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### **KEPAD to Work with PEN-International**

On July 11, an agreement was declared between KEPAD and PEN-International (Post-secondary Education Network International).

Mr. Eun-soo Park, the President of KEPAD and Dr. James J. DeCaro, the Director of PEN-International, have signed the agreement to work collaboratively for the post-secondary education of deaf people in Korea.

Through the declaration, KEPAD and PEN-International will make great efforts to establish a network in Korea that promotes and supports quality post-secondary education and employment for Koreans who are deaf.

### **Flying with New Staff of People with Disabilities**

Korean Air, one of the major businesses who have signed the Employment Promotion Agreement with KEPAD, is in the process of employing people with disabilities.

137 people with disabilities applied for the international flights reservation service job, a position which doesn't require travel. Sixteen among them have finally been chosen through evaluation of their resumes (C.V.) and interviews. They will receive job training after a health-check within the month of August.

Korean Air employed people with disabilities in the past in 1999 and 2002 and has announced that they will strive to hire people with disabilities every year.

### **Robots for People with Disabilities**

KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology), which is working collaboratively with KEPAD, gave a slide and video presentation on July 20 in a meeting room of the KEPAD AT Center.

The presentation was on robots supporting people with disabilities in the workplace. KAIST has been working on rehabilitation robotics for years and the test bed of robotic arms and mobile robots with lifts has been made in real workplaces, such as Mugungwha Electronics.

The robots are expected to be of great assistance in various vocational situations and, for this to be true, there will be continuous co-operation and collaboration between KEPAD and KAIST.



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