IT development in the 21st century and its implications



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IT development





- Positive effects
- Negative effects
- ♦ IT development in Korea









Trends

Bring changes;

- Operational styles of organization
- Social infrastructure
- Culture
- Individual life style



Rules of thumbs

- 1. Moor's Law
 - Chips

18months ; price : ¹/₂, performance : doubles
2. *Glider's Law*IT system (bandwidth)
12 months – triple

3. *Metcalfe's Law*IT networks

- Value explosive leap

Digitalization

Digitalization of ;

- IT device
- IT networks







• Information / contents



Convergence

- Convergence of;
 - computer & communication
 - device convergence
 - communication networks
 - communication & broadcasting
 - wireless & wired
 - IT & banking
 - IT/BT/NT/CT/ST



Ubiquitous Revolution Combine strengths of internet ***** Wired & wireless IT Connect Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime, Any device, Any network RFID



Implication of IT development

Digitalization

Positive

- increased efficiency & performance
- more & better quality information
- easy interaction
- affordable e-life
 - : better quality life

Negative

- traditional business
 out of business
- digital divide
- intellectual property
 - hacking, plagiarism



Implication of IT development

Convergence

Positive	Negative
 create new 	 boundaries of
service/product	industries a collapse
value transfer	 traditional companies
 conventional + IT 	severe competition
new opportunities/	 existing value chains
growth	destroyed new
	value chains

Implication of IT development

Ubiquitous

Revolution

 overcome spatial, time constraints
 increase efficiency
 best quality services, most economic rate, seamless manner
 improve quality of individual life

Negative

- broadening information gap/digital waste
- right of being unconnected
- feeling of isolation
- information leakage, distortion, supervision

Korea's current state of IT **Major achievement** commercialization, localization of major digital technologies in National exports device : 8% * mobile communication services : 73% internet users : 59% (5th/world) ***** world's best information infrastructure VHS network – 144cities(2000), 2/3 households

Korea's current state of IT

Some issues

***** Limitations

✓ lack of core technologies

✓ Insufficient high quality manpower

- software engineering, project management

✓ Insufficient competitive contents



Suggestions / Coping strategies **1.Investment in education** - academic discipline – train manpower - new learning strategies **Future IT leaders IT** management



Suggestions / Coping strategies 2. Digital contents industry – produce composite talent, discover novel, unique ideas **3. Manufacturing-oriented market-oriented** industry 4. Balanced approach



In sum...

Double edged sword ; <Good> improve quality of life allow comfort in our lives <Bad> invasion of privacy leakage / abuse of personal information



In sum...

***** How to deal

- > technological advances
- education cultivate wisdom, ethics
- > law & societal systems



Hope for a good aspect of - collaboration among regions, nations, people



