## "Women and Growth Potential"

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## Strong Correlations: Female Employment Rate, GDP, and Birth Rate

Potential economic loss from women's career interruption

in GDP
(LG Economic Research Institute, 2013)
1.70

Korea
OECD Avg.

1.24 27,990\$
persons

Birth
Rate
persons

GDP per Capita
31,353\$
*Female Employment Rate, and GDP : Based on 2012

Birth rate : Based on 2011


10\% Increase in labor force population by 2030

* Source: Closing Gender Gap: Act Now (OECD, 2012)

Increase in GDP:
US 5\%, Japan 9\%, UAE 12\%, Egypt 34\%

* Source: Women, Work, and the Economy (IMF, 2013)


## Total Employment Rate Target

1,655,000


2012

## 61.9\%



2017


New Female Employment

Female Employment Rate

## Status on Labor Force Participation of Women According to Their Life-cycle (4Rs)

## Recruit: Job Market, Women's Rise and Illusion

Labor Force Participation Rate in 20s


Labor Force Participation Rate in 30s


Gender Wage Gap
Monthly Salary: Female 1,705,000 won vs Male $2,664,000$ won Women are at 64\% Level of Men
(Statistics from the Ministry of Employment and Labor, 2013)

## Retention: The Role of Mom and Dad at Home



## DAD

Where's Mom?

## 90\% of Working Moms

 "Painful to Balance Work and Family Life"(Working Moms' Misery Index, 2014)

## Retention: Major Reasons for Career Interruption

## Major Reasons for Career Interruption for Women in 30s

52.5\% is from Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Childcare


Career Interruption due to Pregnancy, Childbirth and Childcare

* 2013 Survey on Career Interruption


## Retention: Family-Friendly Corporation Certification

## Support Childcare

Parental Leave, On-site Day Care, and more


## Support Workers

Health Checks, Counseling Services, and more

## Increasing the Number of Family-Friendly Corporations



Number of Corporations Received the Family-Friendly Corporation Certification

> Incentives for Family-Friendly Corporations

## Retention: Expanding Family-Friendly Management

## Family Day (Every Wed.)



# "Get off work on time at least once a week to have 

 quality family time"
## Retention: Expanding Family-Friendly Management

Disappearing office aims to increase Work-life balance


Amsterdam based Design Studio "Heldergroen"

## Retention: Expanding Family-Friendly Management

## Father's Month(From Oct.)

<Increase Parental Leave Wage>
First
Parental
Leave


Encourage Fathers to Use Parental Leave

## From the first step...



SAOH


## Retention: Promoting Childcare Services

## 'What is the in-house childcare services?'

To provide visiting childcare service for the families with infants and children aged between 3 months to 12 years with working parents and working singe parent families so as to lessen the burden of fostering children


## Number of Households Using the Service

## Re-start: Enhancing Women's Reemployment Support Centers



Tailored Job Training

## Re-Start: Flexible Part-time System

> Expand incentives to corporations when they hire flexible parttime workers
$>$ Hire flexible part-time workers in public sectors
> Simultaneously institute flexible part-time and shortening of working hours during the period of infant care
> Prevent disadvantages for workers when switching to flexible part-time system throughout their life-cycle

Incentives \begin{tabular}{cccc}
Support <br>
labor <br>
costs

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Support <br>
insurance <br>
costs

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Support <br>
consulting <br>
costs

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Support costs <br>
for shortening <br>
of working <br>
hours

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Provide tax <br>
benefits
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## Representation: Enhancing Women's Representation

Corporations with two or more women in the corporate board are ahead of the sector's average financial performance.
Source: Women as a Valuable Asset (McKinsey\&Company, 2012)


Establish Target Plan ( $\uparrow 40 \%$ by 2017)
Establish Legal Basis
Survey and Publication (Twice a year)


## Representation: Cultivating Female Labor Force

## Recommendations

(Government Committee, Public Office, Public Corporation)


Recruit female talents from diverse fields without blind spots


Provide program to cultivate female leaders

Men or Women, Grown-ups or Children, We all have differences.
We must all embrace these differences and work together.
The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family respects the differences of each members of our society and we will work together to Harmonious and Gender-equal Society

Never Lead differences to discrimination! "Let's Go Together"

