Role**
- **Cultural Exchange Role**

Although qualifications of the volunteers should meet requirements from host organisations based on the feedbacks from ‘demand survey’, in general, each volunteer team should have the following qualifications:

- Competent in IT skills such as computer programming, multimedia, web design and development, application development, computer networking, etc.
- Possess good attitude and be responsible
- Proficient in English (speaking, writing and reading)
- Speaking a local language is a plus

**Tentative Schedule**

**Recruiting**
- Application Period: April 2016
- Interview Period: May 2016

It is expected that 100 volunteers will be dispatched under IIIV-2016

**Orientation**
- Boot Camp (in Thailand) : June/July 2016 (tentatively 3 days, 4 nights)

This year, the IIIV Boot Camp and Evaluation Sessions will be hosted by The National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission (NBTC) in Thailand

**Dispatching**
- One-month Period: July 2016
- Two-month Period: July-August 2016

**Monitoring & Evaluation**
- Monitoring: July-August 2016

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**About the Organisations**

NIA – National Information Society Agency (NIA, Korea) is a government-affiliated organisation founded by Article 10 of the Framework Act on Informatisation Promotion to promote national informatisation and to support development of related policies for national agencies and local autonomous. In particular, it represents the Korean government in the field of international IT cooperation and provides a variety for global digital inclusion. It includes Korea IT Volunteers, Korea IT Learning Program, Information Access Center, IT & Policy Assistance Program, and IT Cooperation Center implemented around 110 countries.

The Korean Government unified the separate volunteer programs of the Korean government into a single brand, “WFK (World Friends Korea)”. KIV program is one of WFK.

ITU – International Telecommunication Union is the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology. For nearly 150 years, ITU has coordinated the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promoted international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, worked to improve communication infrastructure in the developing world, and established the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems. From broadband networks to new-generation wireless technologies, aeronautical and maritime navigation, radio astronomy, satellite-based meteorology and converging fixed-mobile phone, Internet and broadcasting technologies, ITU is committed to connecting the world.