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UNESCO Chair in Communication Technology for Women

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Part one: **Asia Pacific Women's Information Network Centre (APWINC)**

I. Activities

1. Academic Activities

Education 1.1

- **Title** Computer Training for University Students
- **Expected results**
development for the specialized abilities of ICT
- **Duration** 1998.8.~ present
- **Target groups** undergraduates

Target Group	Male	Female	Total
Undergraduate students (2002 ~ present)		1200	1200

- **Place** Administrative Building, APWINC, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Participants** more 1200 persons from 2002 to present (annually about 600 students take this training course)
- **Geographical coverage** National

Education 1.2

- **Title** Computer Training for housewife at Samsung Apartment
- **Expected results** disseminated for ICT skills for beginners
- **Duration** 1999.10 - present
- **Target groups** housewives at Samsung Apartment

Target Group	Male	Female	Total
Other groups (housewives)		500	500

- **Place** Administrative Building, APWINC, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Partnership** Samsung corporation housing & development group

- **Participants** about 500 persons from 2002 to present (annually about 200 housewives take this training course)
- **Geographical coverage** National

Education 1.3

- **Title** 1st IT Master Course
- **Expected results** disseminated and mastered for ICT skills for unemployed women and specialized their abilities
- **Duration** 2003. 12 ~ 2004. 5
- **Target groups** undergraduate students and graduates

Target Group	Male	Female	Total
Undergraduate students		7	7
College graduates		23	23

- **Place** Administrative Building, APWINC, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Partnership** Ministry of Gender Equality
- **Participants** 30 persons
- **Geographical coverage** National

Education 1.4

- **Title** ICT Specialty Program for Women CEOs
- **Expected results** build up network for women entrepreneurs, cultivate mind on digital economy for women CEO
- **Duration** 2004. 1 ~ 2004. 6.
- **Target groups** Women CEOs

Target Group	Male	Female	Total
Other groups (women CEOs)		30	30

- **Place** Administrative Building, APWINC, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Participants** 30 persons
- **Partnership** KRNIC (Korea Network Information Center) and the Ministry of Gender Equality
- **Geographical coverage** National

Training 2.1

- **Title** Online Learning Center for Women Trainers
- **Expected results** <http://www.apolc.org>
 - Giving an opportunity to global women to acquire ICT skills and sharing/exchanging resources on gender & ICT
 - Networking women ICT trainers in order to develop strategic plans for building a regional ICT center for women's advancement
- **Duration** 2002. 5 ~ present
- **Target groups** Women in worldwide, in particular, focused on Women in Asia Pacific Region
- **Place** <http://www.apolc.org> / <http://www.women.or.kr>

- **Partnership** UNESCO and MOGE
- **Participants** more 800 women from international
- **Geographical coverage** International

Training 2.2

- **Title** Asia Pacific ICT workshop: WENT2002 Asian Pacific Women's Electronic Network Training Workshop
- **Expected results** <http://www.aworc.org/went2002/index.html>
Engaging in extensive hands-on ICT training
Making Network between Women CIOs
- **Duration** 2002. 8. 8-15
- **Target groups** CIOs of Women's NGOs
- **Place** Administrative Building 7th Fl. Room 704, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Partnership** UNESCAP, APCWNSP (Association for Progressive Communications-Women's Networking Support Programme), and SMU
- **Participants** about 50 persons included trainers from 14 countries
- **Geographical coverage** International: 14 countries in Asia/Pacific
Russia, Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal, Mongolia, India, Fiji, Malaysia, West Samoa, Laos PDR, Pakistan, Korea, Australia

Training 2.3

- **Title** Asia Pacific ICT workshop: WENT2003 Asian Pacific Women's Electronic Network Training Workshop
- **Expected results** <http://i-went.net>
Sharing Information
Creating Network between Women
- **Duration** 2003. 10. 12 ~ 20
- **Target groups** CIOs of Women's NGOs
- **Place** Administrative Building 7th Fl. Room 704, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Partnership** WENT 2003 was hosted by the APWINC and organized by the AWORC (Asian Women's Resource Exchange) and the UNESCAP
- **Participants** about 45 persons included trainers from 14 countries
- **Geographical coverage** International: 14 countries in Asia/Pacific
Russia, Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal, Mongolia, India, Fiji, Malaysia, West Samoa, Laos PDR, Pakistan, Korea, Australia

Training 2.4

- **Title** IT Program for women from the Asia Pacific region
- **Expected results**
<http://apwinc.sookmyung.ac.kr/khome/activity/files/koica2003.pdf>

Activate gender awareness issues in IT field by training women IT specialist, recognize gender digital divide and draw up solutions

- **Duration** 2003. 8.1 ~ 8.7
- **Target groups** Government officers
- **Place** Graduate Building, Sookmyung Women's University

- **Partnership** KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency)
- **Participants** 22 persons from 14 countries
- **Geographical coverage** International

Regions	Countries
Asia/Pacific	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philipines, Vietnam, Pakistan
Latin America and the Caribbean	Costa Rica, Dominica Republic,

Research 3.1

- **Title** Survey and Developing Women's Informatization Indicator
- **Duration** 2002. 2 - 2003. 10
- **Target groups** sampled women from 6 countries
- **Geographical coverage** International: six countries in the four sub-regions of Asia-Paific
Korea, China for North East Asia, Indonesia and the Philippines for South East Asia, and India and Sri Lanka for South Asia
- **Partnership** UNESCO, Korean National Commission for UNESCO
- **Participants** Six countries in the four sub-regions of Asia-Pacific
- **Intended use of results** The results of research paper, *Women's Informatization Indicator*, are used for the basis of developing policy. It can be utilized to establish governmental and private efforts and solutions in order to solve each nation's digital divide.

Research 3.2

- **Title** ICT Status of Six Asian Countreis
- **Duration** 2002. 2 - 2003. 7.
- **Target Groups** Six Asian countries
- **Geographical coverage** six countries in the four sub-regions of Asia-Pacific
Korea, China for North East Asia, Indonesia and the Philippines for South East Asia, and India and Sri Lanka for South Asia
- **Partnership** UNESCO, Korean National Commission for UNESCO
- **Participants** Six countries in the four sub-regions of Asia-Pacific
- **Intended use of results** This research shows the current ICT status on six nations in Asia Pacific region including current situation in using ICT, digital divide with statistics and data, and suggest recommendations and comments for each nation

Research 3.3

- **Title** Capacity Building for Women, such as Economic Related IT
- **Duration** 2002. 4 - 7
- **Target groups** Women in the APEC region
- **Geographical coverage** APEC regions
- **Partnership** APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) and Ministry of Gender Equality

- **Intended use of results** Results studied from this research are intended to review the successes and lessons learned from the various initiatives made by the Korean government, the private sector, and women organizations to increase female participation in the information society. It is expected to expand recommendations obtained from Korean cases to APEC economies in order to boost women's involvement in the economy and business activities through IT capacity building.

2. Conferences/Meetings

Conferences/Meetings 1.1

- **Title** Digital Media Forum
APWINC has been hosted Digital Media Forum since March 2002. As this forum, issues on digital industry, which is growing topic all over the world, case studies about successful businesses, and differences between countries are discussed.
 - About Internet MBC (2002. 3.26)
 - New Frontiers of Art – Intersections of Art, Science and Technology (2002. 5. 9)
 - Creativity in the Digital Age (2002. 10. 8)
 - Digital and Creativity (2003. 3. 26)
 - Activation of the Digital Commerce (2003. 5. 15)
 - Activation of the Digital Commerce (2003. 5. 37)
- **Date** 2002. 3 - present
- **Place** National
- **Participants:**
Number about 500 ~ 700 persons
Geographical coverage National

Conferences/Meetings 1.2

- **Title** Forum on Gender and ICT in Asia Pacific for WSIS
- **Dates** 2003. 1.11-1.12
- **Place** Tokyo, Japan
- **Partnership:** APCWNSP and UNESCO (Asia Pacific)
- **Participants:**
Number more 100 persons from 30 countries
Geographical coverage International: WSIS Asia Pacific region

Conferences/Meetings 1.3

- **Title** 2003 Consumer e-life promotion symposium
- **Dates** 2003. 5. 31
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- **Partnership:** Overseas Koreans Foundation and SMU
- **Participants:**
Number more 100 persons
Geographical coverage National

Conferences/Meetings 1.4

- **Title** Preparatory meeting on WENT-AP (Women's Electronic Network Training Workshop in Asia Pacific) one track was e-commerce
- **Dates** 2003. 8.1-8.7
- **Place** Manila, PH
- **Partnership:** APCWNSP and UNESCO
- **Participants:**
Number about 20 – 30 persons
Geographical coverage International

Conferences/Meetings 1.5

- **Title** 5th UNESCO Chair Symposium
- **Dates** 2003. 8. 22
- **Place** KL, Malaysia
- **Participants:**
Number about 150 persons
Geographical coverage International

Region	Countries
Africa	Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana
Arab States	Egypt, Iraq
Asia/Pacific	Korea, Malaysia, India, Australia, Singapore, Nepal, Japan, Myanmar, Palau, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea
Western Europe and North America	UK
Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina, Dominica, Fiji, Costa Rica

Conferences/Meetings 1.6

- **Title** WENT 5th Anniversary Symposium, "Are ICTs Empowering Women or Are Women Empowering ICTs?"
- **Dates** 2003. 10. 16
- **Place** Seoul, Korea
- **Partnership** APCWNSP and UNESCAP
- **Participants:**
Number about 100 persons
Geographical coverage International

Region	Countries
Africa	South Africa
Asia/Pacific	Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam,

3. Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

Through Sookmyung Women's University, UNESCO Chair in Communication Technologies for Women in the Asia-Pacific Region, has interuniversity exchanges and partnerships globally through the below programs:

o Exchange Program

Sookmyung maintains world-class academic exchange programs with up to 100 prestigious international universities. Cooperation programs include Exchange Programs, Group Projects, Short-term programs, seminars, workshops, forums and etc.

o Millennium Group Project Abroad

This program offers students the opportunities to visit universities, governmental organizations, municipalities, research institutes, businesses, non-governmental organizations, or many other communities, which are equipped with the world's best know-how and capabilities.

o Short-term Program

This program is designed for students and faculty from Sookmyung's international sister universities to fully comprehend Korean culture and society, and to learn facts and her history. Homestay is arranged for program participants to experience Korean hospitality in everyday life.

4. Publication and Multimedia materials

Publication 1.1

• Book

Title: Women's Informatization Indicator, 2003

[Survey and Developing Indicator for Women's Informatization in Asia Region]

Author: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2003

Language: English

Number of pages: 203 pages

Title: Proceeding of UNESCO Chair Symposium 2003

[Global Networking and Partnership through ICT]

Author: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2003

Language: English

Number of pages: 235 pages

Title: Proceeding of WENT 5th Anniversary Symposium, 2003
[Are ICTs Empowering Women or Are Women Empowering ICTs?]
Author: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University
Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press
Year: 2003
Language: English
Number of pages: 75 pages

• **Periodical (periodicity)**

Title: APWIN Volume 5
[Gender & ICT in the Information Society]
Author: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University
Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press
Year: 2003
Language: English
Number of pages: 245 pages

• **Teaching/learning material**

Title: Training Materials for "WENT 2002 (Women's Electronic Network Training Workshop)"
Author: "Went Training" Team
Editor: APWINC
Publisher: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University
Year: August, 2002
Language: English
Number of pages: 180 pages

Title: Training Materials for "WENT 2003 (Women's Electronic Network Training Workshop)"
Author: "Went Training" Team
Editor: APWINC
Publisher: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University
Year: October, 2003
Language: English
Number of pages: 161 pages

Title: "IT Master Course" for the class of "Customized Employment Assistance Program supported by the Ministry of Gender Equality"
Author: "Customized Employment Assistance Program" Team
Editor: APWINC
Publisher: Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women's University
Year: February, 2004
Language: Korean

Number of pages: 218 pages

Title: “Professional Course on ICT” for the class of “ICT Specialty Program for Women CEOs”

Author: “ICT Specialty Program for Women CEOs” Team

Editor: APWINC

Publisher: Asian Pacific Women’s Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women’s University

Year: January, 2004~June, 2004

Language: Korean

Number of pages: 713 pages

Multimedia material 1.2

Title: Capacity Building for Women, such as Economic Related IT for 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Women, supported by Ministry of Gender Equality

Producer and distributor: Asian Pacific Women’s Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women’s University, (Chungpa-dong 2 Ga, 53-12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea)

Year: 2002

Type of Material: CD Rom

Duration: 26, September~1, October, 2002

Format: WMV File

Language: English

Main Keywords: ICT, Digital Divide, ICTs Training Strategy for Women, Women’s Economic Empowerment

Title: IT Program for Asia Pacific Region for Government Women 2003, Training Manual CD, supported by KOIKA (<http://apwinc.sookmyung.ac.kr/khome/activity/files/koica2003.pdf>)

Producer and distributor: Asian Pacific Women’s Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women’s University, (Chungpa-dong 2 Ga, 53-12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea)

Year: 2003

Type of Material: CD Rom

Duration: 1-7 August 2003

Format: WMV File

Language: English

Main Keywords: Gender Awareness, IT Training, Digital Divide Solution

Title: IT Program for Asia Pacific Region for Government Women 2003, Video Clip CD

Producer and distributor: Asian Pacific Women’s Information Network Center, Sookmyung Women’s University, (Chungpa-dong 2 Ga, 53-12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea)

Year: 2003

Type of Material: CD Rom

Duration: 1-7 August 2003

Format: WMV File

Language: English

Main Keywords: Gender Awareness, IT Training, Digital Divide Solution

II. Impact

APWINC conducts researches as an initial phase in the attempt to formulate gender awareness programs and projects within the region. For example, Women's Informatization Index (WII, 2003) was developed through survey in six Asian countries. APWINC publishes an annual APWIN journal on gender and ICT since 1999.

The second phase advocates policy from a gender perspective based on the supported findings through symposia and forums for the region. APWINC has been hosting the annual UNESCO Chair Symposium on Gender and ICT since 1998. It advocates gender and ICT for the WSIS (by organizing Forums on ICTs and Gender 2003).

The third phase, which is most pivotal, focuses on gender-equal ICT capacity building, thus providing an integral solution for women's informatization on a national and regional level through dissemination, specialization and globalization strategies (Asia Pacific Women's Electronic Network Training (WENT), and through On-line Learning Center (OLC). The participants in the training workshop can develop their competency to disseminate ICT knowledge and skills for business or gender-equal ICT policies in their own country. The trained government officers, business organizations, NGOs, and academia expect to play a leading role in building e-community based on their work or business line.

Through this matrix, APWINC is able to create networking and partnerships for Asian Pacific region, and worldwide. APWINC, Sookmyung Women's University will continue to take the lead and to develop initiatives in the area of Gender and ICTs at regional and international levels for women's participation in the digital economy.

III. Forthcoming Activities

Research/Publication:

1. 2004. 3 – 2004. 10, Women Enterprises: Optimizing e-Business in APEC region: Case studies, supported by AEF (APEC Education Foundation)
2. 2004. 7 – 2004. 10, Comparative analysis study of women-owned business supporting policies and programs in Korea and developed nations included U.S., Japan, Europe Units, etc.
3. 2004. 9 – 2005, Supporting marginalized women exporters by optimizing ICT in APEC regions, funded by APEC Committee on Trade and Investment
4. 2004. 10, APWIN Journal on Gender and e-Business

Forum, Symposium:

1. 2004. 10. 14, 2004 GKP Symposium: Export group meeting on women CEOs optimizing ICT with GKP
2. 2004. 10. 6 – 7, 6th UNESCO Chair Symposium 2004 with RIAW

3. 2004. 11, Bangkok, Forum on e-Community for Women's Small and Micro Enterprises in APEC with UNESCAP, BPW International, supported by AEF

Training workshop:

1. 2004. 8. 1 – 8. 30, 2nd Customized IT training for Women College Graduates supported by Ministry of Gender Equality
2. 2004. 7. 26 – 8. 7, E-Business Training for Women's Small and Micro Enterprises in APEC with EduPac, supported by AEF and BPW International

IV. Development prospects

With the objectives of capacity building for women in information and communication technology, the following are the main points that APWINC is concentrating on:

1. Providing effective and timely educational programs for young women graduates, college students, women leaders, and women in the Asia-Pacific region in order to raise women's empowerment through ICT and keep up with its trends and changes.
2. Organizing and hosting various international conferences, symposia and workshops on Gender & ICT with international NGOs; Since APWINC has been actively playing a critical role to bridge cooperative relationship with Asian-pacific countries through various projects, it has been successfully affiliated with many international research centers and organizations to pursue cooperation research and has been conducting various activities with international and national institutions.
3. Maintaining its research projects on Gender & ICT, E-business in the Asian-Pacific region and enhancing regional studies about gender and ICTs in the Asian-Pacific region.

APWINC will find its solid academic post for development of gender and ICT.

3. Research/Publication:

1) 2004. 3 – 2004. 10: *Women Enterprises: Optimizing e-Business in APEC region:*

Case Studies, supported by AEF (APEC Education Foundation)

2) 2004.1 – 2004.10: *Comparative Analysis study of Women-owned business supporting policies and programs in Korea and developed nations included U.S., Japan, EU, etc.*

3) 2004. 10: *APWIN Journal volume 6* on Gender and e-Business

● Broadening partnerships

Based on the kind friendships and partnerships with various NGOs, APWINC is successfully working with a variety of national and international organizations. It is constructing an integrated ICT Information Service System in Asia-Pacific region

and the worldwide women's networks such as AWORC, WomenAction and APC WNSP. APWINC is also involving with international projects for women's informatization with UNESCO, UNDP, UNESCAP, UNIFEM, ITU, APEC, and UN WomenWatch. APWINC has plans to broaden a new partnership with Governmental agencies, NGOs, Academia, Private sectors, International agencies throughout the whole world, and in particular with developing countries. In addition, APWINC will be constantly expanding its relationship with different stakeholders and facilitate transnational networks and try to reach women who have difficulties in accessing ICTs.

- **Mobilization of resources**

APWINC hires interns and part-time employees for each project in case of additional human resources need. Financial resources are contributed by various organizations such as Ministry of Gender Equality, Koica, UNESCAP, UNESCO, Ministry of Commerce, industry and energy when APWINC is taking projects and tuition fee is charged to students or takers if necessary. Basically, all financial resources are managed under the supervision of Sookmyung Women's University itself.

Part two: **The Research Institute of Asian Women (RIAW)**

I. **Activities**

1. **Academic Activities**

Education 1.1

- **Title** Academy for TOP Women's Leadership
- **Expected results**
development for the specialized abilities of Leadership
- **Duration** 2000.2.~ present
- **Target groups** Women Leaders
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University
- **Participants** more 200 persons

Education 1.2

- **Title** Leadership Camp For Women Students
- **Expected results** disseminated for Leadership for beginners
- **Duration** 2000.6 ~ present
- **Target groups** Women Students in Sookmyung Women's University
- **Place** Yong-in Training Institution, Sookmyung Women's University
- **Partnership**
- **Participants** about 300 persons

Research 2.1

- **Title** A Study on History of Korean Women: Focusing Socio-Political, Cultural, and Personal History
- **Duration** 2002. 8 - present
- **Target groups** Korean Women
- **Geographical coverage**
- **Partnership** Korea Research Foundation

Research 2.2

- **Title** Feminization of Poverty in Korea and Welfare Policy for Women
- **Duration** 2003. 10 - present
- **Target Groups** Korea
- **Geographical coverage**
- **Partnership** Korea Research Foundation
- **Participants**
- **Intended use of results**

Research 2.3

- **Title** Feminization of Poverty in Asian Countries and Welfare Policy for Women – Case studies of China, Philippine, Taiwan and Japan
- **Duration** 2003. 10 - present
- **Target Groups** Asian Countries – China, Philippine, Taiwan and Japan
- **Geographical coverage**
- **Partnership** Korea Research Foundation
- **Intended use of results**

2. Conferences/Meetings

Conferences/Meetings 2.1

- **Title** Conferences of A Study on History of Korean Women: Focusing Socio-Political, Cultural, and Personal History
- **Date** 2003. 5. 21
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- **Participants**
Number more 250 persons
- **Geographical coverage**

Conferences/Meetings 2.2

- **Title** Conferences of A Study on History of Korean Women: Focusing Socio-Political, Cultural, and Personal History
- **Dates** 2004. 5. 11.
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- **Participants:**

Number 250 persons
Geographic coverage
Conferences/Meetings 2.3

- **Title** Feminization of Poverty in Korea and Welfare Policy for Women
Feminization of Poverty in Asian Countries and Welfare Policy for Women –
Case studies of
China, Philippine, Taiwan and Japan
- **Dates** 2004. 6. 4
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- **Participants:**
Number more 50 persons
Geographical coverage

3. Publication and Multimedia materials

Publication 3.1

• **Book**

Title: A Study on History of Korean Women: Focusing Socio-Political, Cultural, and
Personal History
(1, 2, 3)

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2004

Language: Korean

Number of pages: 1154 pages

• **Journal**

Title: Asian Women 2002 Volume 15

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2002

Language: English

Number of pages: 257 pages

Title: Asian Women 2003 Volume 16

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2003

Language: English

Number of pages: 218 pages

Title: Asian Women 2003 Volume 17

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2003

Language: English

Number of pages: 218 pages

Title: Asian Women 2004 Volume 18

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2004

Language: English

Number of pages: 203 pages

Title: The Journal of Asian Women 2002 Vol.41

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2002

Language: Korean

Number of pages: 366 pages

Title: The Journal of Asian Women 2003 Vol.42

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2003

Language: Korean

Number of pages: 431 pages

Title: The Journal of Asian Women 2004 Vol.43-1

Author: Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University

Publisher: The Sookmyung Women's University Press

Year: 2004

Language: Korean

Number of pages: 398 pages

II. Forthcoming Activities

Research/Publication:

- A. 2004. 8 – 2005. 7, A Study on History of Korean Women: Focusing Socio-Political, Cultural, and Personal History
- B. 2004. 10 – 2005. 9, Feminization of Poverty in Korea and Welfare Policy for Women
Feminization of Poverty in Asian Countries and Welfare Policy for Women – Case studies of China, Philippine, Taiwan and Japan
- C. 2004. 11, The Journal of Asian Women 2004 Vol.43-2
- D. 2004. 12, Asian Women 2004 Volume 19

Forum, Symposium:

- **Title** UNESCO Chair International Symposium
- **Dates** 2004. 10. 8
- **Place** Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea

- **Participants:**
Number more 200 persons
Geographical coverage

- **Over view**

In 2002, RIAW and APWINC, under the direction of President Lee, held a symposium entitled “Women’s Rights, Cyber Rights” to discuss the appropriate ways to deal with gender inequality, sexual violence against women in cyberspace, and women’s rights. Concrete ways to empower women on-line users by establishing international networking was also explored.

This year, in order to follow-up on the 2002 symposium, we plan to hold an international symposium to bring into focus the violation of children’s rights in light of increasing sexual violence against girls exercised on/through the web. We recognize that while computer-related industries and personal participation in computer-mediated communication are growing in the globalizing world, girls (as well as women) are increasingly becoming commodities to be bought, sold, consumed, and exploited through the Internet by traffickers, tourists, and men seeking sexual entertainment. For instance, the bodies of girls are being more and more exposed on the web as the demand for commercial child pornography is on the rise. This commodification and mistreatment of girls are bringing about a number of issues that adversely affect the lives of girls, ultimately undermining their human rights. In response, we are organizing this Symposium, hoping that it will open up a critical space where experts on these issues will gather to discuss ways to protect girls from these new forms of sexual abuse as well as to build up international network to work towards the enhancement of the rights of affected girls.