Active Aging in Korea

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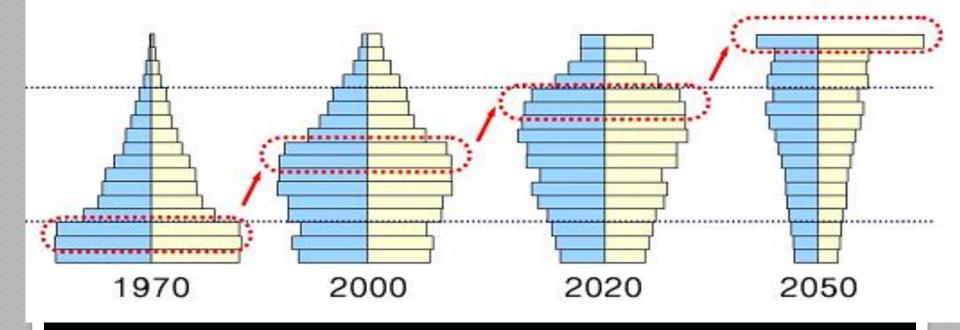
Elderly

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- Population: Approaching 40 Million (4 Million over 65 years older)
- By2050: Population over 65 years old will be 37%
- Birth 1955-1963: Baby boomers
- Booming aging issue in Korea
- Over 28% senior population in rural area now
- Vulnerable national pension systems for all older persons

Aging in Korea



If we do not overcome low fertility, 2050: 34,000,000, 2200: 800,000, 2300: 60,000, 2305: ? (Yongtae Cho, 2005)

2026년 한국에서는 1명이 벌어 1명을 부양





노후준비 노인층은 28.3%에 불과



Only 28.3% Old Persons are prepared for their late life in Korea (Ministry of Health and Welfare, 2008)

사회적 의식 변화 ○ 노부모 부양

● 노후 생활비 마련

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Why We Need Active Aging Policy in Korea

- **≻**Bad prejudice
- > Lost opportunity of socialization
- >Living later life with diseases
- >The different expectation among young old/middle old/older old
- Need to implant Active Aging
- > Need early intervention system

People live longer and healthier lives than ever before and have also the potential to make important contributions to societies in old age. However older persons are often vulnerable to exclusion, marginalization and discrimination.

- Political empowerment of older persons
- Promoting labor market participation of older persons
- Promoting life-long learning and education for older persons

- Recognition of older persons as a consumer group with specific needs, interests and preferences
- Considering needs of older persons in housing, public transportation and cultural activities
- Fostering intergenerational relationship through positive media reporting and public image campaigns
- Promoting civil engagement of older persons and strengthening the role of volunteering (UNECE Policy Brief on Aging, 2009)

What is Active Aging?

Active Aging is the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation, and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.



ACAP's Schema for Active Aging as Individual, Family, Community & Social Policy Partnership



Social Policy Environment



Namhae Declaration May 2007

Article 1 - We recognize the need to empower the elderly as <u>social capital</u> (not a burden).

- Article 2 We commit ourselves to helping to create <u>age-friendly society</u>, where healthy and active aging are secured.
- Article 3 We recognize the mutual relation between the <u>healthy city</u> and active aging.
- Article 4 We commit ourselves to integrate the elderly into society through digital aging, which prevents elderly exclusion from information and raises the quality of life.

Strategy for Active Aging in Korea

- Belong to ACAP Network
- Practice of Namhae Declaration
- Empowerment of Older Persons (Preventing elder abuse, Education for older persons)
- Developing Active Aging Course in University
- Developing Best Practice in Community
- Envisioning Active Aging by Education for Families and Seniors
- Showing Best Practices in Cyberspace
- Asking for Public Pledge in National Election for Active Aging

Active Aging...





students asked



Negative Image

Thoughts, Expression

Mind -----→

- Isolated
- Negative
- Unhealthy

Positive Aging

- Participation
- Positive & Active Life
- Appreciative and Affirmative Mind
- Look Young
- Practice Active Aging

Negative Aging

- Always frustrated
- Lost time & Helpless
- Depression & Anxiety
- Negative mind
- Unhealthy
- Without Meaningful Life



Workforce for Older Persons by government

Wellageing in cyberspace





Participation with works and experience, Contribution of community

Education

Volunteerism





Both young students and old persons, both family and government should prepare various strategies for Active Aging



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KINPEA

Korean Information Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse



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world community grid.









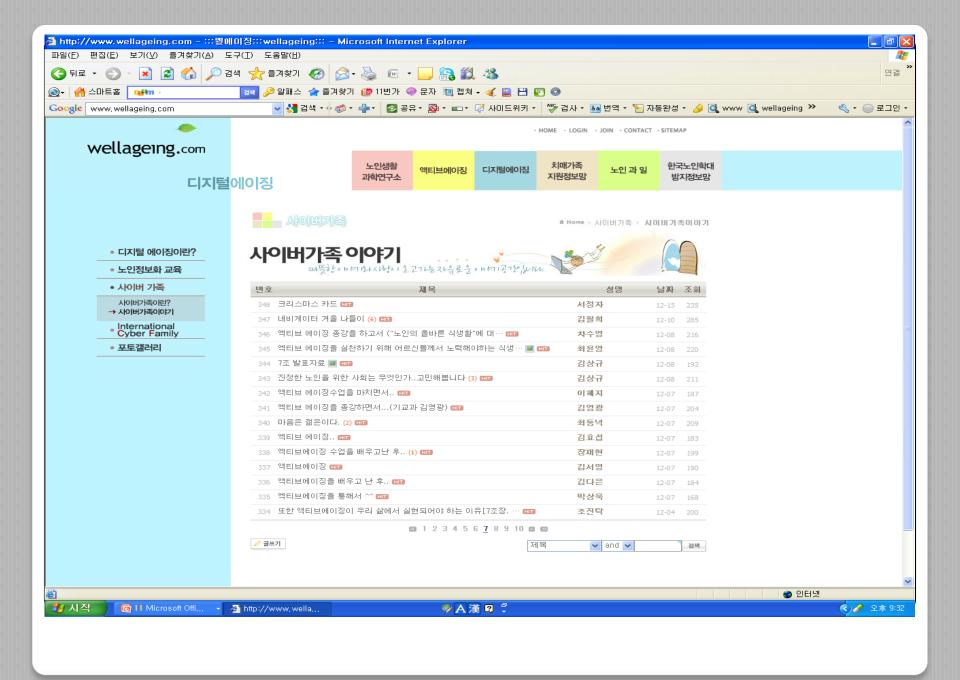
Active Aging in Cyberspace

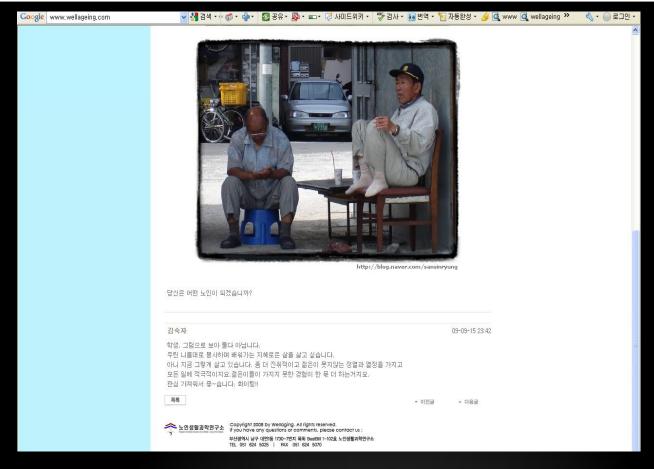
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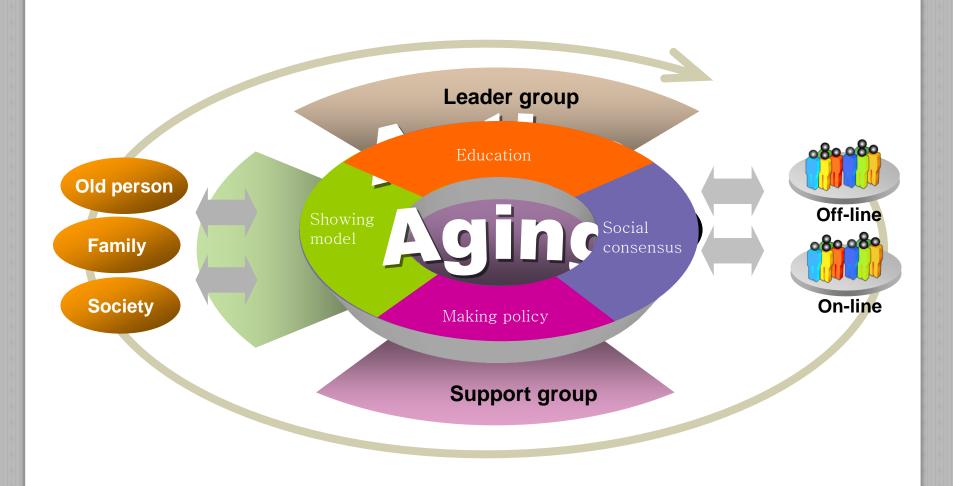
28 internet navigators; instructor, setting classes, study groups, incubator internet navigator, contribution





Young students uploaded image of older persons and need of Active Aging in Cyber space and led discussion

☐ Active Aging



- Better quality of life for older persons
- Increased social cohesion for society as a whole
- Achieving a society for all ages
- Integrated into society in many ways
- Social, political, economic participation
- Various infrastructure
- Education and civil recognition
- Workforce for older persons
- Promoting health
- Safety and aged friendly community
- Continual education and continual participation
- Healthy family relationship in late life

- Building community network
- Developing education programs
- Developing policy for Active Aging
- Social consensus
- Practicing new model of filial piety
- Promote cyberspace for older persons
- Keep dignity and respect
- Building age friendly environment

Future Efforts for Active Aging

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