

## Biography



Ja Heung Koo works as a Director for KT Corporation's Global Business Group. KT (Korea Telecom) is Korea's largest telecom company and its business scope spreads from traditional telecom services such as mobile, broadband, fixed, satellite, submarine cable services to new business scopes that have emerged in extension to its traditional telecom services. New ICT technologies and services such as Smart city, Internet of things (IoT), Big data, Smart health care, Smart energy and Smart farm aim to assist people's day to day livelihoods and Ja Heung has great interest in using such technologies and services to reduce the Digital Divide.

Mr. Koo has worked for KT's Global business group for more than 15 years and has been involved in many ICT projects in Africa, Asia and Central America regions. He has carried out Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects more recently in Moheshkhali island, Bangladesh where ICT technology is used to lessen the Digital Divide. The project showed a joint effort between Public and Private initiatives where KT, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Bangladesh Government have worked together to implement latest network infrastructure as well as to introduce ICT applications such as e-learning, e-health and e-commerce to the island. Ja Heung Koo has briefly worked for International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Asia-Pacific regional office and is currently a member of Korea ITU Committee where he contributes to "Study Group 1: Telecommunications for rural and remote areas." headed by ITU-D. He holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from Korea University in Korea, a Master of Science degree in Development studies from the University of Manchester in the UK and is currently a PhD candidate in Development Economics at Kyunghee University in Korea.