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Emerging technology clusters & the impact of rapid technology change on the SDGs frontiers - Implications from Korean Experiences -

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The Case of Korea - Experience of Cluster Development -



Export-led Economic Growth

• Why?

• Why did Korea adopt the strategy of export-led growth?

Market condition

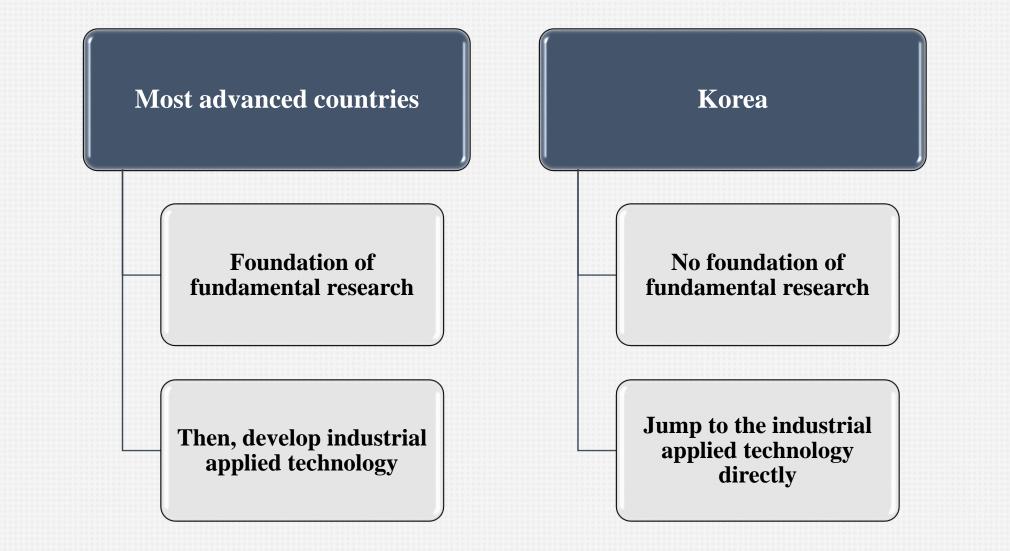
- Lack of purchasing power in domestic market
 - Could not sell its own goods nor imported goods -- not profitable
- per capita GDP around 90 USD in early 1960s

Resource condition

- Korea did not have the natural resources (gas & oil etc.)
 - Could not export any tradable natural resources
- Korea did not have enough surplus in agricultural sector
- Only human resources were available
 - Korea had to figure out how to utilize relatively qualified human resources

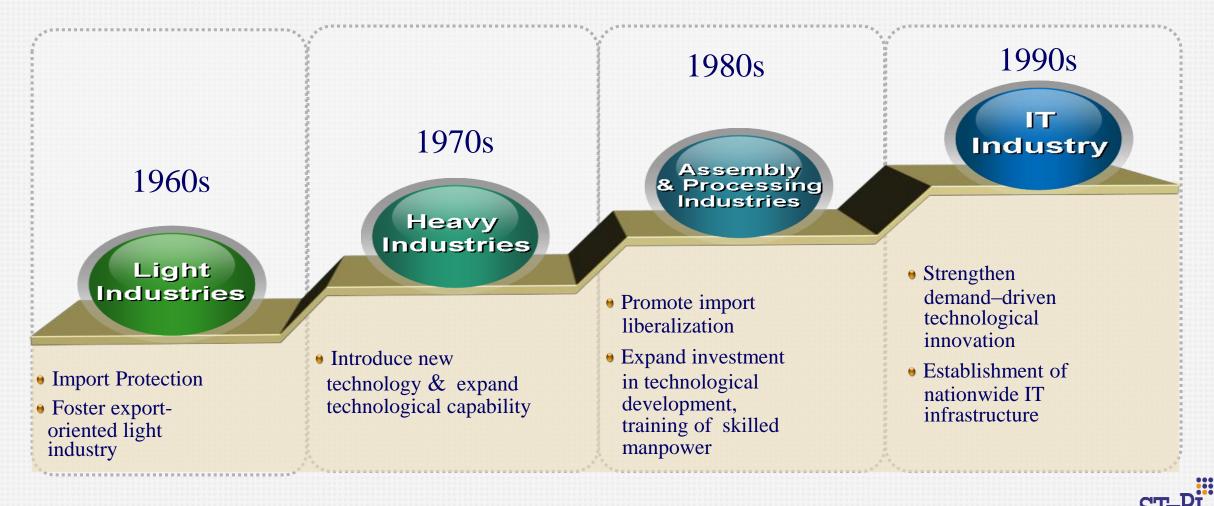


Applied Technology First!



Industrialization w/ S&T Progress

"Select and Focus & Export-Oriented" Strategy



Indigenous Firms

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Importance of indigenous enterprises

- Tried to develop domestic firms form the first stage
- Tried to develop manufacturing sector and firms
- Let private firms produce for the mar







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Cluster – Science Park & Techno Park

- * Industrial Complex
- Export Processing Zone
 - * Seoul R&D Complex
 - KIST, KDI, KORSTIC, KAIS, ADD, KAERI
 - * Daedeok Science Park
 - Scientific research & technology development
 - Currently 25 GRIs

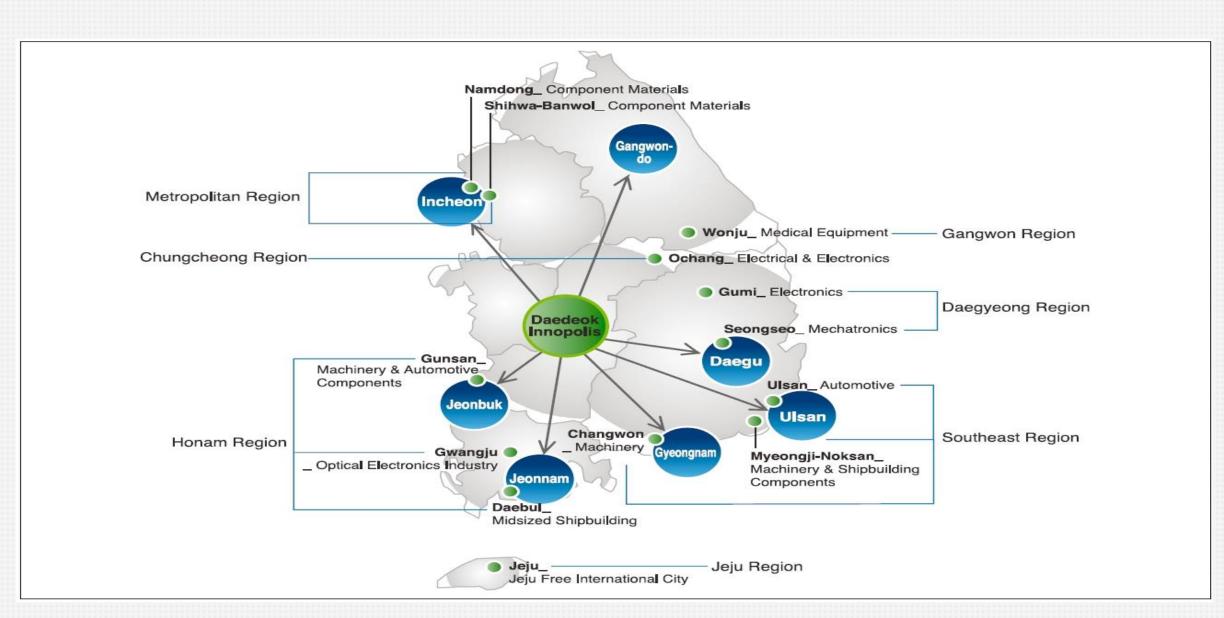
* Technopark

- Regional innovation via Triple-Helix
- Currently 18 technoparks

Industrial Complex





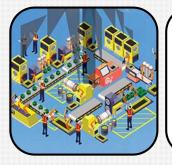


* Frontier technology cluster in 1970s

Implications & Issues - Emerging Technology on SDGs -



Technology – Methodology or Solution



Objective of / Demand for

- Industrialization or Social Infrastructure Building



Technology Provider W/ Human K

- Scientist, Engineer, Technician



What to do?

• Industrialization?

- Manufacturing or Agriculture (Agroprocessing)?
- Common Technology or Emerging (Frontier) Technology?

Social Infrastructure Building?

- Energy & Electric Power
 - #1 Task for Most Developing Countries
- SOC (Social Overhead Capital)
 - Transportation (road/railroad), Education/Health (school, library, hospital), Communication (telephone/internet) and Utility (water/waste treatment)

• Jump to the Emerging Technology Utilization?

• Cable (Wired) vs. Wireless Internet



How to Secure Enough # of Tech. Provider?
* Social Value on Technology
* Social Value on Technology Provider?
* Cultural /Ethical Context & Social Acceptability
* Social / Private Return on Tech. Provider





Confucianism Joseon Dynasty (1392-1897) Korean Empire (1987-1910)

\pm – Scholar/Bureaucrat/Politician

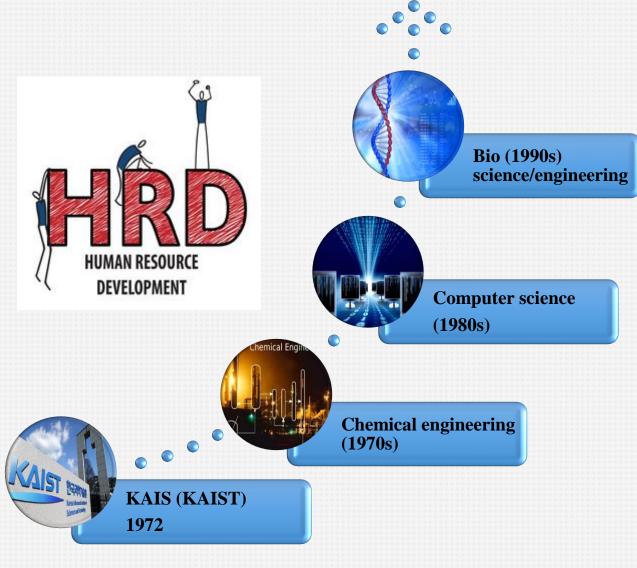
農 – Farmer (Foundation of Heaven/Earth)

I – Manufacturer



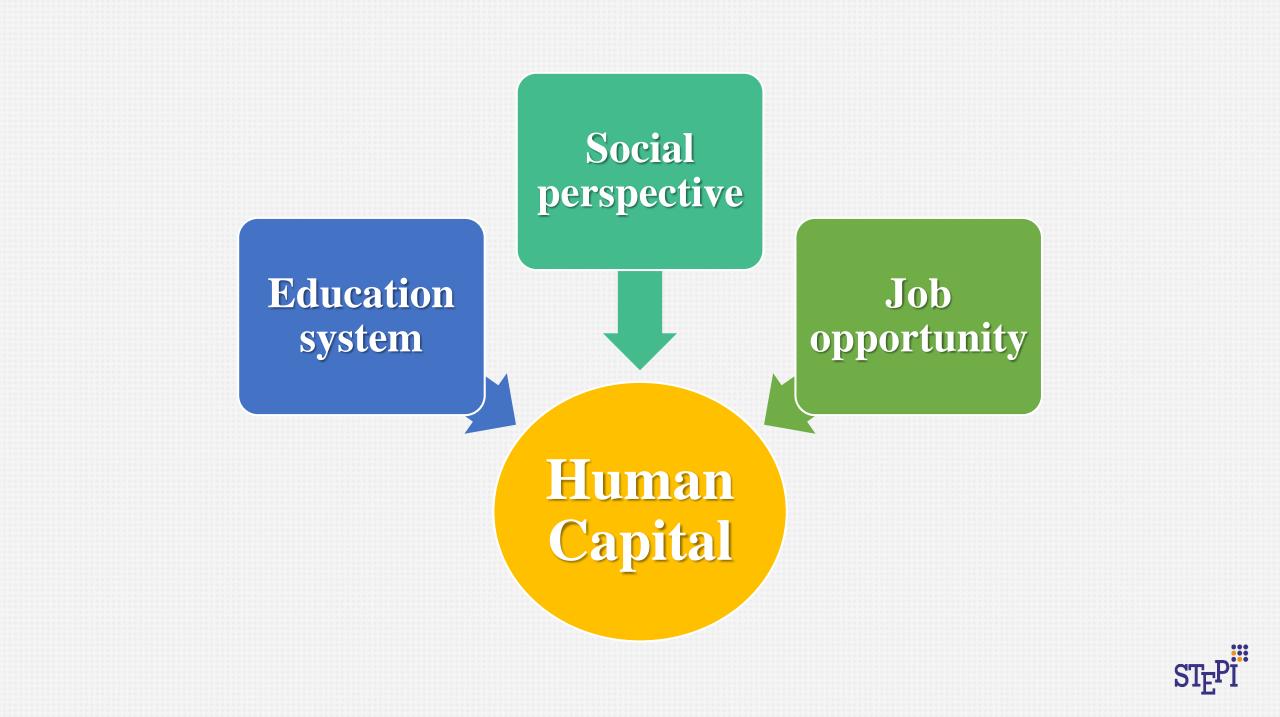


What Korea Has Done?





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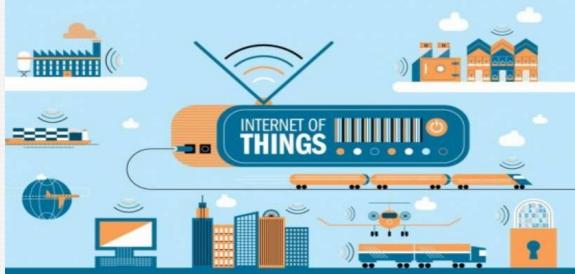


Emerging Technology



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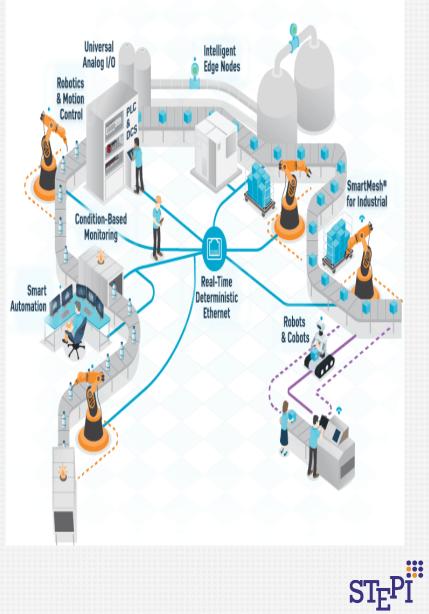


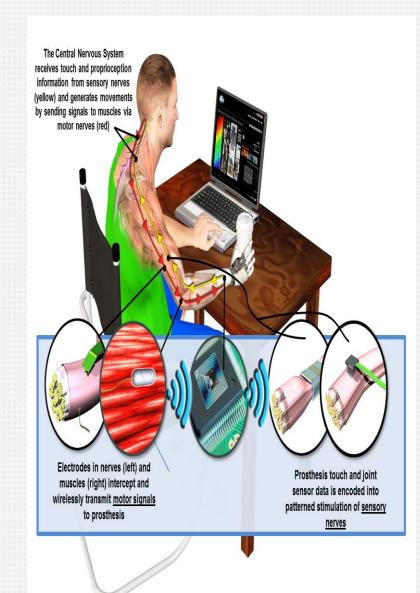




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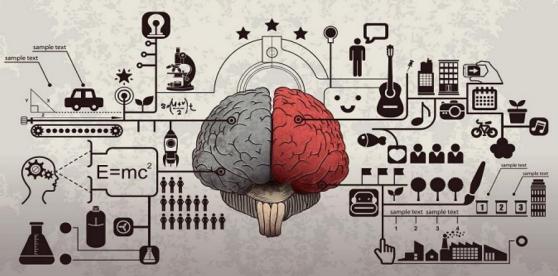












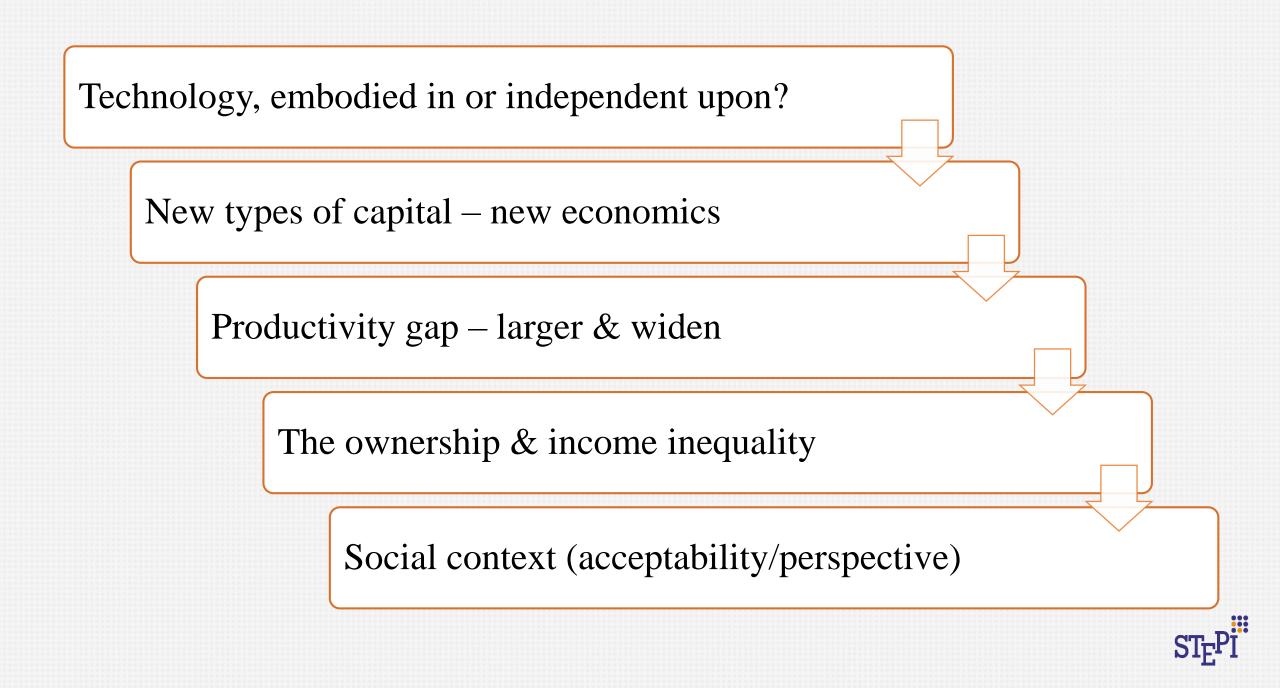
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