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Press Release

Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Criminal Stalking’ of the Ministry of Justice, “Objection!”

Seoul, July 3rd, 2018 – Korean Women’s Development Institute hosts the 21st Forum on Gender and Legislation with the theme of “Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Stalking crime’”.

- Korean Women’s Development Institute (President Kwon Insook) is co-hosting the 21st Forum on Gender and Legislation with Korea Women’s HotLine, Rep. Nam In-soon, Rep. Jung Choun-sook, Rep. Kim Sam-hwa, and Korean Women Lawyers Association from 4pm on Tuesday, July 3rd at the International Conference Hall at Korean Women’s Development Institute (KWDI) with the theme of “Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Criminal Stalking’”(hereafter Stalking Punishment Law).



[Picture of the participants]

- On May 10th, the Ministry of Justice made a pre-announcement of the Stalking Punishment Law in which raised many concerns on protection of victims and its effectiveness.
 - Within this context, the Forum aims to examine contents and problems of the

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Stalking Punishment Law of the Ministry of Justice and the protection measures for victims to be included in the law and to suggest desirable policy directions that can be reflected in the legislative debate.

- Recently, stalking has increased the number of cases of mental-physical damage that make victims difficult to maintain their everyday lives. Stalking has become a serious social issue, leading to physical or life threatening violent crimes such as assault and murder, as punishment of the perpetrator and protection of the victim are not carried out at the beginning. It is however, a reality that the current law has classified this crime as “misdemeanor.”
- KWDI President Kwon Insook announced that “it is expected that meaningful discussion will be made through the Forum for special laws to be enacted to ensure that stalking offenders are punished and that initial measures are taken in order to protect victims.”
- In the Forum, Song Ranhee (General Secretary of Korea Women’s HotLine) will be presenting “Legislative Direction for the Stalking Punishment Law from Case studies” and Dr. Kim Jeong-hye Associate Research Fellow of Korean Women’s Development Institute) will present “Problems and Legislative Directions of Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Criminal Stalking’”.
- Song Ranhee, explained in her presentation that “from the analysis results of stalking counseling, it was found that the victims were mainly women and the offenders are or were in a intimate relationship with the victims. Additionally, various types of crimes ranging from control of victim’s life to murder were found and it affected not only the victims but also the people around them” and she also claimed that “the Stalking Punishment Law needs a more comprehensive definition of stalking crimes and victims as well as tight provision of protection of victims and support plans rather than taking provisional measure.”
- Dr. Kim Jeong-hye, highlighted from her presentation that “it is necessary to examine the punishment regulations such as safety measures of victim and reporter, protection of personal information, and prohibition of disadvantageous treatment, which are the main issues in the legislation of the Stalking Punishment Law”, and also “in order to prevent the burden of the victim from increasing, the victim’s opinion should be limited to the constitutional requirement for the establishment of the crimes, and it is necessary to prohibit continuous and repeated access to the victim regarding the punishment of the perpetrator.”
- After the presentation, discussion will be made with Koh Mi-kyung (Executive Director of Korea Women’s HotLine), as a moderator. As discussants Kim Hyun Ah (Director of Human rights, Korean Women Lawyers Association), Park Sun-young (Senior research fellow, Korean Women’s Development Institute), Won Min-kyung (Lawyer, One Law Partners), Jang Eung-hyuk (Professor, Department of Police Administration, Keimyung University), Choi Ran (Counselling Director, Korea Sexual Violence Relief Center), Lim Jong-pil (Deputy director, Division of Rights and Interest, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family) are participating.

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Korean Women’s Development Institute (KWDI) is a government research think-tank under

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the Prime Minister's Office of South Korea. Since its establishment in 1983, KWDI has strived to promote women's policy to realize gender-equal society. KWDI is currently conducting a comprehensive research on women's policy in Korea and contributing to women's social participation, promoting welfare, family and national development by providing information on women's policy and women's empowerment and research on women.

Appendix 1. Program Overview

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- Theme: Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Criminal Stalking’, “Objection!”
- Date and Time : July 3rd, 2018 (Tues) 16:00-18:30
- Place : International Conference Hall, Korean Women’s Development Institute
- Co-hosted by Korean Women’s Development Institute, Korea Women’s HotLine, Representative Nam In-soon, Representative Jung Choun-sook, Representative Kim Sam-haw, Korean Women Lawyers Association
- Program

Time	Program	
16:00- 16:20	Opening ceremony	Moderator: Park Bok-soon (Research Fellow, KWDI) Opening Remarks: Kwon Insook (President, KWDI) Welcoming Remarks: Nam In-soon (Rep. The Minjoo Party) Jung Choun-sook (Rep. The Minjoo Party) Kim Sam-hwa (Rep. Bareun Party)
Moderator: Koh Mi-kyung (Executive director, Korea Women’s HotLine)		
16:20- 17:20	Presentation	Presentation 1 “Legislative Direction for the Stalking Punishment Law from Case studies” Song Ranhee (General Secretary of Korea Women’s HotLine) Presentation 2 “Problems and Legislative Directions of Enactment of ‘Act on Punishment of Criminal Stalking’” Kim Jeong-hye (Associate Research Fellow, KWDI)
17:20- 17:30	Break Time	

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17:30– 18:20	Discussion	<p>Cho Ran (Counseling Director, Korea Sexual Violence Relief Center)</p> <p>Jang Eung-hyuk (Professor of Department of Police Administration, Keimyung University)</p> <p>Kim Hyun Ah (Lawyer, Director of Human Rights, Korean Women Lawyers Association)</p> <p>Lim Jong-pil (Deputy Director, Division of Rights and Interest, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family)</p> <p>Park Sun-young (Senior Research Fellow, KWDI)</p> <p>Won Min-kyung (Lawyer, One Law Partners)</p> <p>*Names in Alphabetical order (excluding organizations)</p>
18:20 - 18:30	General discussion and closing ceremony	