







## **Addressing Urbanization Challenges:**

# New Town Development & Balanced Regional Development

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## Overpopulation and Challenges of Urbanization

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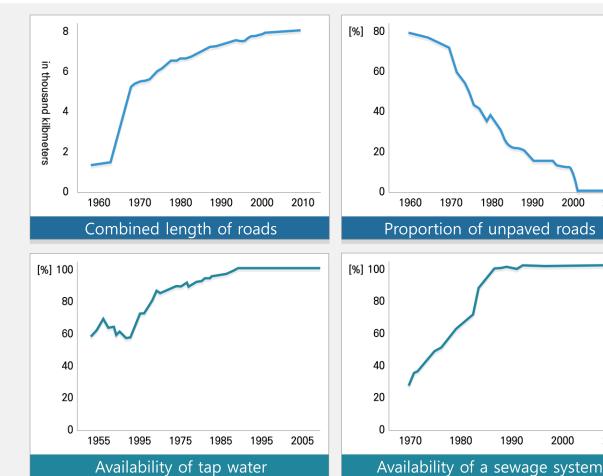
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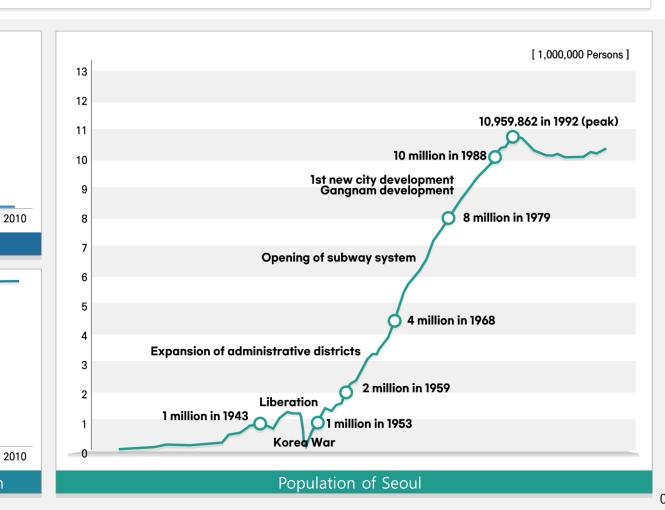


Short of infrastructure and services in all sectors

Exponential population growth

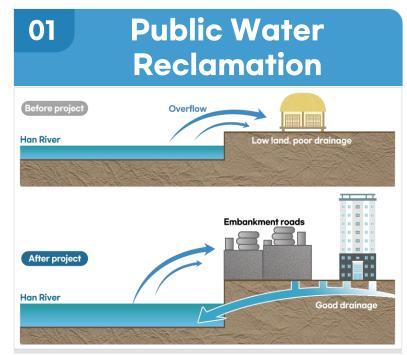
Inadequate housing supply to meet needs of population

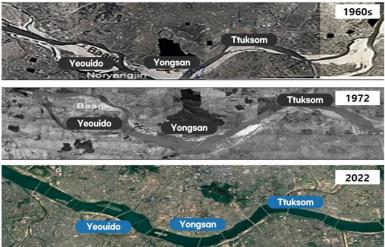




## **Solutions for Land Supply**







Building river banks and trunk roads to control the flooding

Creating new housing land inside the banks

Using profits from the sale of the land to fund public projects

#### Disadvantages

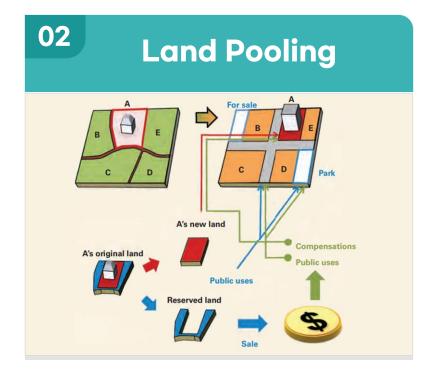
- Building banks and roads restricted citizens' access to the Han River
- Splendid view of the river became the privilege of those living in the houses located along the river

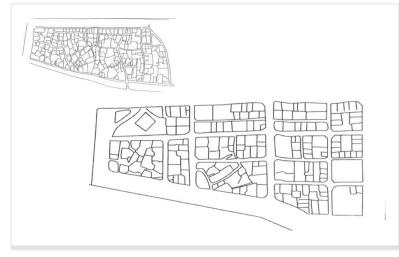




## **Solutions for Land Supply**







#### Replotting

The developer redefines the borderline of a particular piece of land before returning it to its owner.

#### Reproportioning

During replotting, only 30-70 percent of land is retuned to the owner after an area required to cover the cost of building roads, parks, and other public facilities is deducted.

#### Advantages

- No land compensation being required
- Minimal civil complaints
- Easier participation in the project
- Ease of securing public land
- Less pressure for selling large scale housing land

#### Disadvantages

- Frequent delays in the project due to complicated procedures for planning replotting
- Limited efficiency in land use
- Risk of unfair distribution
- Possible grievances if the reproportional rate is raised



Before development of Gangnam Area

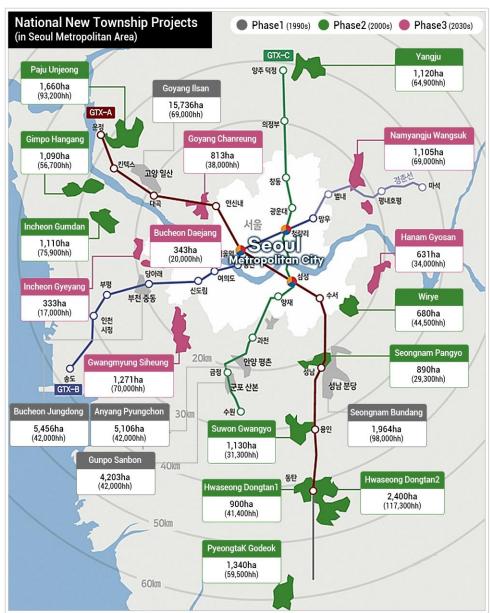




## Public-led Development: New Town Development

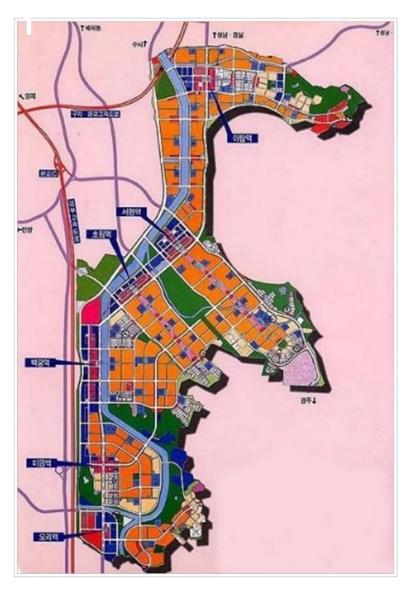


	1 <sup>st</sup> Generation New Town (1989-1996)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation New Town (2001-2010)
Policy Goal	Stabilizing housing prices and resolving housing shortage by expanding housing supply	Preventing urban sprawl and achieving sustainable urban development
Objectives	<ul> <li>Emphasis on settlement</li> <li>Resolving overcrowding in Seoul</li> <li>Sharing urban functions of Seoul</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emphasis on green and self-sufficient</li> <li>Establishment of hub cities in metropolitan region</li> <li>Balanced regional development</li> </ul>
Number of New Towns (Distance from Seoul)	5 new towns (20~25km)	13 new towns * 10 in Seoul Metropolitan Areas (40-45km away from Seoul), 2 in Local
Total Areas	50.14km²	163.7km² (136.3km in Seoul Metropolitan Area)



## **Best Practice: Bundang (1st Generation New Town)**





Purpose of Development

Create a self-sufficient town accessible to Gangnam's commercial districts and serve as business and commercial center

**Location / Area** 

25km southeast of Gangnam, Seoul / 19.64km²

Land Use Plan

Residential: 32.3%

Commercial & Business: 8.35%

Public: 59.2% (Green Area: 19.4%)

**Planned Population** 

390,500

Number of Households

97,500

## **292,000 units of houses** supplied through development of 1st Generation New Towns











## Best Practice: Pangyo (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation New Town)





Purpose of Development

Prevent urban sprawls and supply land through planned pubic-led development; linked development with techno valley as strategy for self-sufficient economy

**Location / Area** 

20km from Seoul city center, 10km from Gangnam district / 8.9km²

Land Use Plan

Residential: 26.6%

Commercial & Business: 3.1%

Public: 70.3% (Green Area: 36.8%)

**Planned Population** 

87,798

**Number of Households** 

29,000



IT companies generating US\$ 101,969 million Sales revenue (2021)













## Widening gap between capital and non-capital





Seoul & metropolitan area 11.8% of total area of Korea

#### Status of Imbalance



**50.5**%(as of 2021)

## **Population**

in the metropolitan area



**81**%(as of 2021)

#### Use of credit card

in the metropolitan area



**92**%(as of 2021)

Headquarters of the largest 50 companies

in the metropolitan area

### **Seoul's Living Condition in early 2000s**



**14**km/h

## Travel Speed in Seoul





US\$9.2billion

## **Cost of Traffic Congestion**

in the metropolitan area (in 2004)



**89**th

## **Ranking of Quality of Life**

among 215 cities worldwide (in 2006)

## **Two Initiatives for Balanced National Development**



#### Sejong Multifunctional Administrative City

Self-sufficient multifunctional city concentrating on administration

**Area** 

72.9km² (1/8 of Seoul),

200,000 units of housing

Planned Population

500,000



#### Ten Innovative Cities

Self-sufficient multifunctional cities concentrating on regional economic development

Area

45km²,

100,000 units of housing

**Planned Population** 

**260,000** for **10** cities

No. of public companies relocated

112 companies

Local employment rate

28.6%

**Registered population** 

224,019

No. of companies relocated

1,663

#### 47 central authorities and 16 national institutes relocated



#### Initial Stage

Relocation of central agencies Installation of urban infrastructure

#### Mature Stage

Enhanced sustainability Improved urban infrastructure

#### Final Stage

Complete sustainability Complete city

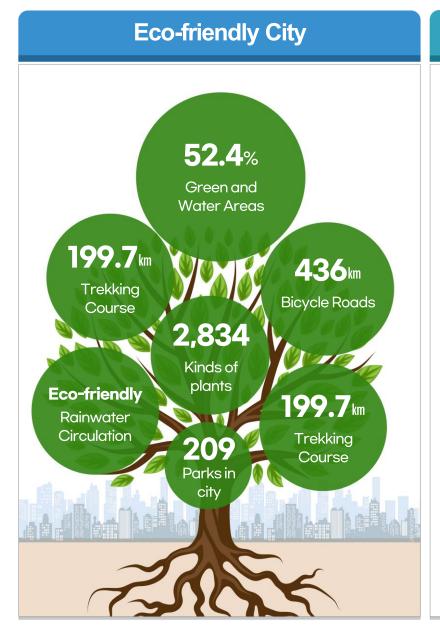


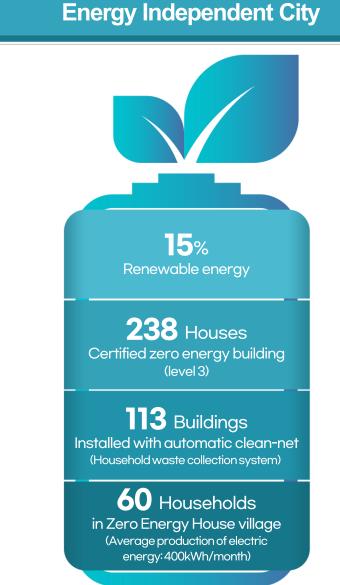


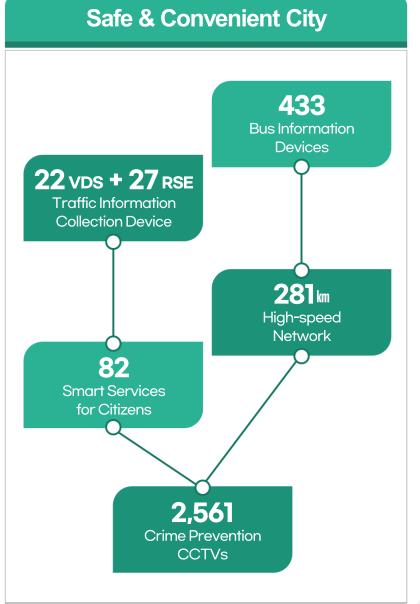
# **Multifunctional Administrative City Sejong** 6 Knowledge-based high-end technology 5 Medical and welfare service Central administration Universities and research institutes 2 Culture and international exchange City administration

## **Innovative Smart & Green Elements of Sejong City**









## **Ten Innovative Cities**



#### Relocation of Public Organizations

| Relocated Public Organizations

28.6% Recruitment from the Region

1,663 Registered Private Companies

Chungbuk

40.1%

29,057

75

**Jeonbuk** 

12

28.3%

28,477

198

**Jeonnam** 

16

27.0%

36,284

310

#### **I** Chungbuk

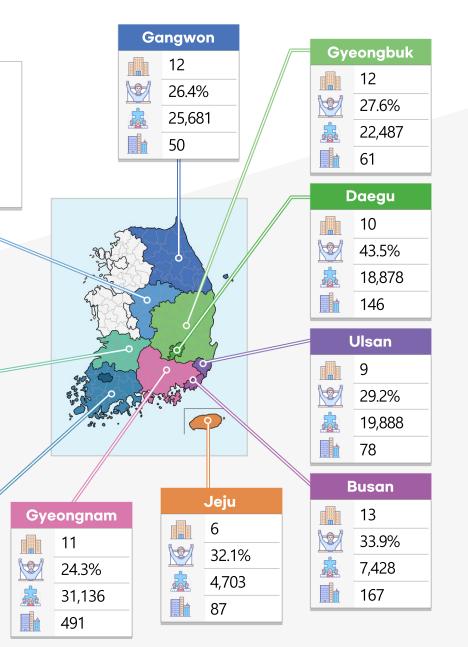
Information & Communication, Science & Technology, HR Development

#### I Jeonbuk

National Land & Management, Agriculture & Bio, Food Research

#### I Jeonnam

Information & Communication, Agricultural, Culture & Arts



#### **I** Gangwon

Mining, Biomedical, Tourism

#### **I** Gyeongbuk

Transportation, Agriculture Innovation, Power Technology

#### **I** Daegu

Industrial Promotion,
Education & Academics. Gas

#### IUlsan

Energy, Workers'Welfare, Occupational Safety

#### **I**Busan

Maritime & Fisheries, Financial, Film Promotion

#### **I**Jeju

International Exchange, Education & training, Tax Management

#### **I** Gyeongnam

Housing, SMEs, National Pension

## Best Practice: Gyeongnam Innovative City in Jinju





▶ Area 4,093,000m²

▶ Planned Population

► Housing Supply Unit 10,847 Households

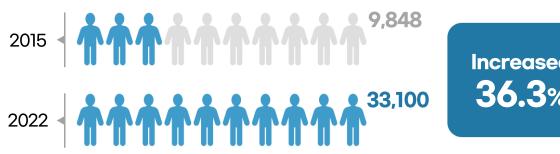
▶ Development Period 2007 ~ 2015

▶ Development Period LH, Gyeongnam Development Corporation

▶ Land Use Plan Relocated Public Organizations: 6.1% Others: **7.5**% Academia-Industry Cluster: 5.3% Commerce & Business: 4.6% Urban Infrastructure: 29.2% Residential: 25.8% Green Area: 21.5%

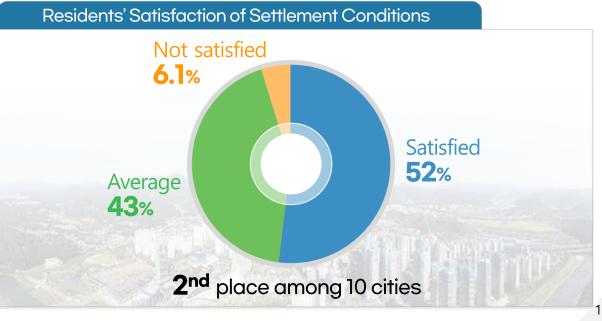
11 Public Organizations relocated with 4,249 employees (as of 2022)

#### **Population**



**Increased** 36.3%

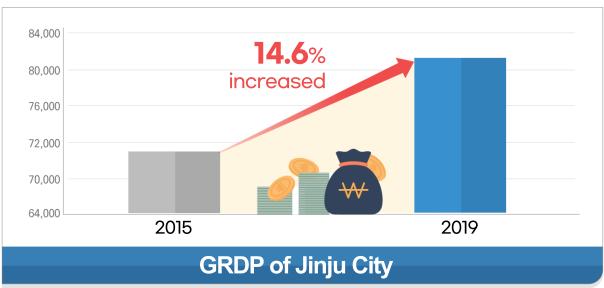
**86.8**% achieved compared to the planned population

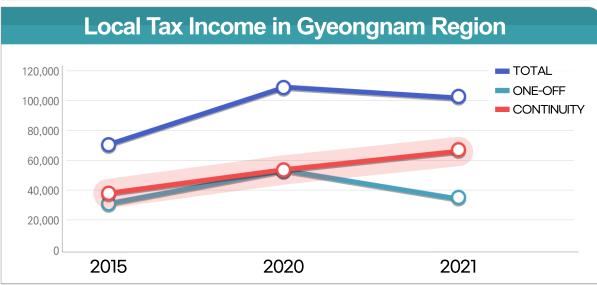


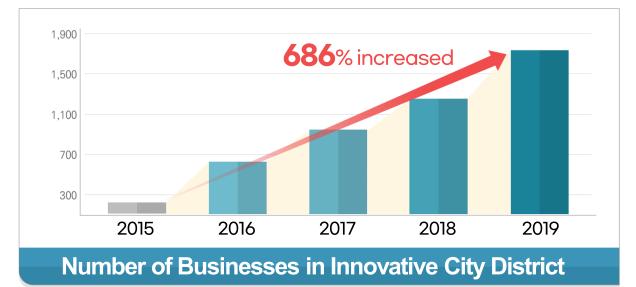
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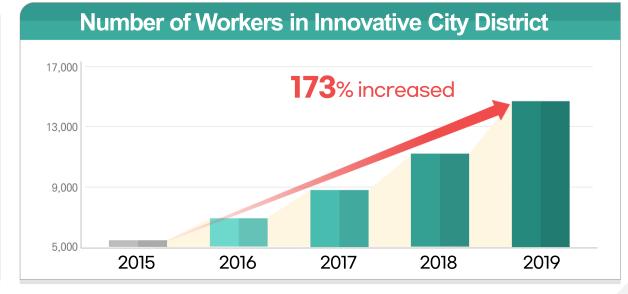


#### **Economical Effects**









## **Lessons Learned**



## **Capital-centered development**

- Common feature during the early stage of urbanization
- Explosive growth of population in the capital region causes consecutive urban problems

## Urban policy driven by housing and development challenges

- Housing shortage in the Capital area led the development of new towns in the outskirts of Seoul
- The new town development further intensified overcrowding in the Metropolitan area, exacerbating the imbalance problem between regions

## Challenges of today

- Smarter and greener cities for sustainable and inclusive urban development
- Ongoing endeavor for balanced regional development and urban regeneration

## **Ongoing Journey toward Sustainable Cities**



#### **New Town Development**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation New Towns (by 2029), Green & Smart Cities



- Cities with happy children
- Cities with plenty of jobs
- Cities that grow into green and smart cities

#### **Balanced National Development**

Equity in Lifestyle, Independent Self-Sufficiency, and Hope for All

#### 3rd Phase of Multifunctional Administrative City Sejong - Completion Stage

- Becoming the nation's administrative capital
- Completing urban infrastructure & self-sufficient city

More Public Organizations will be relocated to the 10 Innovative Cities

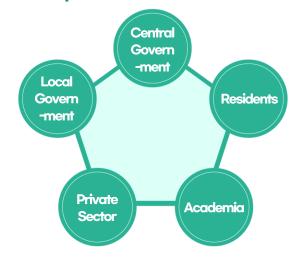
## Presidential Committee for Decentralization and Balanced Development launched in July 2023

- To implement policies for further balanced national development
- Emphasis on empowering the local governments

#### **Urban Regeneration**

Transforming Aging Cities through Strengthening their Competitiveness

## Toward Sustainability and Value Capture of Urban Space



- Promote urban space innovation
- Strengthen cities' competitiveness
- Promote balanced regional development
- Supply quality housing and support the installation of infrastructure









## **Thank You**

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