

The e-Apostille plan

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Introducing Speaker

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Apostille in Republic of Korea

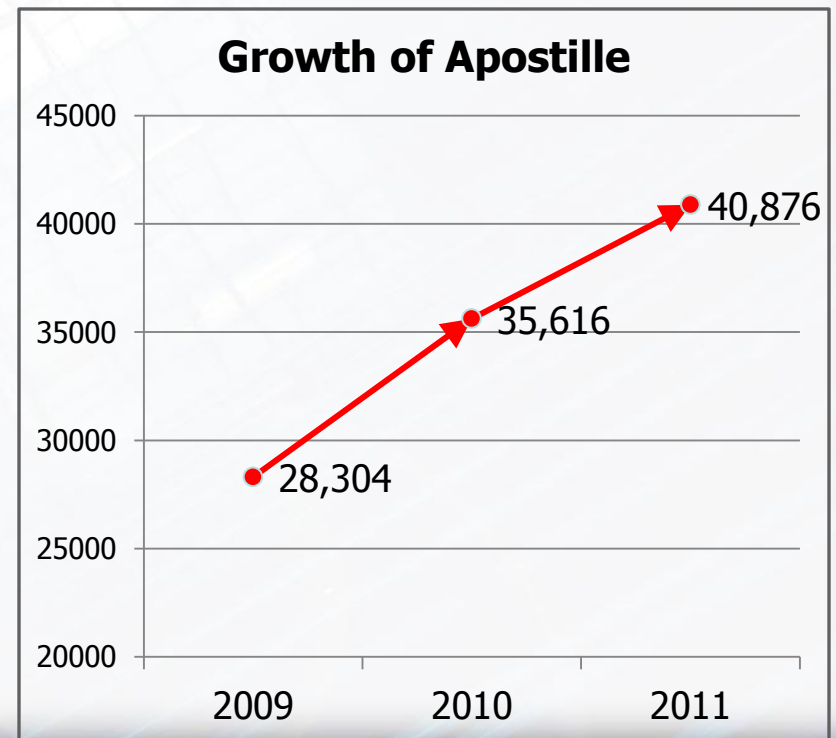
Apostille in Republic of Korea

- Ratified : 25 Oct. 2006 / Effective : 14 Jul. 2007
- 2 Korean Departments working hand in hand in Apostille
 - ➔ **Ministry of Justice(MOJ)**
& Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade(MOFAT)
(Co-operating Apostille Unit in Seoul downtown)
 - ➔ **MOJ : Notarized Documents**
MOFAT : Other Government Documents



Apostille in Republic of Korea

- Apostille in Korea is relatively new, but expanding rapidly.
- About 70% of Apostilles issued by Ministry of Justice
- 203 Apostilles issued per day
 - ➔ **138 (MOJ) / 65 (MOFAT)**
- Apostille Unit in MOJ
 - ➔ **Issuing started in Feb. 2009**
 - ➔ **Increasing 20% per year**



Korea's Opportunity in e-App Implementation

Korea's Opportunity in Implementing e-APP

World No.1 Country

- E-government development Index & E-participation Index
- ➔ **Among 193 countries**
(2012 UN Department of Economic & Social Affairs)

Table 1.1 World e-government development leaders 2012

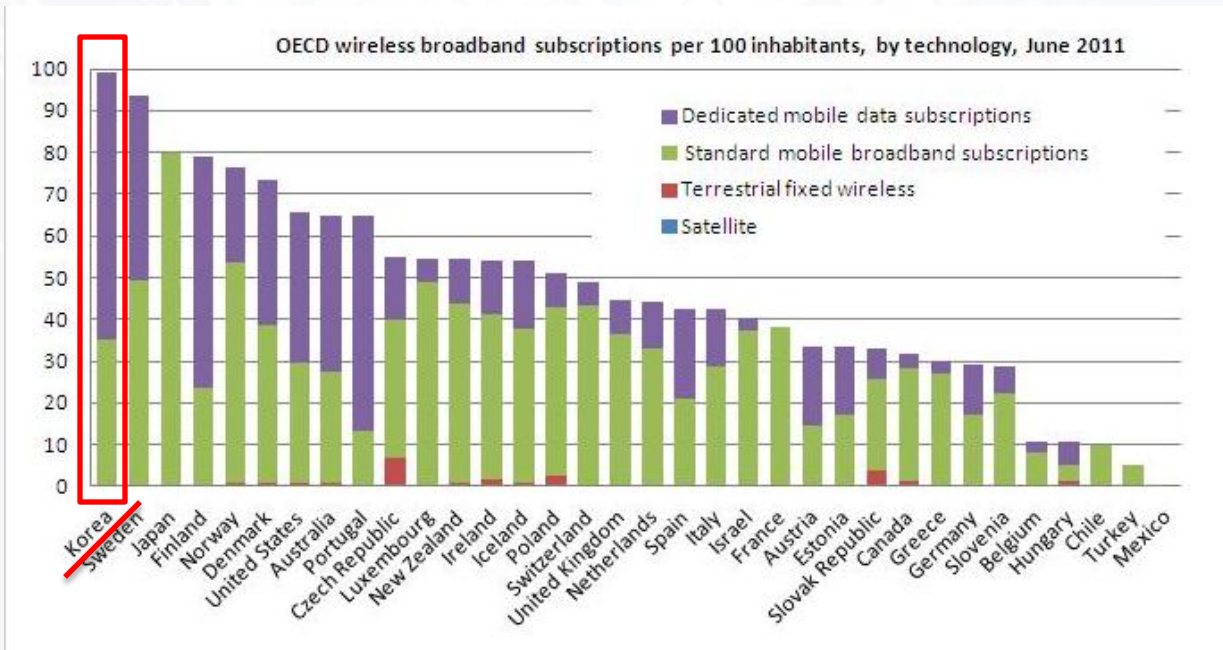
Rank	Country	E-government development index
1	Republic of Korea	0.9283
2	Netherlands	0.9125
3	United Kingdom	0.8960
4	Denmark	0.8889
5	United States	0.8687
6	France	0.8635
7	Sweden	0.8599
8	Norway	0.8593
9	Finland	0.8505
10	Singapore	0.8474
11	Canada	0.8430
12	Australia	0.8390
13	New Zealand	0.8381
14	Liechtenstein	0.8264
15	Switzerland	0.8134
16	Israel	0.8100
17	Germany	0.8079
18	Japan	0.8019
19	Luxembourg	0.8014
20	Estonia	0.7987



Korea's Opportunity in Implementing e-APP

World No.1 Country

- Wireless Broadband subscriptions
 - ➔ Per 100 inhabitants among OECD countries (2011)



Korea's Opportunity in Implementing e-APP

The best condition in implementing e-APP!!

- We have Know-how to implement e-APP
 - ➔ We already adopted e-Notarization in Aug. 2010
 - ➔ Korean notaries can provide authentication of e-Document or digitalized Document in the form of PDF files
 - ➔ Implementation of e-APP will trigger more frequent usage of e-Notarization and vice versa.

enotary.moj.go.kr

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Korea's Opportunity in Implementing e-APP

The best condition in implementing e-APP!!

- Increasing electronic public documents
 - ➔ **Korean government provides e-Public Document service (Ministry of Public Administration and Security, MOPAS)**
 - ➔ **About 82 kinds of e-Public Documents issued such as 'Certificate of Resident Registration' via internet**

Korea's Plan of Introducing e-App

Korea's plan of introducing e-APP

Phase 1 : e-Register

- ➔ **MOJ and MOFAT to cooperate to develop e-Register system**
- ➔ **Need to secure budget and more staffs**
- ➔ **May 2013 : Pilot program to be operational**
- ➔ **July 2013 : Korean e-Register system to be launched**
- ➔ **Building an Advanced Database**
 - Digitalization of the entire Apostille documents
 - Accessibility of Digitalized Apostille documents
 - Arranging huge amount of documents more easily

Korea's plan of introducing e-APP

Phase 2 : e-Apostille

- ➔ **Make the best use of e-Notarization experience such as electronic signature and security issues**
- ➔ **From 2015 : Full Implementation of e-Apostille**
- ➔ **Provide one-stop service of e-Public Document & Apostille**
- ➔ **Problems of security & privacy should be solved**

Our efforts to introduce e-APP

- Lesson to be learned from other partners advancing in e-APP
- Budget, Budget and Budget !!!
- Inter-government Cooperation to provide one-stop service
 - ➔ **MOFAT : Operation of e-APP system**
 - ➔ **MOPAS : Maintenance & Issue of Public e-Document**
 - ➔ **Supreme Court of Korea : Certification of Court Ruling and other Significant Document**

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