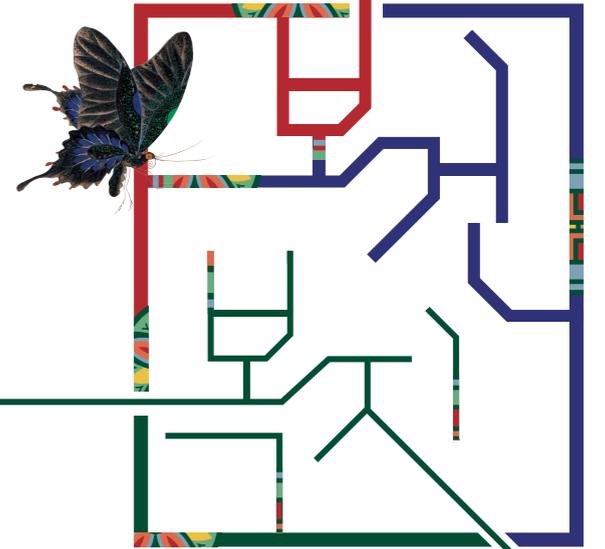


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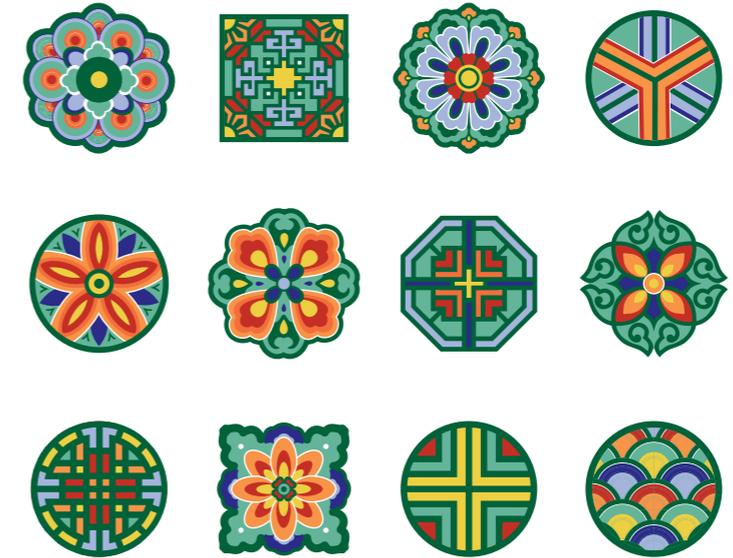
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**Towards a happier society
With reliable research**

**KIHASA will open the
door to sustainable social
security**

In the 45 years since its founding, the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) has expanded its research reach to meet the changing needs of the times.

As today's megatrend of aging population and low fertility is potentially dampening the vitality of the economy and is damaging to sustained financing of social welfare, the need is more urgent than ever to develop policy instruments to address these challenges. Throughout the years of Korea's compressed industrialization, the priority was in economic growth, while much less attention was given to the question of how to meet people's welfare needs in the rapidly changing socio-demographic context.

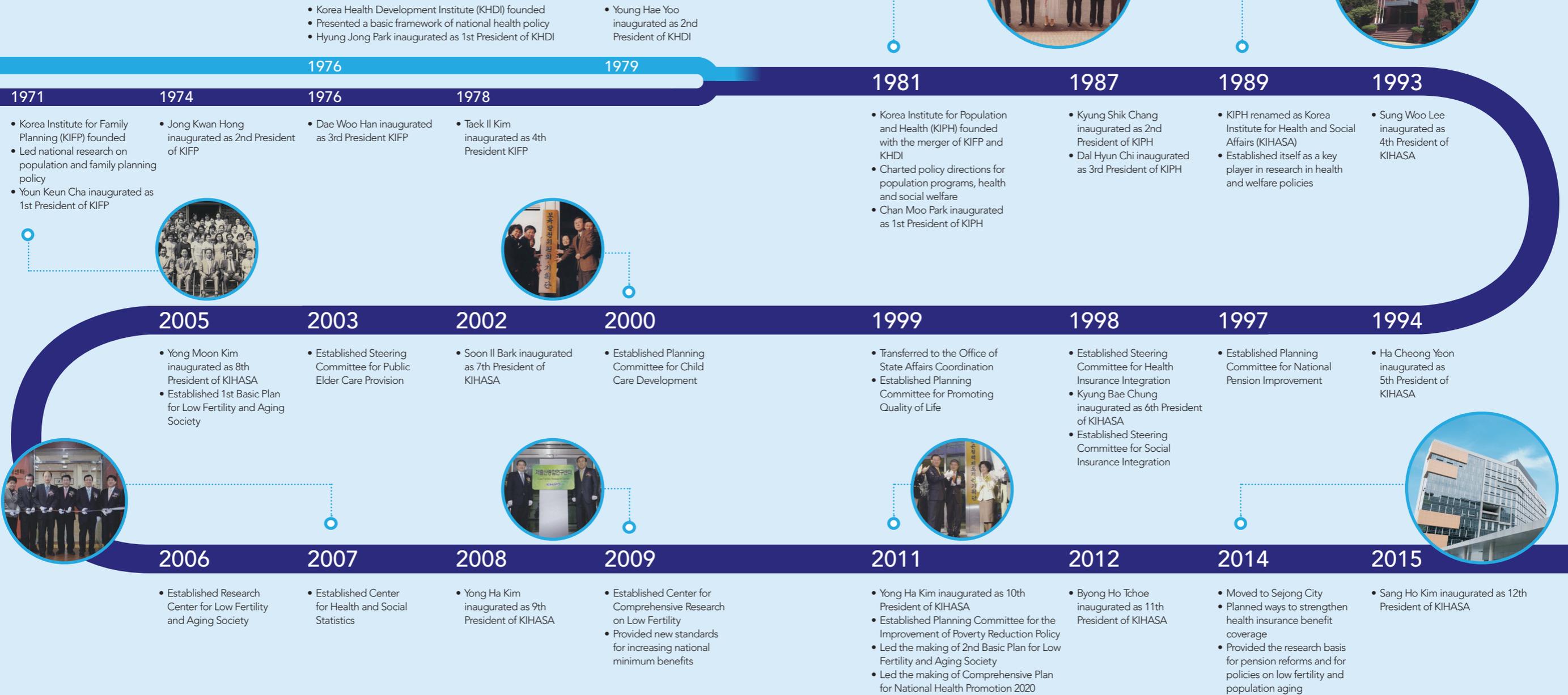
Over the years, the National Basic Livelihood Security has provided income support for Koreans living in poverty. Social insurance schemes have been introduced and expanded. A wide array of social services have been instituted and augmented to promote the quality of life of Koreans. All this, however, falls short of keeping pace with the rapid pace of changes in population and family structure. Demands for health and social welfare are diverse and springing up across our society, calling for moving away from the current fragmented approaches to an integrated, client-oriented welfare system. Also, as the economy is downshifting as it is to a low-growth gear, it is all the more important that these programs are planned and delivered in an efficient manner.

Despite having spent more in social security than in any other area of public expenditures in the process of its unification, Germany, a quarter-century on, is still seen as leaving much to be desired in the way of social integration. This attests to the importance of social protection in preparing for reunification. Korea is going all out to turn its future reunification into an opportunity. As a way of taking part in this effort, KIHASA strives to develop a social protection system that integrates and coordinates various programs.

KIHASA will keep committing its research capacity to the development and assessment of health and welfare policies, to forward-looking expenditure projections, and to the development of a welfare model that best reflects Korea's unique circumstances and needs. Thank you.

Sangho Kim
President, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs

Since its founding in 1971, KIHASA has been taking the lead in research and development in the country's health and welfare policies. Sturdier and more dynamic than ever, KIHASA moves on forward in the decades to come.



KIHASA, a research hub that leads health and social policy development

KIHASA is built on the belief that robust research evidence will lead to better policy decisions and performance and, in turn, to improved living standards. Thus, KIHASA's two-fold mission: providing empirical and analytical bases for short- to long-term policymaking and facilitating the public understanding of policy issues concerning their health and welfare.



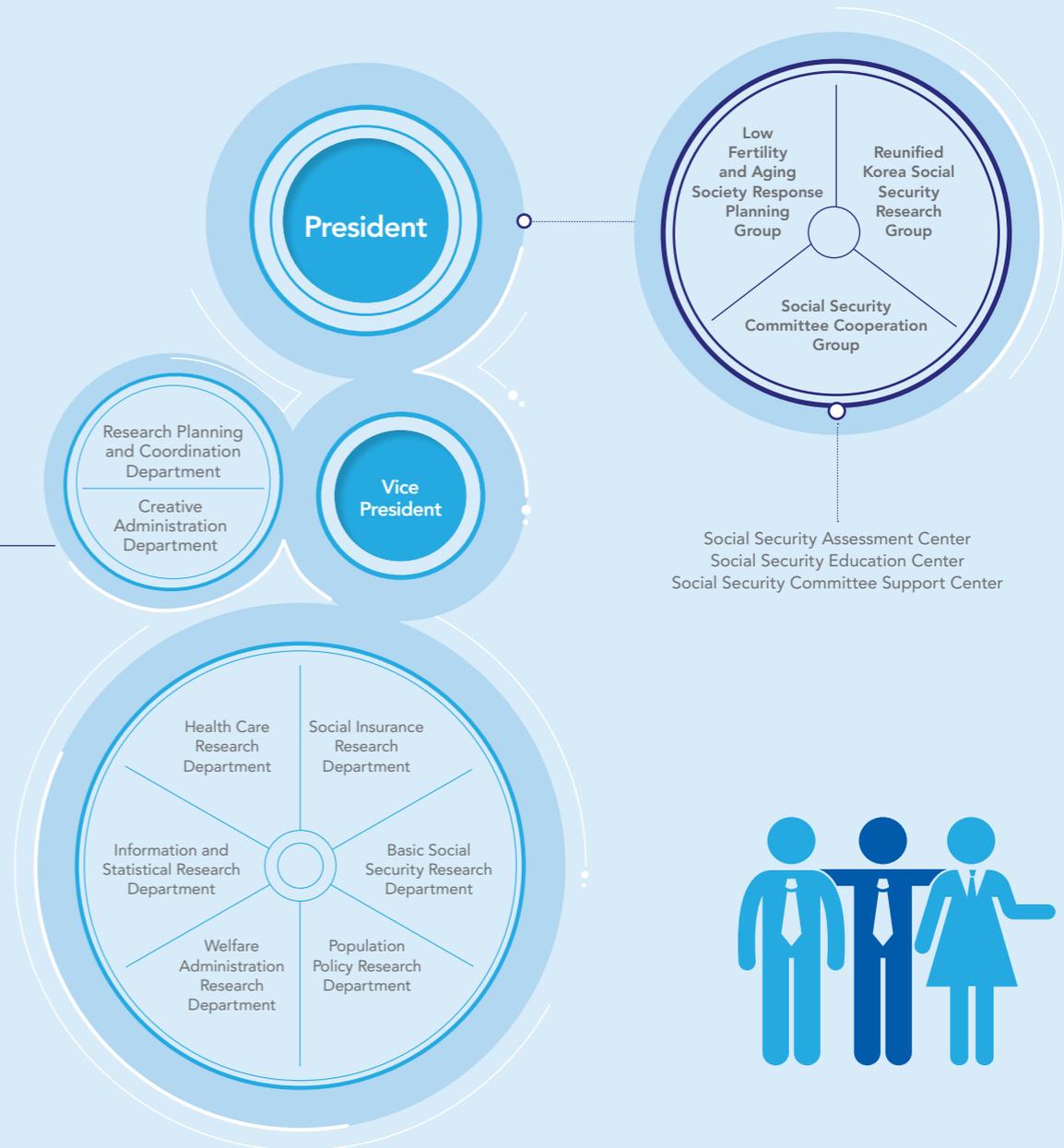
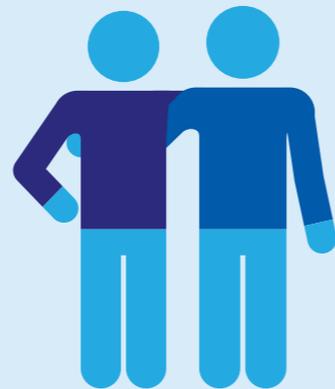


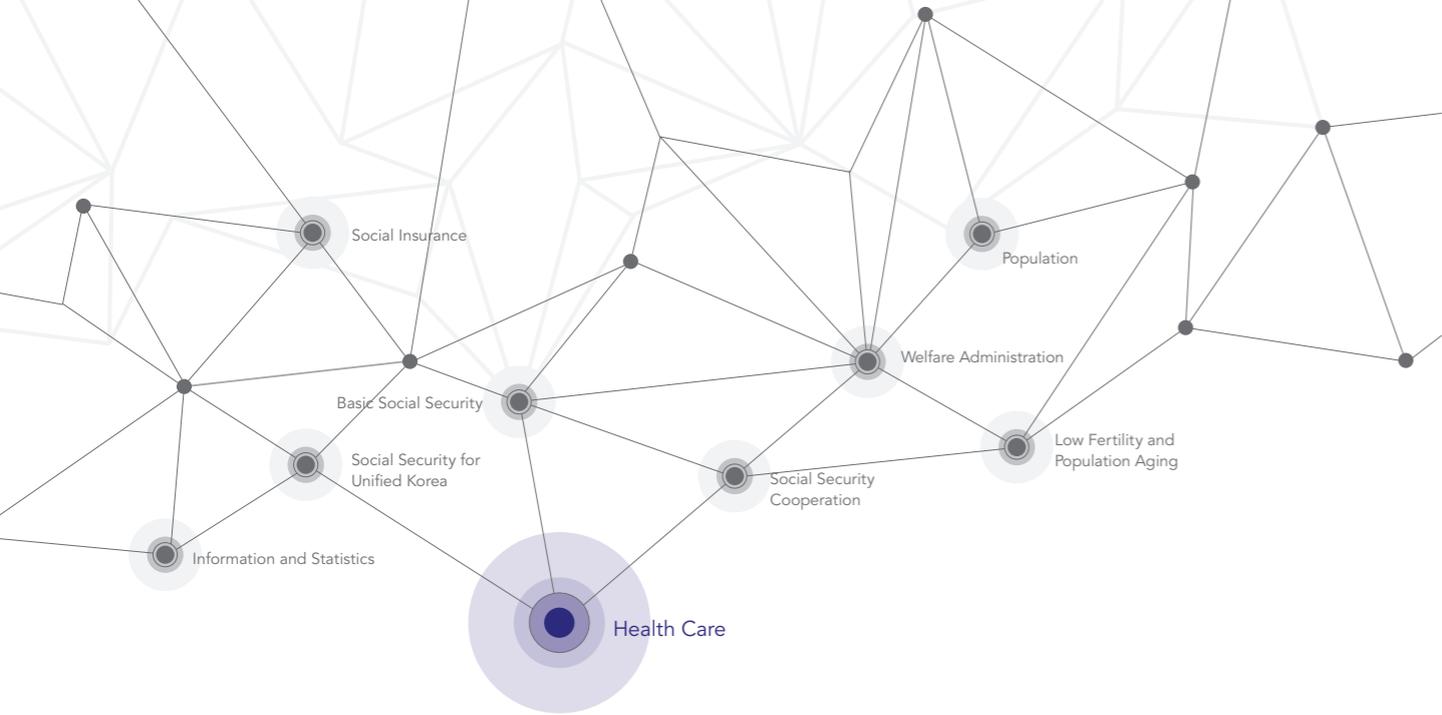
The sense of quality runs deep in us.

Being otherwise is unthinkable, as our work is exclusively about the various aspects of people's quality of life. KIHASA has in place an inclusive process for ensuring the quality of every project it undertakes. The process starts even before the birth of a project and lasts until it culminates in publication. Stepwise peer reviews that involve both in-house and external reviewers are a defining facet of KIHASA's quality-oriented culture where all its researchers consider evidence and analytic rigor de rigueur in every research project they carry out.

In our teamwork, another common fiber that runs through KIHASA, fresh ideas bud, blend, and burgeon into rounded-out outcomes.

KIHASA researchers come from a wide breadth of disciplinary backgrounds, from economics and social welfare and from public health to statistics. Formed on a project basis and as needed, each team here is less a showcase for individual researchers to go through their paces than a venue for collaboration toward an aggregate goal. In our cooperative teamwork, we listen to, learn from, and spur each other.





Health Care

| Core Research Areas |

- Health care reform
- Health care policy assessment
- Health service delivery system
- Management of health care resources
- Public health crisis and public safety
- Public health care
- Health promotion and health equity
- Psychosocial health promotion
- Food and drug policies
- International health
- Health industry
- Health service provision and utilization

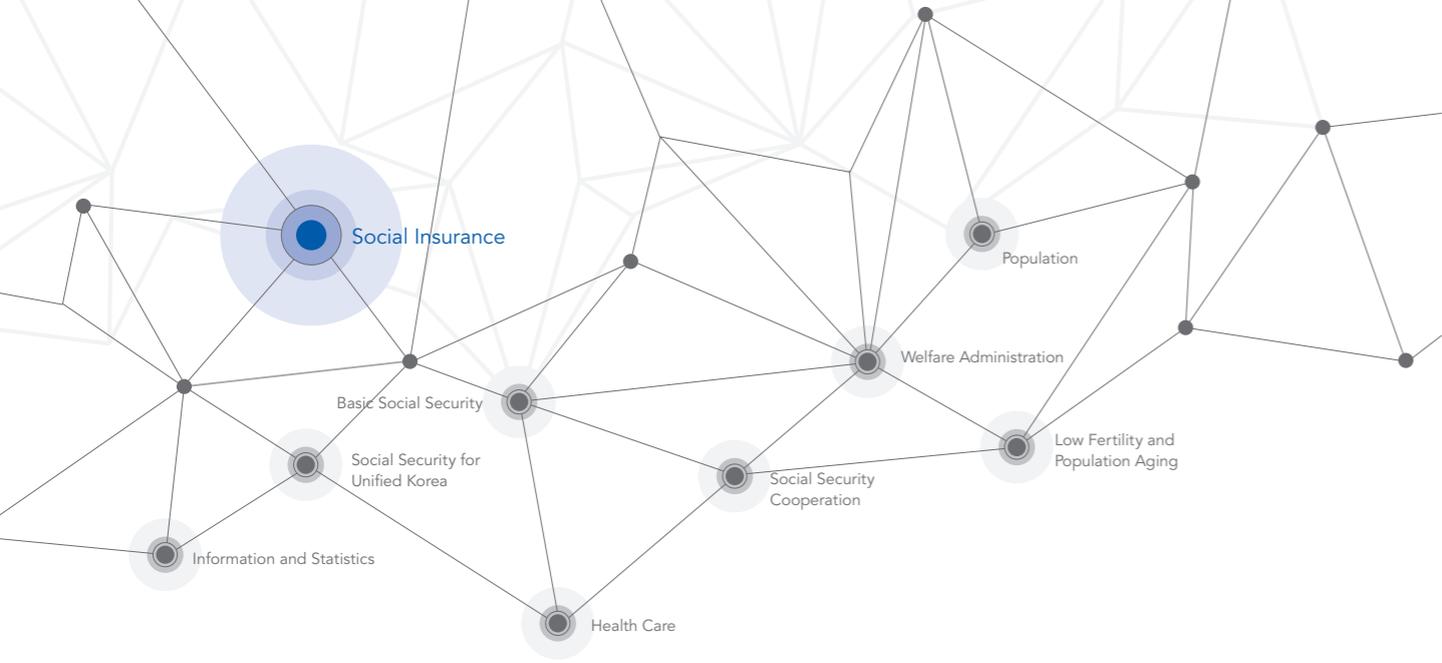
Health care for all

KIHASA delves into how the current health care system should be improved to efficiently meet the various health needs of the people. This involves looking into ways to improve both the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the current health care system and to facilitate integrated delivery of health services.



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Social Insurance

| Core Research Areas |

- Assessment of and improvement strategies for the National Health Insurance
- Rational pricing approach to increasing the sustainability of the National Health Insurance
- National Health Insurance service and reimbursement
- National health expenditure and the efficiency of the National Health Insurance
- Promotion of people's perceived quality of health care
- Social security finances
- Analysis of the socioeconomic impact of social security finances
- Long-term projection models for social security
- Development of National Pension models
- Establishment of CGE models for analysis of policy performance

For healthy life, for happy old age

Social Insurance is about helping people prepare for various social risks including, to mention just a couple, old age and illness. At KIHASA, we set ourselves to make the country's public pension schemes and health insurance efficient and without gaps



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Sturdy social safety nets

KIHASA's research concern in basic social security is how policy interventions should be implemented to protect Koreans from the risk of poverty. With this in mind, KIHASA makes it its business to find ways to improve Korea's social safety nets: public assistance programs and other services that are designed to help socially vulnerable groups climb out of poverty and become self-reliant.



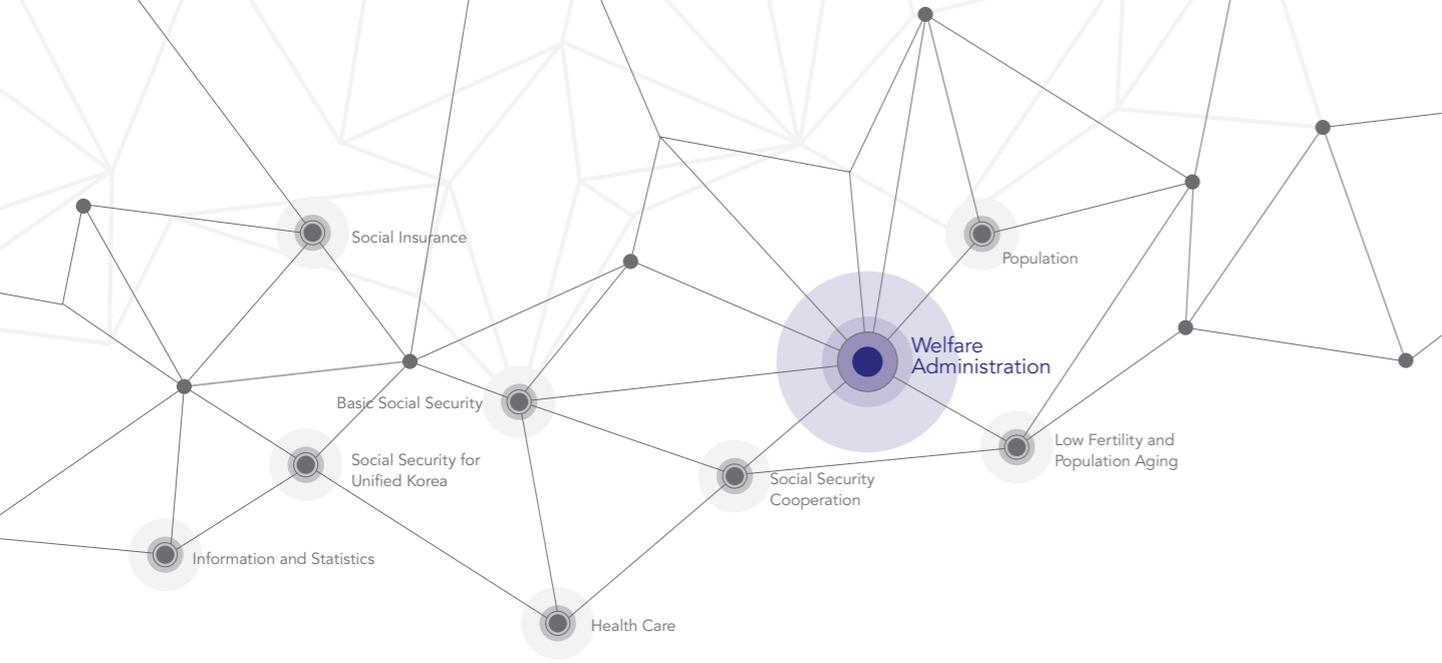
Basic Social Security

| Core Research Areas |

- National Basic Living Security
- Public assistance programs
- Support programs for promoting the self-reliance of low-income groups
- Life course-based, demographic-specific poverty prevention programs
- Poverty and income distribution
- Korea Welfare Panel data
- Development of a Korea-specific welfare model
- Cross-national comparison of social security programs
- Promotion of the public understanding of social welfare and reduction of social conflicts through education
- Proactive research on a unified social security for a unified Korea
- Social integration
- Virtuous cycle of growth and distribution
- Case studies on foreign responses to new poverty trends including youth poverty

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Life course-tailored social services

We at KIHASA look into a wide range of social issues, carrying out policy assessments, program evaluations, and research studies concerning social services for underprivileged children, families, and the disabled. We do our utmost to make social services more responsive to the changing social service needs of Koreans in this era of low fertility and population aging.



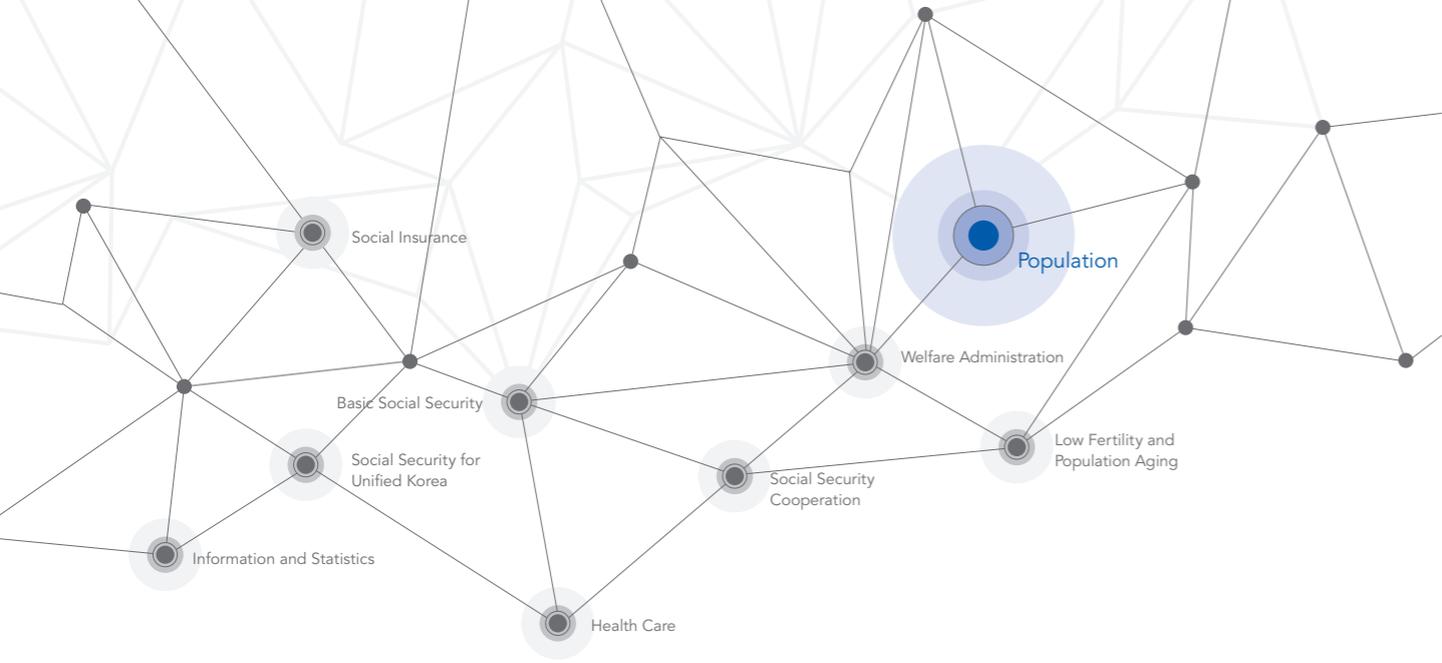
Welfare Administration

| Core Research Areas |

- Public and private welfare services delivery systems
- Role division between the central government and local governments in delivering social protection
- Community-level social protection indicators
- Assessment of local governments' progress in delivering social protection programs
- Planning of community-based social protection
- Public-private cooperation in social welfare delivery
- Employment of social welfare workforce
- Delivery, provision, and governance of social services
- Promotion of social economy

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Understanding the implications of demographic changes

KIHASA's research on population is multifaceted and multilayered, looking into how demographic changes affect work, family and social networks. Based on our rigorous analysis of the relationship between demographic changes and various social phenomena, we develop a wide array of social welfare policy options and life course approaches to social policies.



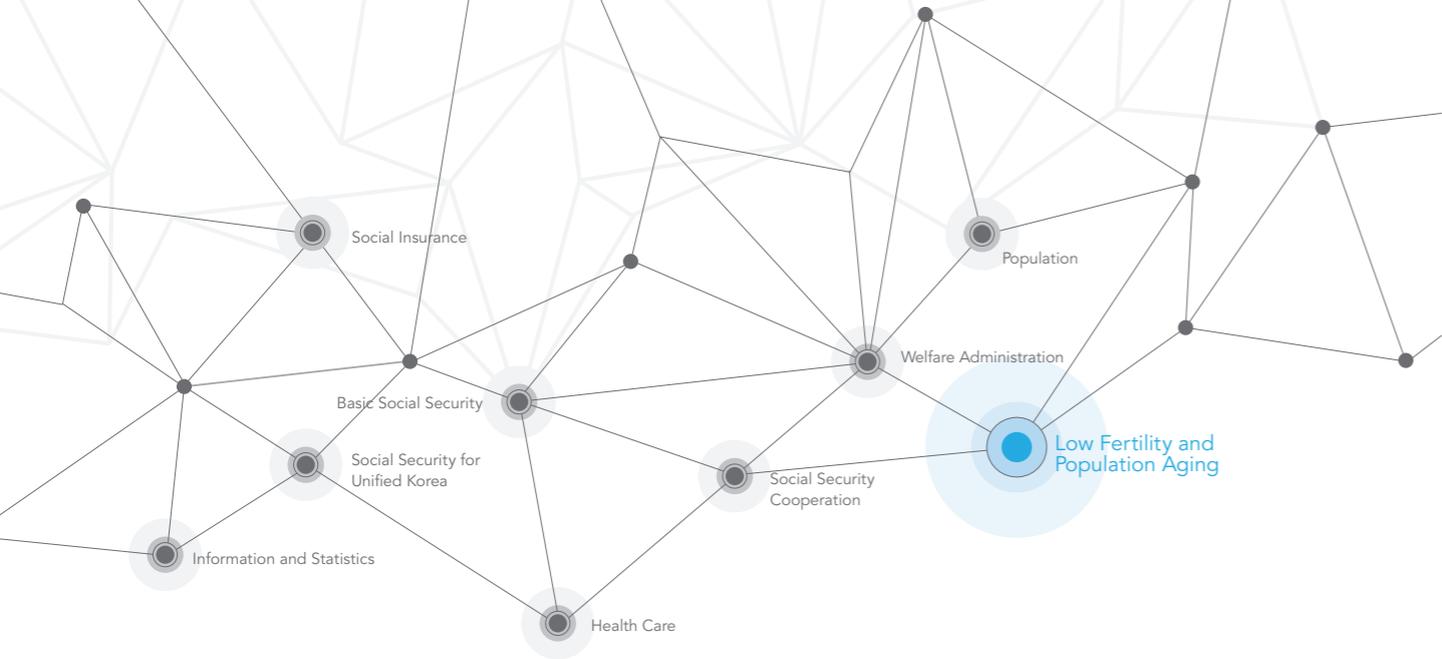
Population

| Core Research Areas |

- Mid- and long-term national population policies
- Population and household projections
- Estimation of stable optimum population
- Population statics and dynamics
- Family formation and breakup
- Survey and analysis of fertility
- Family policy and its assessment
- Survey and analysis concerning aging society
- Establishment and assessment of policies on aging society
- Status and assessment of long-term care
- Establishment and assessment of policy on children
- Protection of child rights
- Establishment and assessment of welfare policy on the disabled
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Development of a sustainable future

Policy responses to population aging and low fertility should rest on research efforts of various disciplines functioning together. KIHASA researchers explore the socioeconomic impact of low fertility and population aging, with a view to assisting in the making of policies that are effective in surmounting difficulties stemming from low fertility and population aging.



Low Fertility and Population Aging

| Core Research Areas |

- National strategies for responding to low fertility and population aging
- Development of improved policy options in response to population aging and low fertility
- Strategies for improving socioeconomic structure in response to population aging and low fertility
- Research support for the Presidential Committee on Low Fertility and Population Aging
- Monitoring of the implementation of the Basic Plan for Low Fertility and Aging Society
- Research support in the making of local-level policies on low fertility and population aging
- Assessment of policy on low fertility and aging population
- Education of the public on low fertility and population aging
- Management of the Forum on Low Fertility and Population Aging
- International comparison of population issues
- International joint research and symposiums on policy responses to low fertility and population aging

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Information and Statistics

| Core Research Areas |

- Efficient conduct of surveys and data management
- Strengthening of capabilities for statistics production
- Establishment of a system of statistics on welfare finance and social security
- Production of statistics for the OECD, the WHO, and the UN
- Collection and management of health and welfare data on North Korea
- Statistical analysis for health and welfare policies
- Big data analysis of health and welfare issues
- Development of public services concerning in-house generated statistics
- Regular analysis of health and welfare trends
- Data linkage strategies
- Development of systems for the provision of various types of information
- IT-based health and welfare information infrastructures
- Establishment of user-tailored database system
- Convergence of big data and IoT technologies with policy analysis
- Health and welfare data linkage

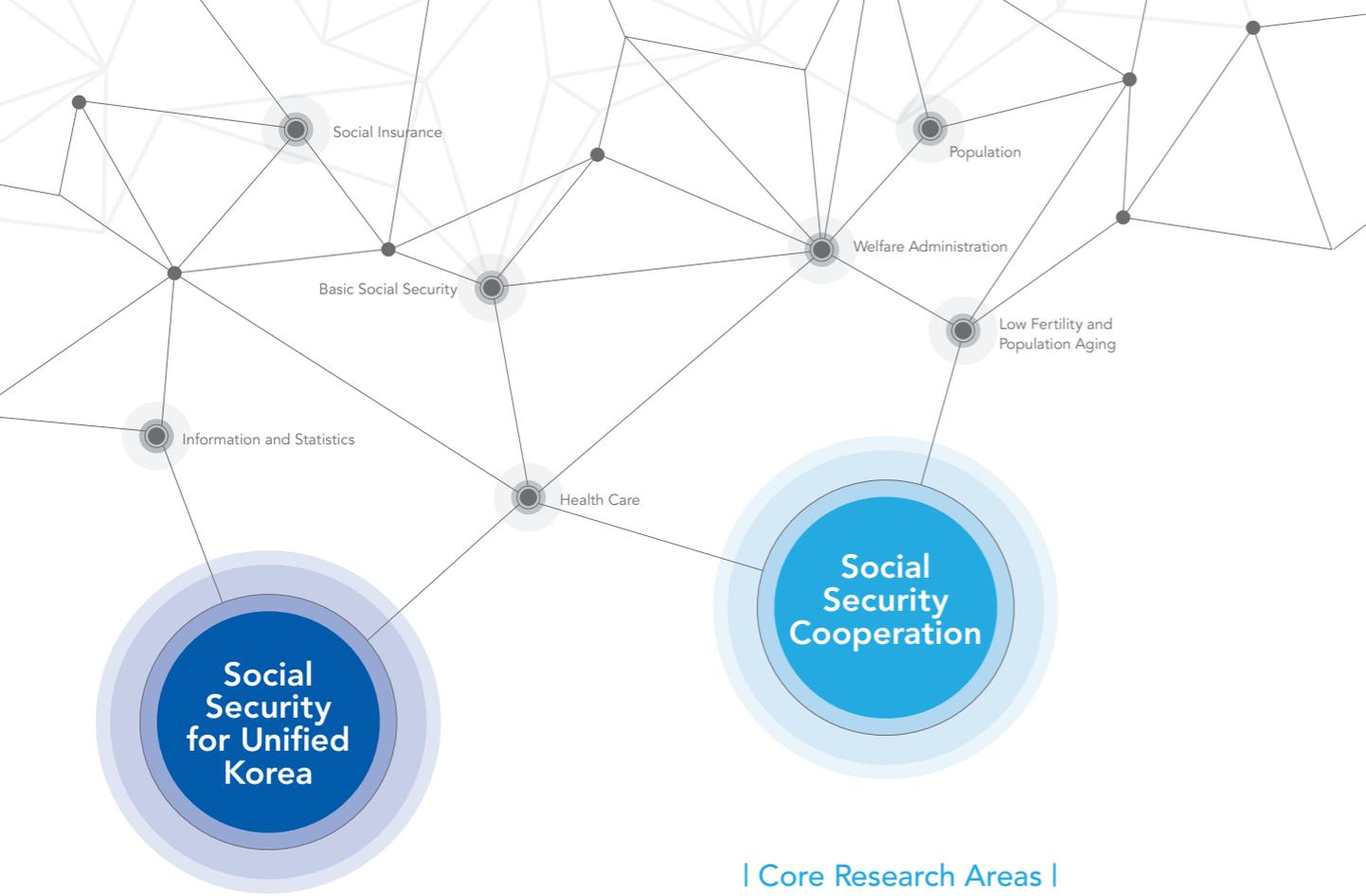
Accurate, high-quality statistics and indicators

KIHASA produces highly reliable statistics and indicators on people's health and welfare, and delivers them to the government, decision-makers, the academia, international organizations, and the public. In our effort to improve the management of health and welfare statistics, we work with various research groups from home and abroad. We manage panel surveys and other surveys in an integrated manner so as to raise the quality of both surveys and research. In addition, it actively supports, with its wide-ranging databases, not only in-house projects, but also those conducted by outside researchers and organizations.



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Plans for materializing a unified social security system for both Koreas

Unified social security models and their budgets

Comparison of social security in South and North Koreas

Social security systems in transition economies

Support for exchanges in the area of social security

Building database on North Korea's social security

Management of the Forum on Unified Social Security

| Core Research Areas I

Development of models for assessing social security programs

Establishing database for the assessment of social security programs

Research support for the development of Social Security Committee agenda items

Social Security for Unified Korea

The reunification of South and North Korea will require not only a politico-economic unification, but also the inner unification of people in the two Koreas. KIHASA is committed to making a unified social security system - the best policy tool we can think of for achieving the inner unification - come true in a way that forms a foundation for the prosperity of both Korea.



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Social Security Cooperation

The assessments that KIHASA researchers undertake of the performance of social security policies are keyed to helping minimize duplications in social protection programs and contributing to the making of policies that are intended to improve the health and well-being of Koreans. We strive to improve the understanding of the public of policies concerning health and social welfare.



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- UCLA Center for Health Policy Research(UCLA CHPR)
- Oregon State University
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KIHASA produces hundreds of publications yearly in a variety of formats. They cover the gamut of social policy issues that require consideration and solutions.

Research Reports

<Research Reports> serve as a contribution to the state of knowledge. Their forte is that they are theoretically grounded and methodologically rigorous.

Policy Reports

Intended to contribute to informed decision making, <Policy Reports> explore current policy issues and provide analyses and solutions that are highly specific to the needs of policymakers.

Working Papers

Slim in form and pithy in substance, <Working Papers> highlight the development and key findings of work in progress.

Health and Welfare, Issue & Focus

<Health and Welfare, Issue & Focus> is a weekly bulletin that briefs readers on current issues in health and social welfare.

Health and Welfare Forum

<Health and Welfare Forum> is a monthly designed to share with readers the latest findings from KIHASA's current research projects.

Health and Social Welfare Review

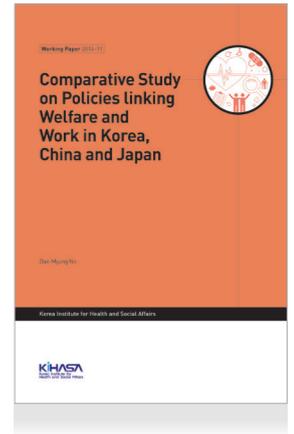
<Health and Social Welfare Review>, an academic quarterly, is open to submissions written in English.



Research Reports



Policy Reports



Working Papers



Health and Welfare, Issue & Focus



Health and Welfare Forum



Health and Social Welfare Review

The websites we run at KIHASA, each loaded with information galore, are go-to knowledge storehouses for visitors of various interests in health and welfare issues.



Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs
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The KIHASA website provides access to the full text of KIHASA publications.



Korea Health Panel (<http://www.khp.re.kr>)

The Korea Health Panel website provides a wealth of information in health expenditures, the dynamics of health care allocation, health surveys and their sampling methods, and related research findings.



Korea Welfare Panel (<http://www.koweps.re.kr>)

The Korea Welfare Panel Website is loaded with a wide range of resources including sampling techniques, questionnaires and databases concerning various surveys on the living conditions of different socioeconomic groups and their welfare needs.



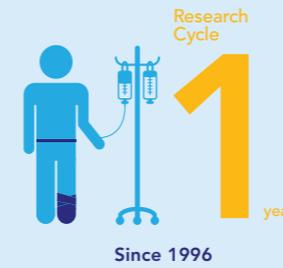
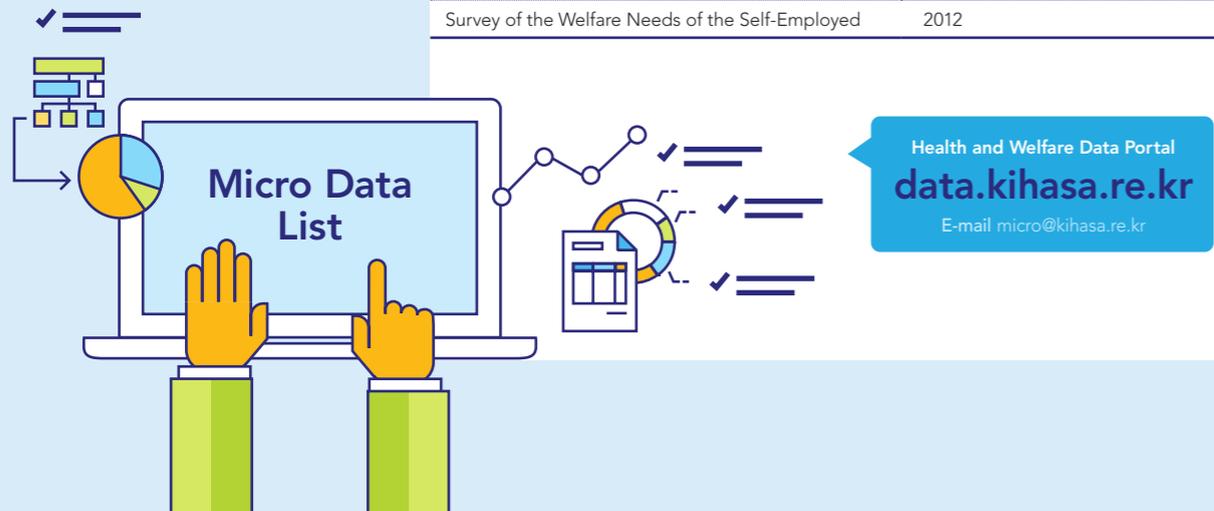
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Survey Name	Years Conducted
Survey of the Living Conditions of the Elderly in Korea	2014, 2011, 2008, 2004, 1998, 1994
Survey of Patients	2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2005, 2002, 1999, 1996
National Survey of Multicultural Families	2009
National Survey of Fertility and Family Health and Welfare	2012, 2009, 2006, 2003, 2000, 1997, 1994, 1991
National Survey of Marriage and Childbirth Rate	2012, 2009, 2005
Survey of the Living Conditions of the Elderly	2009
Survey of the Living Conditions and Welfare Needs of the Middle-aged	2010
Survey of the Living Conditions of Disabled People	2014, 2011, 2008, 2005, 2000
Survey of Infant Mortality	2007~2008
Survey of the Living Conditions of the Near-Poor	2007, 2004
Survey of the State of Self-Reliance Projects	2004, 2003, 2002
Survey of the Needs of the Elderly for Long-Term Care	2001
Comprehensive Survey of Children	2013
Survey of the Welfare Needs of the Self-Employed	2012



Survey of Patients



Survey of the Living Conditions of the Near-Poor



Survey of Welfare Panel



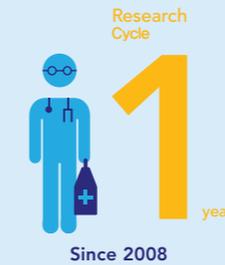
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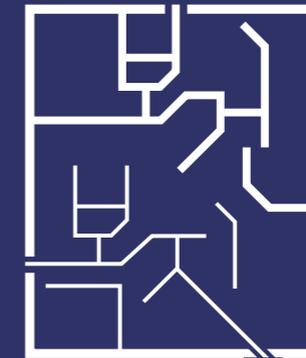


Survey of the Living Conditions of Disabled People

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