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The Nuri Curriculum:

Accomplishments and Prospects for ECCE in Korea

누리과정: 한국 ECCE의 성과와 전망



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Opening Address



Distinguished participants, Ladies and Gentleman,

I am glad to welcome you all for this session, entitled "The Nuri Curriculum: Accomplishments and Prospects for ECCE in Korea". Thank you for coming. That some of you travel long distances serves to remind us all how important education is and international cooperation to achieve the common goals.

Succeeding the Millennium Development Goals(MDG), and building on the outcome of the Muscat Agreement, the post-2015 education agenda will provide support and guidance on equitable and inclusive quality education. And now, we are all gathered at here to share in our achievements and develop the new, comprehensive vision for the next 15 years.

Learning begins at birth. It is very important to start working with children as early as possible to bring the most fruitful years in individuals' youth. Research shows how crucial early intervention is and its life-long effects on individuals. For 10 years, the Korea Institute of Child Care and Education(KICCE) has carried on policy research on early childhood care and education to serve quality education for young children.

As the first step towards the integration of early education and child care, the Nuri Curriculum, which is the national course for all children from 3- to 5-year olds, was introduced in 2013, with considerable funds from the government. The Nuri Curriculum is the valuable fruit of equitable and quality education for young children in Korea. I would like to express my pleasure and honor to share the accomplishments and issues of the ECCE in Korea at this session.

We are honored to have esteemed education specialists for our speakers. I am delighted

first to introduce Dan Shechtman, a Novel Prize-winning scientist and an expert on science

education for young children. I'm also pleased to introduce Sheldon Shaeffer, a director

of ARNEC and a former director of UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for

Education.

I hope you all to be challenged, excited, and inspired by our amazing speakers and

encourage your strong support and interests on promoting ECCE. And before I invite Dan

Shechtman for the keynote speech, I want to say once more on behalf of KICCE,

welcome. It's a great pleasure to see so many of you here and enjoy this meaningful

educational event for the global community.

Thank you

Namhee Woo

President, Korea Institute of Child Care and Education





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13:30-13:35	Opening Remarks	Namhee Woo President, Korea Institute of Child Care and Education(KICCE)								
	Keynote Speech									
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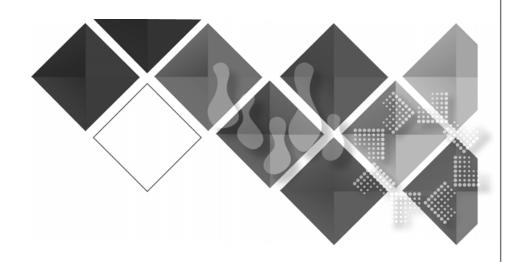


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Developments of and Prospects for ECCE in Republic of Korea

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Developments of and Prospects for Early Childhood Care and Education in Korea



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Outline

- · The History of ECCE in Korea
- · The Current Status of ECCE in Korea
- Major Policy Developments in Korea Since 2000
- Issues and Prospects







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Part I The History of ECCE in Korea



Source: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (from the Special Exhibition on 100 years of kindergarten education in Korea, 2011, Seoul, Korea)

A Brief History of ECCE in Korea

Early childhood Education

- Establishment of the first Korean kindergarten for Korean children was during the colonial period (1913)
- Establishment of a college department of kindergarten teacher training (1914)
- The first regulations for kindergartens (1922)
- The first National Kindergarten Curriculum (1969)
- The first 5 public kindergartens (1976)
 - increased to about 2,000 in the early 1980s mostly in rural areas (approx. 1,000 private kindergartens in cities)
- Early Childhood Education Promotion Act (1982)
 - founded Saemaul Nursery Schools
- Full day kindergartens (1994)

A Brief History of ECCE in Korea

Child Care

- The first childcare center (1921)
- Legislation of Child Welfare Act (1961)
- Legislation of Childcare Act(1991)
- Expansion of childcare facilities (1995-1997)
 - increased tenfold, reaching approx. 20,000 childcare facilities (serving 734,000 children)





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Part II Current Status of ECCE in Korea

Current Status of ECCE in Korea_1

- Children at age 0 to 5 (2014): 2,769,255
- Participation rates (2014):
 Children 0 to 2 yrs.: 63.3%,
 Children 3 to 5 yrs.: 91.3%



- 8,826 kindergartens (652,546 Children) & 43,770 childcare facilities (family daycare 54%) (1,486,980 children) (2014)
- Teachers and directors (2014):
 48,530 in kindergartens & 301,719 in childcare facilities

Current Status of ECCE in Korea _2

Participation rates of Children 3 to 5 in Korea (2012-2014)

Age	Year	Total No. of	Kinderg	arten	Childo		KG + CC	
DOM:		Children	No. of C	%	No. of C	%	No. of C	%
	2014	472,047	143,069	30.3	255,786	54.2	398,855	84.5
3 yr	2013	446,256	143,069	32.1	258,719	58.0	401,788	90.0
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	2014	447,055	233,936	52.3	184,513	41.3	418,439	93.6
4 yr	2013	467,432	233,926	50.0	186,048	39.8	419,974	89.8
	2012	494,388	229,911	46.5	200,516	40.6	430,427	87.1
	2014	467,935	277,826	61.5	161,877	34.6	449,532	96.1
5 yr	2013	495,810	277,826	56.1	162,666	32.9	440,492	89.0
	2012	448,774	252,852	56.3	152,207	33.9	405,059	90.3
	2014	1,387,037	654,821	47.9	602,176	43.4	1,266,826	91.3
Total	2013	1,409,498	654,821	46.5	607,433	43.1	1,262,254	89.6
	2012	1,409,969	613,749	43.5	621,002	44.0	1,234,751	87.6

Notes: 1) Korea National Statistics (2013.12)

2) Annual report on accomplishments and tasks of early childhood education, KICCE (2013.7)

3) Annual Statistics on Childcare (2013.12.)

Source: Yang, M. S., et al. (2014). *Annual report on accomplishments and tasks of childcare policy.*Kore Institute of Child Care and Education.

Current Status of ECCE in Korea_3 Changes in numbers of children by age in ECEC services (2007~2014) 500,000 450,000 250,000 250,000 150,000 200,000 150,000 200,000



Current Status of ECCE in Korea_4

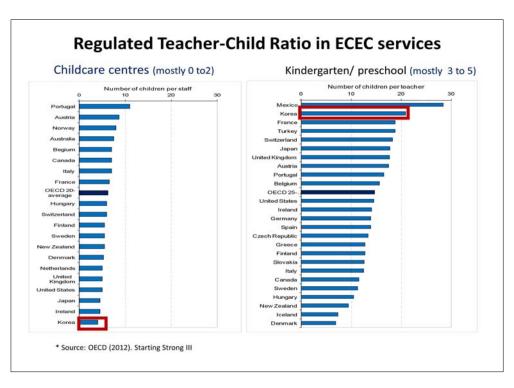
- 3 months of paid maternity leave (full payment) &
 1 year paid parental leave (Approx. USD 500 per month)
- Child-rearing allowances

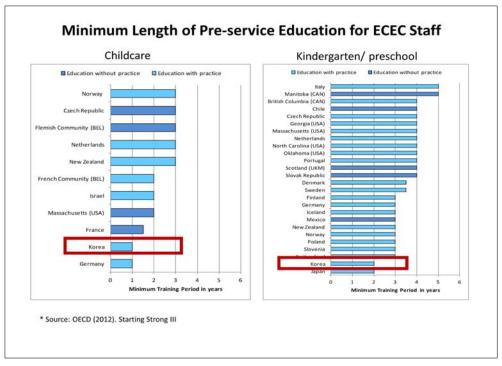
 (Approx. USD 200 per month for a child under 1 yr olds)
- Duration of compulsory school education:
 6-15 years (6 yrs of elementary & 3yrs of middle school)
 Initiation of the Nuri curriculum for children 3 to 5
 (2012-2013)

Kindergarten Education in Korea (2014)

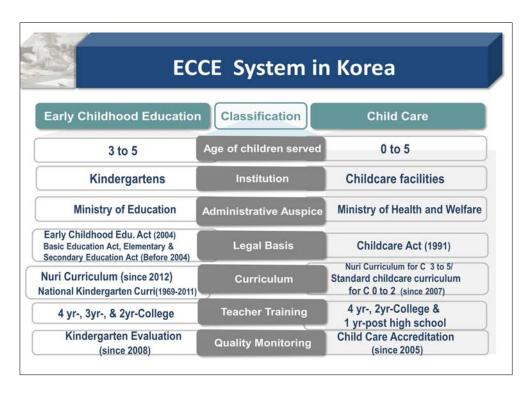
- No. of children enrolled in full-day kindergartens (afterschool programs): 67.5%
- · Teacher-child ratio: 1:13.4
- Group size: 19.7
- Percentage of teachers w/ bachelor degree : 51.4%
- Total budget for ECE: 5,304,268 million KRW (5.3 bn USD)
- Education budget per child/ year: USD 6,114 (2013)

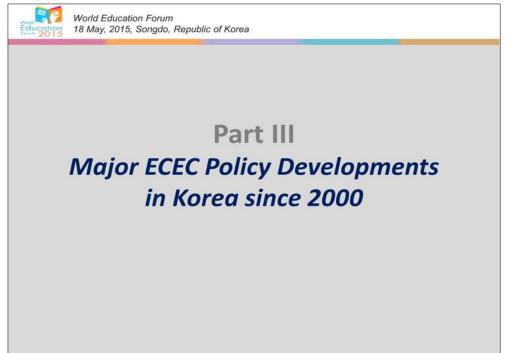
Source: Choi., E. Y. et., al. (2014). Annual report on accomplishments and tasks of Early Childhood Education Policies, Korea Institute of Child Care and Education.











Policy Developments in ECCE: Access & Affordability

Sept. 1999	Free ECEC for 5 yr. olds of low-income families in rural areas
Feb. 2000	Expended to 5 yr. olds of low-income families nation-wide
2004	Subsidies for 3 & 4 yr olds on sliding scales
2005	Subsidies for families with more than two children
Mar. 2007	Expending to children of families with average urban income
2007/8	Basic subsidies for children 0 to 2
Mar. 2009	Full-day program subsides for children from low-income families
2010	Child-rearing allowances
Mar. 2012	Free ECEC for all 5 yr. olds & free childcare for all C 0 to 2
Mar. 2013	Free ECEC extended to all 3 & 4 yr olds.

Public Expenditure on ECCE in Korea



<Total Public Expenditure on ECCE in Korea (2005-2014) > (Unit: 1 million KRW)

Note: ECE stands for Early Childhood Education and CC for Child Care; Childcare budget does not include local government budget.; Spending of the Nuri curriculum both for KG and CC was added to the early childhood education budget as of 2014

Source: Ministry of Education, Sciences and Technology (2010-2012), Ministry of Education (2013-2014),
Annual report on early childhood education, 2009-2014; Ministry of Health and Welfare (annually), internal report on child care budget.



Policy Developments in ECCE: Quality

Before 2009

- Development of standard childcare curriculum (2005)
- Revision of the national kindergarten curriculum (2007)
- Childcare teacher certificate management (2007)
- Childcare accreditation(2006) & Kindergarten evaluation (2008)
- Head teacher allowances (2007)
- Support for basic learning abilities in young children (2008)

'Support Programs for the Development of Young Children's Basic Learning Abilities' (2008)

Developing basic learning abilities as the most effective strategy for eliminating social barriers and cultivating human resources

A Set of



- diagnostic tools
- language, cognitive, social and emotional development programs,
- parent education programs,
- Korean language and culture education programs for mothers and children from multicultural backgrounds

Policy Developments in ECCE: Quality

Plan on the Advancement of Early Childhood Education

(Dec., 2009.12~Dec., 2012)

- Support for teacher salaries in private kindergartens (2010)
- Recommendations for extracurricular activities(2010)
- Kindergarten consultation (2010)
- Evaluation of kindergarten teacher competence (2012)
- Kindergarten information disclosure system (2012)
- · Parent committee at individual kindergartens (2012)
- e-kindergarten system, expansion of Early Childhood
 Education and Development Institutes (http://www.seoul-i.go.kr/eng/htm/main/main.asp).etc.

Policy Developments in ECCE: Quality

I-Sarang [The Child-Loving] Plan (April, 2009~ 2012)

- Payment of overtime hours for childcare teachers (2010)
- Strengthening of childcare teacher qualifications and in-service education
- Initiation of semi-public childcare centers (2012)
- · Consultation on childcare centers (2010)
- e-Childcare system
- I-Sarang card (voucher system) (2009)
- Expansion of Childcare Information Centers
- Korea Childcare Promotion Institute (KCPI) (2010) https://www.kcpi.or.kr/
- Childcare Center Safety & Insurance Association (2011) http://www.csia.or.kr/



Mid- and Long-Term Plans for Childcare by Ministry of Health and Welfare (2013-2017)

Major Tasks for the Future

- · Lessening the parental burden of child-rearing
- · Childcare support tailored to the needs of individual users
- · Expanding public childcare services and strengthening monitoring quality
- · Creating and assuring safe childcare environments and conditions
- Establishing childcare systems with enhanced public transparency
- · Improving financing and service delivery systems in childcare
 - Re-organizing childcare support systems for parental child-rearing at home

Five-Year Plan for the Development of ECE by Ministry of Education (2013-2017)

- Vision: ECE for the happiness of children, parents & teachers
- . Goal: Ensuring equal starting points through establishing a public ECE system
- Basic Direction
 - Sustained development of the Nuri Curriculum
 - Continuous implementation of a Plan for the Advancement of ECE
- Policy Areas
 - 1) Expending educational opportunities
 - 2) Effective management of kindergartens
 - 3) Ensuring quality of the implementation of the Nuri curriculum & after-school programs
 - 4) Strengthening teacher accountability & professionalism
 - 5) Strengthening support systems

Nuri Curriculum

- Government funding for free education and care for all children at age 3 to 5 to lessen parental burdens
- Common Curriculum for Age 3 to 5 to harmonize the quality across kindergartens and child care centers
 - Implementing 4 to 5 hours daily instruction and care
 - Emphasizing creativity and character education
 - Strengthening continuity with elementary school curriculum

Nuri Curriculum

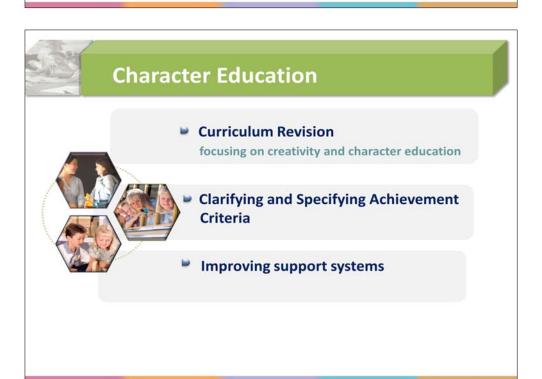
Areas and Content Categories of the Nuri Curriculum

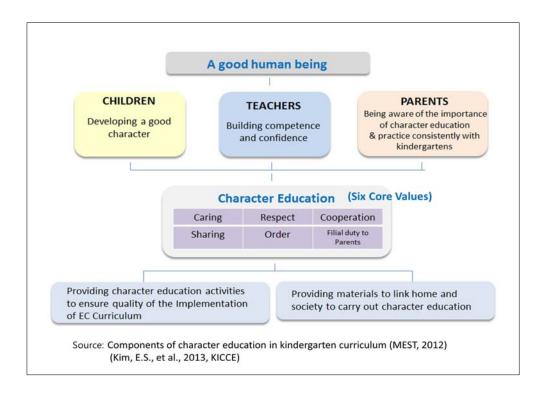
Areas	Physical Movement & Health	Communication	Social Relationships	Arts Experience	Inquiry to Nature
Content Categories	Physical awareness Physical control & basic exercises Participation in Physical activities Healthy living Safe living	Listening Speaking Reading Writing	Knowing and respecting myself Understanding and regulating the emotions of myself and others Cherishing my family Living with others Taking an interest in society	Discovering artistic beauty Expressing myself artistically Appreciating the arts	Developing inquisitive attitudes Mathematical exploration and Inquiry Scientific exploration and inquiry



Character Education

- Character education: Traditionally an important aspect of education in Korea
- In reality, a strong focus on academic achievement
- In recent years, incidents of school bullying and school violence has rekindled interest in character education in Korea.
- The Korean government began to align policies of anti-bullying in schools within the national curriculum.
- Legislation of Character Education Promotion Act (Jan, 2015)





Character Education

- · Developing and distributing
 - character education programs (2011)
 - parent training programs for character education for young children (2012)
 - guidebooks for teachers for parental counseling' (2012)
- Contest for 'kindergartens and childcare centers with good practices of character education (2013-2015)
 - A total of 278 kindergartens and childcare centers were selected
 - Approx. 6,000 USD annually for 3 years given as incentives



Integration of ECCE

- 1st Phase (1997-2003)
 - Early Childhood Education Reform Plan announced by Presidential Committee on Educational Reform (1997)
 - Special Committee on Early Childhood Education Reform
 - Efforts for the legislation of Early Childhood Education Act
- 2nd Phase (2004-2011)
 - Comprehensive Plan for the Development of ECCE developed by Presidential Advisory Committee to cope with aging society (2004)
 - Establishment of Korea Institute of Child Care and Education (2005) to take integrative approaches to policy research on ECCE
 - Joint efforts by ECCE sectors to develop the Nuri Curriculum for Age 5
- 3rd Phase (2012-present)
 - Implementation of the Nuri Curriculum for Children 3 to 5
 - Inter-ministerial Committee on the ECCE integration under the Prime Minister's Office (2013)

Integration of ECCE

Directions for the ECCE integration

- Placing a high priority on parental needs
- Reducing gaps between kindergartens and childcare centres in terms of quality of teachers and facilities, but maintain a variety of types of ECEC institutions
- Reflecting upon the perspectives of diverse stakeholders
- Completing the integration within the term of the current government (by 2017)



Integration of ECCE

Plan for the ECCE Integration

- Phase 1 (2014)
 - Integrating information disclosure systems
 - Developing common evaluation indicators and criteria to consolidate childcare accreditation and kindergarten evaluation
- Phase II (2015)
 - Consolidating minimum standards and regulations (e.g., child-teacher ratio, space, etc.)
 - Setting hours of service use, integrating curriculum for children 0 to 5, etc.
- Phase III (2016)
 - Support for reducing gaps of salaries between kindergarten and childcare teachers
 - Integrating government auspices and finance



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Part IV Issues and Prospects



Issues and Prospects

- Setting policy goals for equity with quality (esp. for most disadvantaged children –no data on unenrolled children)
- Consolidating and coordinating ECCE policies among ministries under a higher form of governance
- Securing sustainable public investment for ECCE (esp. for the Nuri curriculum)
- Identifying mechanisms of transition from early childhood to school and strengthening the alignment of systems and resources

Issues and Prospects

- Supporting and monitoring private institutions
- Reducing teacher-child ratios in kindergartens
- Improving qualifications of childcare teachers
- Creating a societal climate to support children's character development
- Engaging parents in holistic development and learning about their children



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Analyzing the Effects of Nuri Curriculum

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Analyzing the Effects of the Nuri Curriculum

2015. 5. 18

Jeongrim Lee



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- **IV.** Conclusion and Suggestion





Introduction

The Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds
 Research Purpose

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds

Integrated education and care for 5 year olds from March 2012, previously divided into two institutes: kindergarten and child care centers, aiming to offer a high-quality service



Research Purpose

'Provide all children with equitable learning experiences and equal starting point regardless of socio-economic backgrounds.'



Analyzing and Examining the Effects of Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds.

Suggesting directions for establishing future policy.

Research Methods

- 1. Research Design
 - 2. Sampling
- 3. Research Subjects:

Institute, Teacher and Young Children

- 4. Calculating Weighted Value
 - 5. Questionnaire
 - 6. Analyzing Data



Research Design

- ✓ Conducted pre-to-post survey targeting teachers on child evaluation
- ✓ Conducted pre—survey in April and post—survey in October
- Composed different questionnaires each targeting children and teachers

✓ Limit and Countermeasure of Research Methods

Difficulty in composing controlled group not participating in the Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds.

Maturation effects with time

Supplement with statistical methods

Sampling

Sample Size

• Select 500 kindergartens and 500 child care centers

Sample Design · Reflect regions and institute types

Number of Children • Design the sample reflecting the number of 5 year olds by regions and institutes in distributing the sample.



 Conduct systematic sampling by sample size distributed by layer.



• Determine the number of sample children considering the number of 5-year olds of a selected institutes.

✓ Result of Sample Distribution

1) Kindergarten

Unit: Number of Institutes

Divi	sion	Public	Private	Total	Divis	sion	Public	Private	Total
	Population	140	700	840		Population	294	97	391
Seoul	Sample	6	41	47	Gangwon	Sample	10	14	24
D	Population	58	296	354	Characteris	Population	253	82	335
Busan	Sample	3	31	34	Chungbuk	Sample	12	12	24
Deservi	Population	114	207	321	Chunnan	Population	395	129	524
Daegu	Sample	4	28	32	Chungnam	Sample	10	18	28
Incheon	Population	132	240	372	Jeonbuk	Population	352	151	503
Incheon	Sample	6	27	33		Sample	8	18	26
C	Population	115	135	250		Population	421	106	527
Gwangju	Sample	5	20	25	Jeonnam	Sample	11	13	24
Daejeon	Population	87	147	234	Gyeongbuk	Population	469	215	684
Daejeon	Sample	4	23	27		Sample	9	24	33
Ulsan	Population	77	103	180	Gyeongnam	Population	432	249	681
Ulsan	Sample	4	21	25	Gyeongnam	Sample	9	28	37
Gyeonggi	Population	1,023	950	1,973	Jeju	Population	85	23	108
Gyeonggi	Sample	14	49	63	Jeju	Sample	8	10	18
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Total		Population			147	3,830		8,27	7
		Sample		12	23	377		500	



Di	vision	Public	Corp orati ve	Corporative/ Organizational	Public	Total	Divi	sion	Public	Corpor ative	Corporative /Organizati onal	Public	Tota
Seoul	Population	548	26	88	1,181	1,843	Gangwon	Population	64	97	42	228	431
	Sample	22	1	2	28	53		Sample	5	7	2	13	27
Busan	Population	105	43	27	321	496	Chungbuk	Population	37	95	33	251	416
	Sample	9	3	2	14	28		Sample	3	7	3	16	29
Daegu	Population	24	87	30	324	465	Chungnam	Population	45	103	52	359	559
Ducyu	Sample	2	8	2	14	26	Changhain	Sample	3	7	3	19	32
Incheon	Population	61	9	17	414	501	Jeonbuk	Population	37	122	88	259	506
ancireon.	Sample	4	1	1	25	31		Sample	2	8	4	16	30
Gwangju	Population	26	84	20	227	357	Jeonnam	Population	55	151	49	258	513
Owangju	Sample	2	8	2	16	28	Jeonnain	Sample	3	10	3	15	31
Daejeon	Population	22	24	12	251	309	Gyeongbuk	Population	79	72	28	416	595
Daejeon	Sample	2	3	1	17	23	Gyeoriguak	Sample	4	4	2	19	29
	Population	18	6	6	177	207		Population	95	56	38	562	751
Ulsan	Sample	2	1	1	15	19	Gyeongnam	Sample	5	4	2	22	33
Gyeonggi	Population	361	62	107	1,997	2,527	2020	Population	13	61	33	107	214
	Sample	12	2	3	44	61	Jeju	Sample	1	8	4	7	20
				Public		Co	rporative	Corporative/ ations		Р	rivate	To	tal
_		Populatio	n	1,590			1,098	670		7	7,332	10,6	90
Tot	al	Sample		81			82	37		300		50	00

Research Subjects: Institute, Teacher and Young Children

✓ Research Subjects Completing Pre-survey

Unit: Number of Institutes and individuals

		Kindergarte	n	Child Care Center						
Division	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Corporative	Corporative/ Organizational	Total	Total	
Institute	105	334	439	77	246	79	35	437	876	
Teacher	111	471	582	78	250	82	35	445	1,027	
5-Year Olds	223	949	1,172	160	509	167	71	907	2,079	

√ Research Subjects Completing Post-survey

Retired Teachers and Children by Institutes

Unit: Number of Individuals

Division	Number of Absent Children due to Teacher's Retirement	Number of Absent Children due to Children's Drop-Off at Institute
Total	50	53
Kindergarten	29	22
Childcare Center	21	31

Post-survey Result of Kindergarten and Child Care Center by Regions and Types

Unit: Number of Institutes and individuals

Division		Kindergarter	1	Child Care Center						
	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Corporative	Corporative/ Organizational	Total	Total	
Institute	93	280	373	68	193	71	32	364	737	
Teacher	98	395	493	69	195	74	32	370	863	
5-Year Olds	184	750	934	133	371	144	61	709	1,643	

Calculating Weighted Value

√ Sample Design Weight

Calculated the weighted value measuring the component rate of population by final sampling unit(fsu), children's region, institute types; kindergarten/child care center



Questionnaire

- Utilized ^rChild Assessment Scale for 5 year olds of Nuri Curriculum (KICCE, 2012)
- · Teachers conducted it to their children.

Questionnaire of Self-Assessment for Teachers as an Assessor

Children's family background, etc.

✓ Questionnaire for Teachers

Areas	Question Contents
Teacher's General Background	·Gender, Age, Education, Career, Major, Licenses ·Experience in 2012 Nuri Curriculum ·Class type assigned
Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale (TSES)	·7 Questions on Teachers' Sense of Efficacy
Teacher-Child Interaction Behavior	·10 Questions for Self-assessment on Teacher-Child Interaction

✓ Questionnaire for Children

Areas	Question Contents
Child's General Background	Gender, family type Family income (estimation), parents' occupation, Mother's employment Multicultural family, application of National Basic Living Security Act.
Nuri Curriculum	· Child Assessment Scale for 5 year olds of Nuri Curriculum · Teacher's guideline on Child Assessment Scale

✓ Development Standard of 「Child Assessment Scale for 5 year olds of Nuri Curriculum

Development Standard	Contents							
Assessment Category	·Assessed knowledge, function and attitude based on the children's development level.							
Assessment Status	·Daily life ·Activity of Nuri Curriculum							
Assessment Way	·Teacher observing · Individual observing of performance							

Reference: Meehwa Lee · Jeongrim Lee · Jong-il Yuh · Kyung-Mee Kim · Myoung Soon Kim · Kyung-Ok Lee · Wan Jeong Lee · Jeongwuk Lee · Il Sun · Choi · Hye-Yeong Choi(2012)

A Study of the Implementation of the Nuri Curriculum for 5-year-olds: The Development of the Child Assessment Scale

Analyzing Data

Calculating the proportion on variables related with child, teacher and institute.



Analyzing Results of 'Child Assessment Scale' for 5—year olds by Child Variables

- 1. Child's General Characteristics
- 2. Analyzing the Average Score of the Nuri Curriculum
- 3. Analyzing the Result of the Nuri Curriculum by Areas

Child's General Characteristics

Unit: Number of Individuals(%)

	Childre Pre-s					Children for Pre-survey		Children for Pre-to-post Survey	
Division	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Division	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)
Total	100,0	(2,079)	100,0	(1,643)	Father's Occupation				
Gender					Administrator	3,8	(80)	4.0	(66)
Boy Girl	49.7 50.3	(1,033)	50,4 49,6	(828)	Specialist and Related Worker	27.6	(573)	27.4	(450)
Family Type	30.5	(1,040)	47,0	(013)	Office Worker	23.0	(479)	23,4	(384)
Grandparent +Parent+Child	15.4	(321)	15,2	(250)	Service Worker	12,3	(255)	11,4	(188)
Grandparent+					Sales Worker	5.6	(116)	5.6	(92)
Single Parent+Child	3,3	(68)	3.2	(53)	Agricultural and Fishery Worker	2.5	(51)	2.6	(42)
Parent+Child	77.5	(1,612)	78,0	(1,281)	Functional and Related Workers	6.1	(127)	6.3	(103)
Single Parent+Child	2,8	(58)	2,9	(47)	Engineer	6.3	(131)	6.1	(101)
Grandparent+Child	0,5	(11)	0,5	(8)	Construction	24	(75)	40	((5)
Relatives+Child	0,1	(3)	0.1	(2)	Worker	3,6	(75)	4,0	(65)
Etc.	0.3	(6)	0.1	(2)	Etc.(Including Solider)	8.0	(167)	8,0	(131)
				Inoccupation	1.2	(25)	1.3	(21)	

Division	Children for Pre-survey		Children for Pre-to-post Survey		Didden	Children for Pre-survey		Childrenfor Pre-to-postSurvey	
	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Division	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)
Attendance Period					3,5 - 4,0 million won	13,3	(277)	13.6	(223)
Less than 2 years	36.6	(761)	36.2	(594)	4,0-5,0 million won	10,9	(227)	10,8	(178)
					5,0-6,0 million won	7.6	(159)	7.7	(126)
	1000000		0	5-25-06-25-	6,0 - 7,0 million won	2.0	(42)	1.9	(31)
2 - 3 years	34.7	(722)	34,5	(567)	More than 7.0 million won	1.7	(35)	1.6	(26)
More than 3 years	28,7	(596)	29,3	(482)					
Mother's Employment	1				Low-income Family			100	
					N/A	91.8	(1,909)	91.8	(1,509)
Employed	55,4	(1,151)	55,0	(904)	Recipient of National Basic Living Security	3.5	(73)	3.8	(62)
Unemployed	44.6	(928)	45.0	(739)	Lower Income Group	4.7	(97)	4.4	(72)
Family Income					Multicultural Family			3	
					Not Applicable	96.4	(2,004)	96.5	(1,585)
Less than 1,5 million won	3,1	(65)	3.3	(55)	Applicable	3.6	(75)	3,5	(58)
1.5 - 2.0 million won	9.3	(194)	9.4	(154)					
2.0 - 2.5 million won	17.8	(371)	18.0	(295)					
2.5 - 3.0 million won	15.7	(326)	15,9	(261)					
3.0 - 3.5 million won	18.4	(383)	17.9	(294)					

Analyzing the Average Score of the Nuri Curriculum

√ Family Type and Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Measuring Period

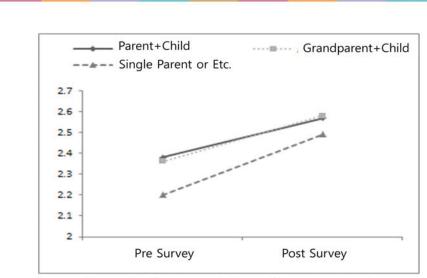
Unit: score

Family Type	Pr	re	Post		
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation	
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	2.36	
Parent+Child	2,38	0.37	2.57	0,34	
Grandparent+Parent+Child	2.36	0.40	2.58	0.36	
Single Parent+Etc.	2.20	0.41	2.49	0.37	

Measuring Period 222.52*** Family Type 9.63*** Measuring Period × Family Type 4.12*

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Interactive Effect of Family Type and Measuring Period

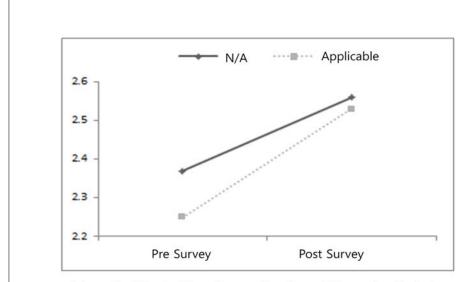
✓ Low-Income Family and Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Measuring Period

Unit: score

Low-Income Family	Pre		Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
Not Applicable	2.37	0.37	2.56	0.34
Applicable	2.25	0.45	2.53	0.39

Measuring Period 169.04*** Low-income Family 8.19***
Measuring Period × Low-income Family 6.06*

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Interactive Effect of Low-income Family and Measuring Period

✓ Multicultural Family and Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Measuring Period

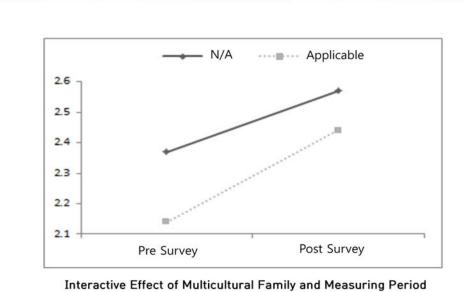
Unit: score

Multicultural Family	Pr	re	P	Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation	
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35	
Not Applicable	2.37	0.37	2.57	0.34	
Applicable	2.14	0.45	2.44	0.40	

Measuring Period 77.45*** Multicultural Family 19.35*** Measuring Period × Multicultural Family 3.48+

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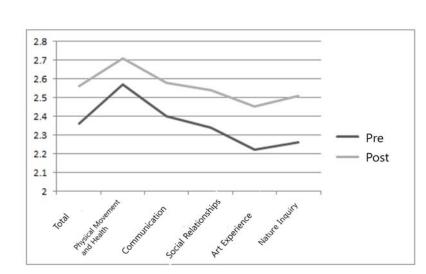
Analyzing the Result

of the Nuri Curriculum by Areas

✓ Comparing the Average Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Areas

Unit: score

	Pre S	Survey	Post :	Survey
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
Physical Movement and Health	2.57	0.34	2.71	0,30
Communication	2,40	0.45	2.58	0.41
Social Relationships	2.34	0.43	2.54	0.40
Art Experience	2.22	0.46	2.45	0.44
Nature Inquiry	2,26	0.45	2.51	0.41



Comparing Average Score of Nuri Curriculum by Areas

✓ Analyzing the Result of Nuri Curriculum by Areas

- > Main effects by family income were appeared in every area.
- Main effects of Experience in Arts were appeared not only by family income but also by mother's occupation, low-income family and multicultural family.

Score of Experience in Arts by Family Income and Measuring Period

F3 T		Pre		Post	Unit: score
Family Income	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Stan	dard Deviation
Total	2.23	0.46	2.46		0.44
~ 2.5 Million Won	2.16	0.46	2.38		0.45
2,5-4,99 Million Won	2,25	0.45	2.49		0.43
Over 5.0 Million Won	2.26	0.45	2.47		0.41

Measuring Period 295.58***

Family Income 14.86***

Measuring Period × Family Income 0.36

Post-hoc
Comparison
Low<Medium=High

*** p < .001



Score of Experience in Arts by Low-income and Multicultural Family, and Measuring Period $\,$

Unit: score

Low-		Pre	P	ost	Multicultural Family	,	Pre	P	ost
income Family	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation		Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.23	0.46	2.46	0.44	Total	2.23	0.46	2.46	0.44
N/A	2,23	0.45	2.46	0.43	N/A	2,23	0.46	2.46	0,43
Applicable	2,14	0.51	2.41	0.49	Applicable	2.08	0.48	2.35	0.49
F		Measuring Period 110.10*** Low-income Family 4.98*** Measuring Period × Low-income Family 1.22		F	Multicult Measurir	ng Period 4 ural Family ng Period ultural Famil	7.24***		

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Analyzing Results of 'Child Assessment Scale' for 5 year olds by Institute Variables

- 1. General Characteristics of Institute
- 2. Analyzing the Average Score of Nuri Curriculum
- 3. Analyzing the Result of Nuri Curriculum by Areas

Institute's General Characteristics

Unit: Number of Individuals(%)

			r Pre-survey	Institutes for Pre-to	post Survey
Divisions		Component Rate (Number of Cases)		Component Rate (Number of Cases)	
Т	otal	100.0	(2,079)	100.0	(1,643)
Institu	ıte Type				
Kinde	ergarten	56.4	(1,172)	56.8	(934)
Child Care Center		43.6	(907)	43.2	(709)
Establish	ment Type				
Kindergarten	Public	19.0	(223)	19.7	(184)
randergarten	Private	81.0	(949)	80.3	(750)
	Public	17.6	(160)	18.8	(133)
Child Care	Private	56.1	(509)	52.3	(371)
Center	Corporative	18.4	(167)	20.3	(144)
	Corporative/ Organizational	7.8	(71)	8.6	(61)

Unit : % (number of individuals)

PU de	Institutes fo	r Pre-survey	Institutes for P	re-to-post Survey
Division	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases
Regions				
Seoul	10.2	(212)	10.6	(174)
Seoul-Incheon	18.3	(380)	16,4	(269)
Chungchong	16.1	(335)	16.1	(265)
Gangwon	5.2	(109)	5.9	(97)
Jeolla	14.6	(303)	14.6	(240)
Gyeongsang	31.8	(662)	32,9	(541)
Jeju	3.8	(78)	3.5	(57)
Size of Region				
Metropolitan City	44.1	(917)	45.2	(743)
Rural Community	20.2	(419)	20.2	(332)
Small and Medium Sized City	35.7	(743)	34.6	(568)



✓ Comparing the Distribution of Children—related Variables by Institute

Unit:%

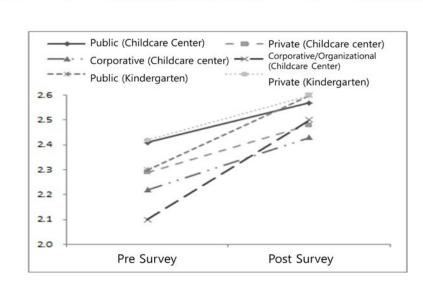
	Kinde	rgarten	Child Care	e Center
Division	Component Rate	Accumulated Component Rate	Component Rate	Accumulated Component Rate
ncome of Family with Children				
Less than 1,5 Million Won	2.3	2,3	4.2	4.2
1,5 - 2,0 Million Won	6.5	8.8	13.0	17.2
2,0 - 2,5 Million Won	16,3	25.1	19,8	37.0
2,5 - 3,0 Million Won	16.5	41.6	14.7	51.7
3,0 - 3,5 Million Won	18.9	60.5	17.8	69.5
3,5 - 4,0 Million Won	14.5	75.0	11.8	81,3
4,0 - 5,0 Million Won	11,3	86.3	10.4	91.6
5,0- 6,0 Million Won	8,9	95,2	6.1	97.7
6.0 - 7.0 Million Won	2.6	97.8	1.3	99.0
More than 7,0 Million Won	2.2	100,0	1,0	100,0
Low-income Family				
Recipient	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.1
Lower Income Group	3,7	6.8	6.0	10,1
Not Applicable	93.3	100.0	90.0	100.0
Multicultural Family				
Applicable	1,6	1.6	6.2	6.2
Not Applicable	98.4	100,0	93.8	100,0
Total	100.0		100,0	

Analyzing the Average Score of the Nuri Curriculum

✓ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Institute's Type and Measuring Period

Unit: score

		Pr	e	P	ost
Institute's Type		Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Т	otal	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
	Public	2.41	0.42	2.57	0.38
CL'ILI C	Private	2.29	0.39	2.48	0.38
Child Care Center	Corporative	2.22	0.43	2.43	0.42
	Corporative/ Organizational	2.10	0.26	2.50	0.39
l2'11	Public	2.30	0.38	2.60	0.32
Kindergarten	Private	2.42	0.35	2.60	0.32
	F		suring Period 22.8		



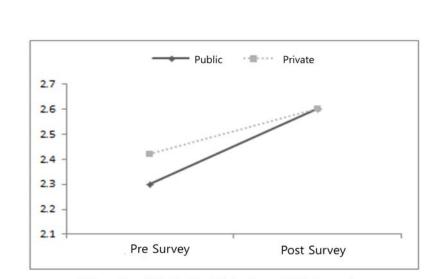
Interactive Effect of Institute Type and Measuring Period

√ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Institute Type of Kindergarten and Measuring Period

Institute's Type Of Kindergarten	Pr	re	P	ost
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.39	0.36	2.60	0.32
Public	2.30	0.38	2.60	0.32
Private	2.42	0.35	2,60	0.32

Measuring Period 280,84*** Institute Type of Kindergarten10,82** Measuring Period × Institute Type of Kindergarten16.27***





Interactive Effect of Institute Type of Kindergarten and Measuring Period

√ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Class Type and Measuring Period

Unit: score

Class Type		Pre	Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
Single Class for Age 5	2.38	0.37	2,58	0.34
Mixed Age Class	2.31	0.40	2.52	0.37
F		Measuring Period	317.51*** Class	Type 14.51**
		Measuring Period	× Class Type 0.	08
Post Comparison		Pre <post, a<="" mixed="" td=""><td>ge Class <single< td=""><td>: Class</td></single<></td></post,>	ge Class <single< td=""><td>: Class</td></single<>	: Class

Analyzing the Result of Nuri Curriculum by Areas

Interactive Effects of Physical Activity Health, Social Relationships, Experience in Arts, and Type of Kindergarten and Institute Type

Interactive Effect of Communications and Type of Kindergarten

According to both pre-to-post survey, scores of the Child Assessment Scale in 5 areas were appeared to be higher in single class for age 5 than mixed age group.

Analyzing Results of 'Child Assessment Scale' for 5 year olds by Teacher Variables

General Characteristics of Teachers
 Analyzing the Average Score of Nuri Curriculum
 Analyzing the Result of the Nuri Curriculum by Areas



General Characteristics of Teachers

Unit : %(Number of Individuals)

Districe	Teacher fo	or Pre-survey	Teacher for Pre-	to-post Survey
Division	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)
Total	100.0	(2,079)	100.0	(1,643)
Gender				
Male	0.6	(12)	0.7	(12)
Female	97.9	(2,036)	98.4	(1,616)
No Reply	1.5	(31)	0.9	(15)
Age				
20s	50.2	(1,043)	51.8	(851)
30s	29.5	(614)	29.7	(488)
Over 40s	18.8	(391)	17.6	(289)
No Reply	1.5	(31)	0.9	(15)

Unit: %(Number of Individuals)

Division	Teacher for Pre-survey		Teacher for Pre-to-post Survey	
	Component Rate	(Number of Cases)	Component Rate	(Number of Cases
Total	100.0	(2,079)	100.0	(1,643)
Educational Background				
Less High School	3.3	(69)	3.0	(49)
College (2-3 year) Graduate	52.9	(1,099)	52.5	(863)
College (4 year) Graduate	34.4	(715)	34.7	(570)
Graduate School Graduate	7.1	(147)	8.0	(131)
Etc.	0.9	(18)	0.9	(15)
No Reply	1,5	(31)	0.9	(15)
Teacher Experience				
Less than 4 years	32.5	(675)	31.6	(520)
4-8 years	36,1	(751)	36.9	(607)
More than 8 years	29,9	(622)	30.5	(501)
No Reply	1.5	(31)	0.9	(15)

Analyzing the Average Score of the Nuri Curriculum

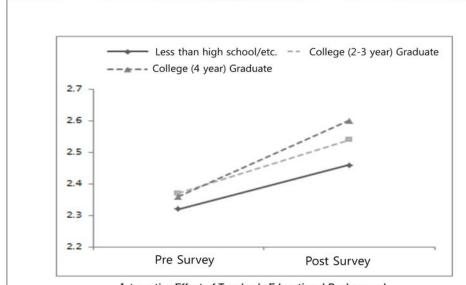
✓ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Teacher's Educational Background and Measuring Period

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Teacher's Educational Background	Pre		Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
Less High School/Etc.	2.32	0.37	2.46	0.37
College (2-3 year) Graduate	2.37	0.39	2.54	0.36
College (4 year) Graduate	2.36	0.37	2.60	0.32

Measuring Period 130.63*** Educational Background 5.16**
Measuring Period × Educational Background 6.95**

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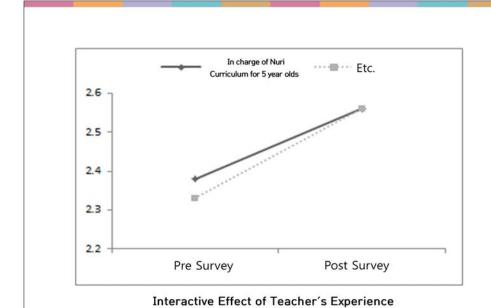
✓ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Teacher's Experience in the Nuri Curriculum and Measuring Period

Unit: score

Experience in Nuri Curriculum	Pre		Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
In charge of Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds	2.38	0.39	2.56	0,35
Etc.	2.33	0.36	2.56	0.33

Measuring Period 408.19*** Experience in Nuri Curriculum 2.77
Measuring Period × Experience in Nuri Curriculum 6.15*

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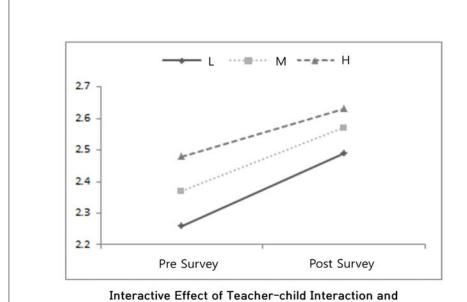
in the Nuri Curriculum and Measuring Period

√ Total Score of the Nuri Curriculum by Teacher—child Interaction and Measuring Period

Unit : score

Teacher-child Interaction	Pre		Post	
	Average	Standard Deviation	Average	Standard Deviation
Total	2.36	0.38	2.56	0.35
Low	2,26	0.37	2.49	0.36
Medium	2.37	0.37	2.57	0.33
High	2.48	0.38	2.63	0.33

Measuring Period 382.98*** Teacher-child Interaction44.62***
Measuring Period × Teacher-child Interaction 4.82**



Measuring Period

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Analyzing the Result of the Nuri Curriculum by Areas

Interactive Effects of Teacher's Educational Background and Measuring Period in every five areas of the Nuri Curriculum

Interactive ability between teacher and children may be improved by the experience of the Nuri Curriculum.

In every five area of the Nuri Curriculum, the Child Assessment Scale was appeared to be higher in the teacher's group with high sense of efficacy than in the group with low sense of efficacy.

Conclusion and Suggestion

- Conclusion through Analyzing the Effects of the Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds
 - 2. Policy Suggestions through Evaluating the Nuri Curriculum

Conclusion through Analyzing the Effects of the Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds

✓ Conclusion from the Infant's Perspective

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Overall

 Assumed that children of the disadvantaged class received the benefits on education and care by implementing the Nuri Curriculum.

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Areas

 Indicated that children of the disadvantaged class received the benefits on education and care in four areas excluding the area of Experience in Arts

✓ Conclusion from Perspective of Institute

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Overall

- Narrowed the gap in infant's accomplishment considered as the effect of Nuri Curricul um in public and private kindergarten as time passed.
- •The Child Assessment Scale of Kindergarten was appeared to be higher than the one of child care center in both pre-to-post survey.

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Areas

- Infant's developmental accomplishment in public kindergarten was being progressed quickly since the Nuri Curriculum was faithfully carried out as time passed.
- When faithfully carrying out the Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds, the gap with different institute type was appeared to be narrowed in post survey.



✓ Conclusion from the Teacher's Perspective

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Overall

- Considered teacher's ability to develop the Nuri Curriculum was also progressed.
- Indicated that previous teaching experience in Nuri Curriculum was not the main factor to educate children in a better way.
- Interaction between teacher and infant could be developed through interactions occurred in field.
- Indicated that teacher's high sense of efficacy supported the effective education of Nuri Curriculum.

Nuri Curriculum for 5 year olds: Areas

• Teacher's educational background, sense of efficacy, ability to interact: Main factors for an effective learning of Nuri Curriculum

Policy Suggestions through Evaluating the Nuri Curriculum

- Advertise the Effects of Nuri Curriculum Targeting children of the Disadvantaged Class
- Conduct Longitudinal Study to Prove Medium and Long Term Effects of Nuri Curriculum
- Secure the Period to Educate Teachers with More Than
 4 Years' Experience
- Offer Guideline for Single Class-focused Management and Mixed Class for 5 year olds
- Expand the Opportunities for Workshop or Coaching of Nuri Curriculum

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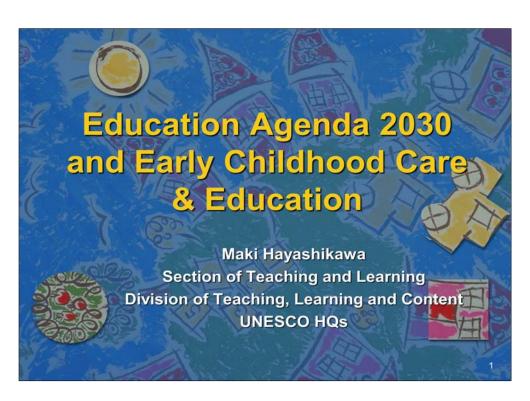
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Overview of progress in ECCE since Dakar

- World Education Forum (Dakar, 2000)
 - Dakar Framework for Action
 - FFA Goal 1:

Expanding and improving comprehensive early childhood care and education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children

-> Global recognition that learning begins at birth, and early childhood care and education (ECCE) lays the foundation for children's long-term development, well-being and health.

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Taking stock of progress - GMR 2015 says...

- · ECCE progress was rapid but, started from a low based and highly inequitable
 - Child mortality rates down nearly 50%, and
 - 184 million children enrolled (2012) in pre-primary education an increase by nearly 2/3 since 1999 (from GER 33% in 199 to 54% in 2012)
- · Despite progress, there are still ...
 - 6.3 million children under 5 died by preventable causes (2013), and
 - 1 in 4 (or 161 million) children, are stunted by malnutrition/ deficiency in essential nutrients
 - Many developing countries still have limited or non-existent pre-primary education systems.
 - GER only 20% in sub-Saharan Africa and 25% in the Arab States

On top of it... there are still 121 million children and adolescents out-of-school (2012) – can be attributed to lack of equitable, quality ECCE provisions



Education Goal 2030 – Lessons from MDG/EFA

- Lessons learnt:
 - > Narrowing of the agenda to access at primary level
 - Neglect of other key areas of education
 - > Focus on poorest countries
 - Diminished perceived relevance of EFA to middle income and developed countries

New agenda recognizes that:

- FFA remains unfinished continued relevance
- New agenda need to go beyond current goals
- Define measurable targets and indicators
- Goals to be measured in terms of equity

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Challenges faced by EFA Goal 1

- The goal was comprehensive but was not clearly defined exactly what it aimed to achieve;
- There were no concrete target was set at the global level and no robust indicator to monitor progress, or composite index which everyone can agree;
- ECCE has been frequently forgotten and ignored as being part of EFA as since priority was given to other EFA goals and education ministry often mandated to cover pre-primary level only
- Huge diversity and disparities exist in the nature, quality, location/regions, scope, or costs of provisions around the world.





Positioning ECCE in the Education Agenda 2030

SDG Goal 4: "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote <u>lifelong learning</u> opportunities for all"

OWG Target 4.2: By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have <u>access to</u> quality early childhood development, care and preprimary education so that they are ready for primary education.

Muscat Target 1: By 2030, at least x%* of girls and boys are ready for primary school through participation in quality early childhood care and education, including at least one year of free and compulsory pre-primary education, with particular attention to gender equality and the most marginalized.



Target 4.2 on ECCE & Framework for Action

What the target should mean...

- Need for a holistic approach to quality ECCE;
- Ensure at least one year of good quality compulsory and free pre-primary education to all children;
- 'Readiness for primary school' refers to the achievement of developmental milestones across a range of domains, including the adequate health, nutritional status and age-appropriate language, cognitive and social/emotional development of a child at the start of primary school;
- Equally important that schools are "ready for children" and able to provide the developmentally appropriate instruction that yields the greatest benefits for young children



Proposed strategies for achieving the target

- Have policies to ensure the provision of at least one year of compulsory and free quality pre-primary education.
- Ensure integrated multi-sectoral ECCE policies and strategies, supported by coordination among ministries responsible, and secure adequate resources for implementation.
- Design and implement inclusive, accessible and integrated programmes and services for early childhood, especially for children with disabilities.
- · Support families as children's first teachers.
- · Respond to the cultural and contextual conditions.
- Design and enforce quality standards for ECCE programmes, to ensure that young children are taught by qualified and educated professionals
- Design and implement systems for monitoring national progress towards ECCE goals

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Indicators to measure progress (examples)

At global, regional and national levels

- · how many/what percentage young children
 - \sim are experiencing responsive and stimulating home environments
 - \sim are benefiting from early childhood education services
 - \sim reach their developmental potential by the age of 5 years
- and what are the levels of inequality
- how many countries have made one year pre-primary education free and compulsory (under law)
- what percentage of children in primary grade 1 come with pre-primary education.
- · etc.

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UNESCO & ECCE

- World Conference on ECCE (Moscow, 2010)
 - ~ Moscow Framework for Action and Cooperation adopted
- HECDI holistic ECD development index technical guide

Ongoing activities:

- Monitoring Early Childhood Learning Quality Outcomes (MELQO)
- ECCE teacher survey

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By way of concluding...

- SDG2030 Education Goal founded on the principle of equity and inclusion from lifelong learning perspective
- Clearer ECCE target language than Dakar
 - Monitoring progress still challenging, given the complexity of indicators required for holistically monitoring ECCE
- WEF Parallel session: Early Childhood Care and Education: A Critical Investment for Lifelong Learning and Development
 - co-organized by UNICEF and UNESCO
 - Aim: to increase global commitment to investing in this target by outlining the investment rationales for ECCE, sharing and discussing effective strategies for addressing and monitoring the equity, quality, holistic approach and outcomes of ECCE services and programmes



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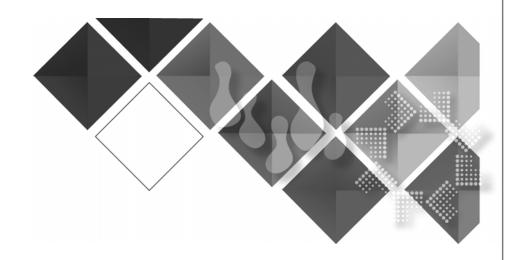
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Some Comments on the Analysis of Effectiveness of Nuri Curriculum Implementing

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Thanks for the presentation, Dr. Lee. It's been a good opportunity to see the effectiveness of the Nuri curriculum, a national common curriculum for all children aged five, from the perspectives of three key variables such as children, institutions, and teachers' sides.

As we know, the Nuri curriculum has been developed in order to provide a high-quality curriculum to all preschoolers so that they may have equal educational opportunities regardless of their backgrounds and of the types of ECEC service they are attending. This study has satisfied the curiosities about the effectiveness of the Nuri curriculum implemented in some sense, but still some curiosities have not been answered.

I'd like to make some comments on this study from such perspectives.

First of all, this study showed that Nuri curriculum can reinforce positive impact on children's learning and development regardless of children's background and can ensure even quality across different settings. The results of this study was very encouraging to everybody in ECEC.

However, the study may need a broader spectrum, particularly in its view on evaluation instrument. This study used a systematic evaluation and assessment, such as 'evaluation instrument of 5-year children for Nuri curriculum' which was developed by professionals in ECEC. The purpose of this instrument was to monitor how well the children who learned Nuri curriculum behave and how effectively the Nuri curriculum has impacted their behaviors. The drawback, even though the instrument claims the it focuses the important factors in the development of children aged five and bases on measurable behaviors, is that it targets the expected outcomes. Such filtered view would fail to recognize a complete view of the children and their development. Many prior studies which have measured their effects using the evaluation instrument have been limited due to the filtered view, and this study doesn't seem to be free from that kind of limitation. The study will be far more authoritatively if the study adds the qualitative research illuminating the changes and/or effects from the qualitative aspect.

Secondly, this study showed that Nuri curriculum gave guidance to staff on how to enhance children's learning and well-being. The study showed that Nuri curriculum promoted the interactions between the staff and the children. But it also noted the efficacy of the staff has not been changed regardless of the implementation of Nuri curriculum. As the researcher pointed out, what needs our attentions is that the degree of efficacy of the staff influences the support on Nuri curriculum.



It is necessary to provide the staff with the training and scholarship in relation to Nuri curriculum for the purpose of improving the efficiency of Nuri curriculum, but how to train highly qualified staff is also a crucial factor to consider. In fact, many studies have dealt with various ways to train qualified staff. To provide a minimum of 4 years of training, to build a systematic teacher training system, to regulate staff-child ratio in kindergarten and the qualification level of staff with caring responsibilities, and to administer a quality control about staff training contents are some of the examples found in prior research.

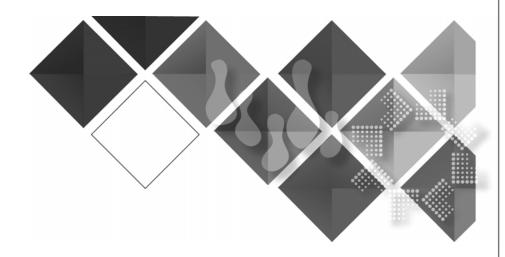
In addition to building training system as such, one more thing to ponder is how to overcome the limitations from ECEC characteristics. Because the aim of early childhood education is to prepare children for success in all areas of development, not only in school but in life, teachers have to have corresponding integrated knowledge and skills. Thus, pre-service teachers learn a broad variety of knowledge and skills specified in curriculum. The wide variety of knowledge and skills is not only a strength but a weakness. Conversely, such broad education failed to provide pre-service teachers with highly qualified knowledge and expertise, and the absence of such professional knowledge and skill sets has often led staff to disturb appropriate interactions with children, to digress from their own teaching, and even to lower their teaching ability as well as teaching efficacy.

Still, there is a need to think beyond curriculum dichotomies and consolidate the "added value" of individual approaches. Therefore, teachers' education sharing practical knowledge and skills in addition to Nuri curriculum administering a broad variety of knowledge and skills. It seems quite evident that Nuri curriculum would achieve far better effects if the Nuri curriculum training program offering opportunities to share their lived experiences is provided with pre-service and in-service teachers' education. Furthermore, Nuri curriculum will be a breakthrough in ECEC if a sense of ethics, reflective thinking, and practical knowledge and skills from lived experiences are included in its teacher education. I expect that Nuri curriculum may extend the common curriculum to cover ages three and five, aiming at providing a more continuous child development process for young children in ECEC.



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