



A Commemorative photograph of speakers at the conference

The conference on Reinventing the Ilga Bokmin Movement for 'poverty Reduction in Asia&Africa' was held on May 23, 2014 at the Main Conference Room in the Professors' Office Building of Seoul National University, and was co-hosted by the Ilga Foundation and EWB. This event was aimed celebrating the spirit of Ilga Yong-Ki Kim who had dedicated his entire life to serving ordinary people and his country, and also sought to confirm the progress on the strategic pathways to realizing globalization.

This meeting was comprised of four sessions. Professor Oh Myung-Do of Seoul National University presided over the first session with an opening address by the CEO of EWB, Ki-Seok Kim and a welcome address by the Director of Ilga, Bong-Ho Son, and a congratulatory address by the principal of the Canaan Farmhand School, Bum-Il Kim.

In the next session, which reviewed Asian cases studies, the principal of the Philippines Canaan Farmhand School, Kwan-Soo Lee, and Professor of Phnom Penh International University, Kwang-Lae Rho, each gave a presentation each on the Philippine and Cambodian examples while the president of Good Farmers, Kyung-Kuk Jang took the chair. Subsequently, Il-Joo Lee, Director of the Darby Breeding Company, gave a presentation on regard the case of supplying expert-training courses to the pork industry in Vietnam. Finally, Professor Wang-Bae Kim of Yonsei University and Hyun-Ju Cho, the Secretary General of Global Civic Sharing summarized the presentation and chaired a discussion session.

The third part of the conference was led by Professor Hyang-kyu Lee, of Hanyang University.

Germaine Ouedraogo, the secretary general of APENF, presented on the subject of 'Canaan reclamation in Burkina Faso' and Sang-Young Park, CEO of KOA-AFRICA provided development cooperation examples in Kenya. The team manager of EWB, Soo-Jung Park, gave a presentation in respect to the Poverty elimination project that EWB has conducted. After a series of presentations, Dr. Hwan-Bo Park of the Korea Education Development Institute and Professor Il-Byung Chung from the business group of the Environment-friendly livestock industry companies, deliberated upon the information dealt with in this session and led the discussions.

At the end of the event, the participants took part in a round table conference under the theme of Reinventing the Ilga Bokmin Movement. Professor Jung-Hye Rho of SNU, who belongs to the Ilga foundation committee, presided over the final session, while Professor Ogawa Keiichi of Kobe University, gave a presentation on the meaning of the Ilga Bokmin Movement from a global perspective. Subsequently, Ki-Seok Kim gave the declaration on the future vision entitled 'ICC (Ilga Canaan Center) 2014', which was a joint Ilga and EWB cooperation. This project is expected to realize the spirit of Ilga and to foster farmers fighting against absolute poverty for the purpose of raising leaders who are themselves able to help eradicate poverty through the establishment of new Ilga Canaan Centers, either in Korea or internationally. In order to accomplish this apparent objective, EWB will proceed with building the Ilga Canaan Center within the Education Training Institute for the Eradication of Illiteracy in collaboration with APENF.

Afterwards, a video which included a review of the 7 years of EWB's existence was screened, and this was followed by a banquet in honor of Sun-Geun Baek, the director of KEDI with a discussion about poverty eradication and international development cooperation. This international conference encouraged participants to share each other's thoughts and visions regarding Global Poverty Elimination. Meanwhile, the specialists of various sectors had a chance to improve their knowledge and networks by means of active interaction.