



Governance of National Statistical System of Korea

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National Statistical System

- Decentralized system close to being centralized
 - Korea National Statistical Office (hereafter referred to as the KNSO)
 - : compiles fundamental statistics
 - Other ministries and non-governmental agencies (the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Labor, Bank of Korea, etc)
 - : Compile various statistics related to specific fields
 - ※ With the exception of few agencies, Central administrative agencies lack of division level statistical organization

Statistics compiled by agencies

(As of 1 Nov. 2007)

	No. of Compiling agencies	No. of Statistics compiled ¹⁾
Total	389	1016
Governments	308	833
– Central	45	463
– Local	263	370
Non-Government	81	183

1) Includes survey statistics, administrative records statistics, and analysis statistics from surveys and reports

Governance of National Statistical System

- Headquarters of NSS : Commissioner of the KNSO (deputy ministerial level)
 - Approval for statistical compilation
- Statistics Law
- Statistical Council (Presidential Decree) : advisory body to the
Commissioner of the KNSO on statistical matters

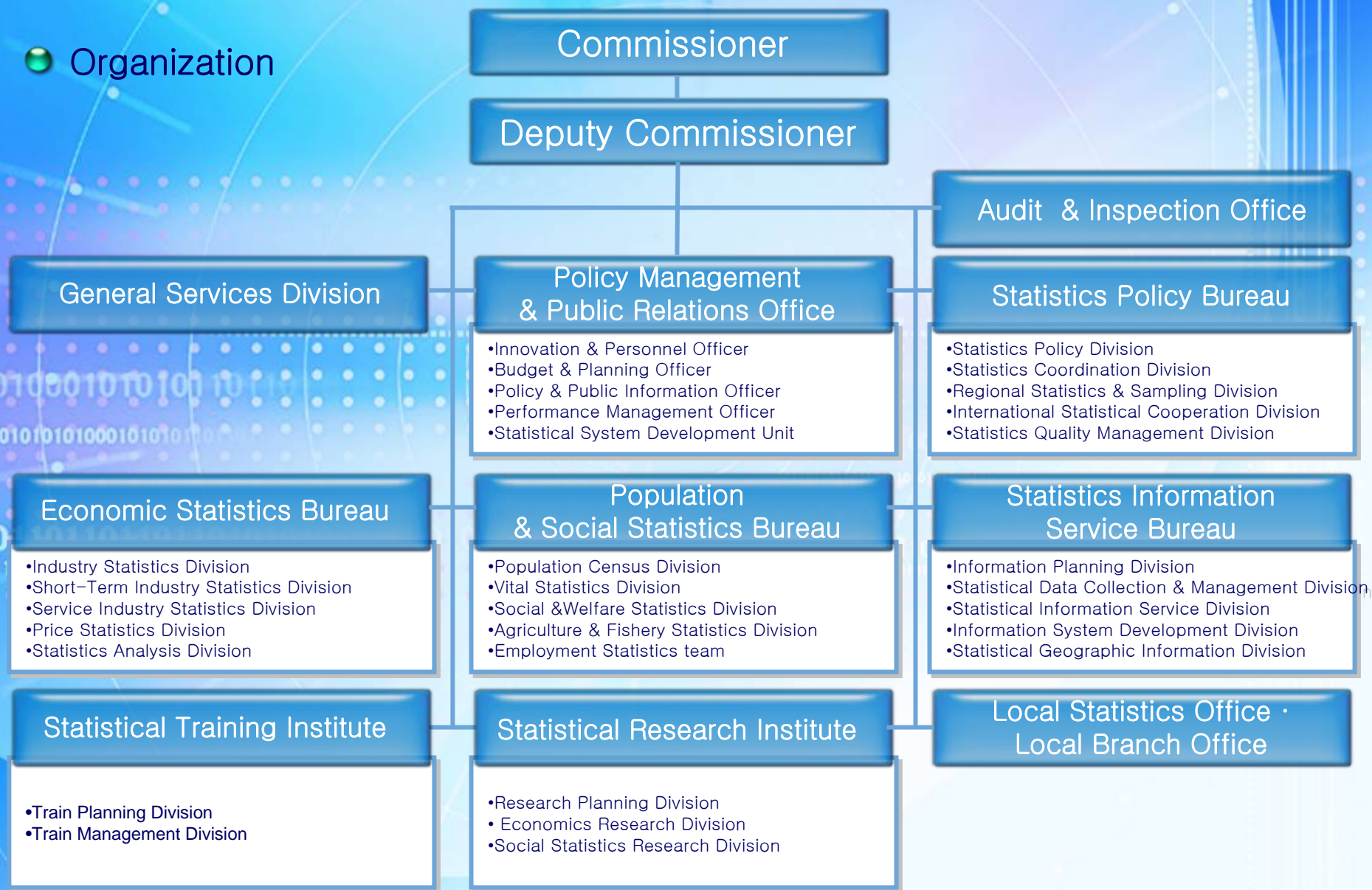
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● Function

- Coordination of statistical activities
- Establishment of statistical standards and classifications
- Compilation and analysis of basic national statistics
- Management and dissemination of statistical data
- Statistical quality assessment
- Statistical training
- International statistical cooperation

I . Key features

● Organization



Background

Relevance



Demand for statistical information in terms of organizing plans and evaluating

Reliability



Demand for increasing the accuracy of statistics

Convenience



Demand for supporting services which would make statistics readily available for all users

Fundamental ideas

Relevance



Develop and improve national statistical system and establish a permanent system

Reliability



Raise accuracy of statistics, evaluate quality, share administrative information and enhance statistical infrastructure

Convenience



Integrate national statistical system, setting up database system and provide opportunities to use statistical information

Progress history

- Revise Statistics Law
(proclamation on April 27, 2007 and effectuation on October 28, 2007)
- Strengthen the functions of Statistical Council (2007)
- Enhance statistical organization (2007)
- Introduce the Statistics Based Policy Management (2007)

Revision of Statistics Law

- Basic Ideas
 - Promoting national statistical infrastructure in terms of building, publicizing and utilizing
 - Set up efficient national statistical system and statistical plans
 - Increase quality of accuracy and circumstance of national statistics
 - Pursue detailed plans for publicizing and utilizing national statistics
 - Lighten the burden of respondents of statistical surveys and protect private information of citizen

Revision of Statistics Law

- Main details
 - Enhance national statistics infrastructure
 - Appoint responsible statisticians
 - Guarantee for personnel and budgets of statistical agencies
 - Promote training of Statistician
 - Carry out international cooperation project

Revision of Statistics Law

- Develop efficient national statistical management system
 - Getting cause of separating category of sex in statistical survey to provide more information about women
 - Introduce assessment system to decide the relevance of a statistical survey
 - Launch campaigns to encourage statistical surveys
 - Project a sense of responsibility to sincerely respond statistical surveys
 - Getting cause to commission office work

Revision of Statistics Law

- Increase accuracy quality of national statistics
 - Establish a quality assessment system
 - Systematize a regular evaluation on quality conducted by commissioner
- Lighten of burden of respondents of statistical surveys and protect private information of citizens
 - Create criteria for provisions of administrative information
 - Increase fines or penalties

Revision of Statistics Law

- Publicize national statistics and provide opportunities to utilize
 - Improve system on statistical announcements
 - Eliminate announcement council system and taking immediate announcement of statistical survey results
 - Publicize statistical data
 - Set up statistical database, with connection and integration
 - Provide raw data and utilize anonymous data

Strengthening the functions of Statistical Council

- Basic ideas
 - Execution of evaluation result concerning the Statistical Based Policy Management
 - Increase level of council by managing and carrying out statistical development plan on the mid-term
 - Developing its trait of advisory council into consultative council
 - Systematize process to observe execution result
 - Achieve goals by reorganizing general and sectional meetings and enhance specialties of council members

Strengthening the functions of the Statistical Council

- Main details
 - Upgraded to consultative council and changed its name from Statistical Council to National Statistical Council
 - Reorganized general and sectional meetings by adding about 30 members from government departments and related non-governmental institution
 - Enlarged consultation extent
 - Improvement and development of statistical system
 - Long and short-term plan to develop statistics
 - Statistical foundation and policy management
 - Revision, evaluation and promotion of statistical quality

Enhancing statistical organization

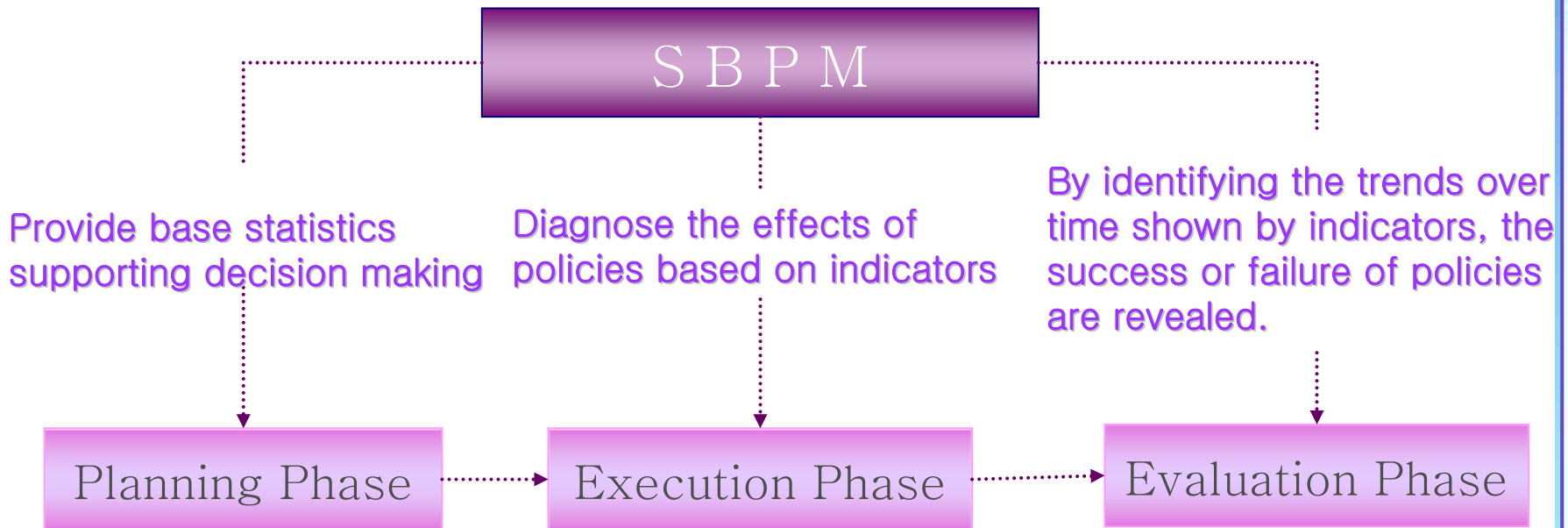
- Aims
 - Increase support for developing statistical skills of statistical agencies, ex. executing statistical surveys
 - Conduct the Statistics-Based Policy Management
 - Improve procedures of statistical classification and analysis
 - Consolidate systematic function in statistical agencies
- KNSO (Korea National Statistical Office)
 - Reorganized to one bureau and five divisions
- Other statistical agencies
 - Increase support for statistical agencies, ex. the Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Health and Welfare

Introduction of the Statistics Based Policy Management

- Goals
 - Prevent cases of policy failures and errors by the Statistics Based Policy Management
 - Promote policy through evaluation
- Target
 - New policy or system introduced with law enactment, and reform
- Procedure
 - Establish plans necessary for statistical development and improvement by Policy Department
 - Confirm plans, if necessary, attach recommendations of statistical development and improvement of the law before submitting to cabinet council

Statistics Based Policy Management

- ★ Infrastructure to support decision makers & evaluators
 - During an entire life cycle of policies, statistics can be effectively used



■ Reform of National Statistical System

- Increase policy quality through statistical development and improvement to need policy demands
- Promote statistics recognition seeking accuracy among statistics management
- Raise availability of statistics by supporting statistical services for individuals

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