

Environment Education for Future Generation in KOREA

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National Parks in Korea

• NP in KOREA (Natural Parks Law Article 4)

- The core conservation area that represent natural ecosystems and natural/cultural sceneries of Korea

• IUCN Category

- Category **II** : 15 N.P. (Seoraksan NP etc)
- Category **V** : 5 N.P. (Bukhansan Mt. etc)

• UNESCO 「Biosphere Reserve」

Seoraksan, Hallasan



National Parks in Korea

- Types of N.P. : Mountainous, marine, seashore, historical
- **A total of 21 national parks** (17 mountainous parks, 2 marine parks, 1 seashore park, 1 historical park) have been designated and managed since the first national park, Jirisan national park was designated in 1967.

National Parks in Korea



Asiatic Black Bear
Restoration Project



Plant Monitoring



Eco-tourism program



Juwangsan Mt.



Jirisan Clouds



Environmental education
for future generations



Hallyeohaesang Np.



Taeanhaean Np.



Jirisan Nogodan

Environment Education in Korean N.P.

• Who is Future Generation ?

- 7.33 million students from primary school to high school including kindergarten
- Effective training effect for the improved awareness of nature conservation

Change on Exterior Environment

- Increased demand on outdoor activities since adoption of 5 day a week system (2012)
- Increased number of visitors with increase in national income(\$20,000) and spread the culture of family leisure (40,000,000 visitors per year)
- * Population of Korea : around 45,000,000

Improved circumstances

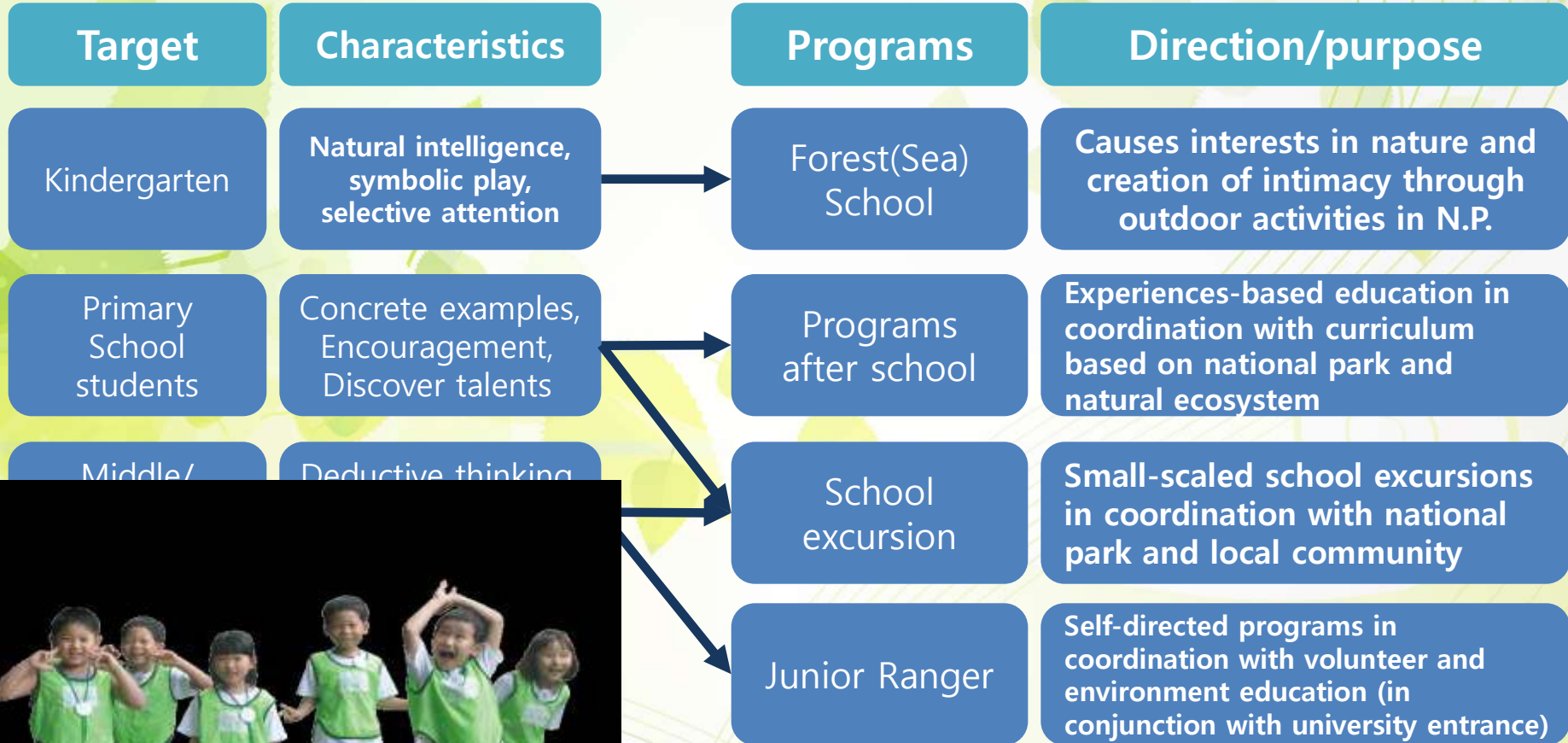
- Interpretation programs for visitors since 2000
- 300 interpreters in KNPS since 2004
- Development and operation of Intensive environmental education for future generations

- Programs in accordance with stages of development of future generation (in reflection of taste and tender for kindergarten, primary school, middle school and high school)



Process of Environment Education

Programs and Direction according to ages



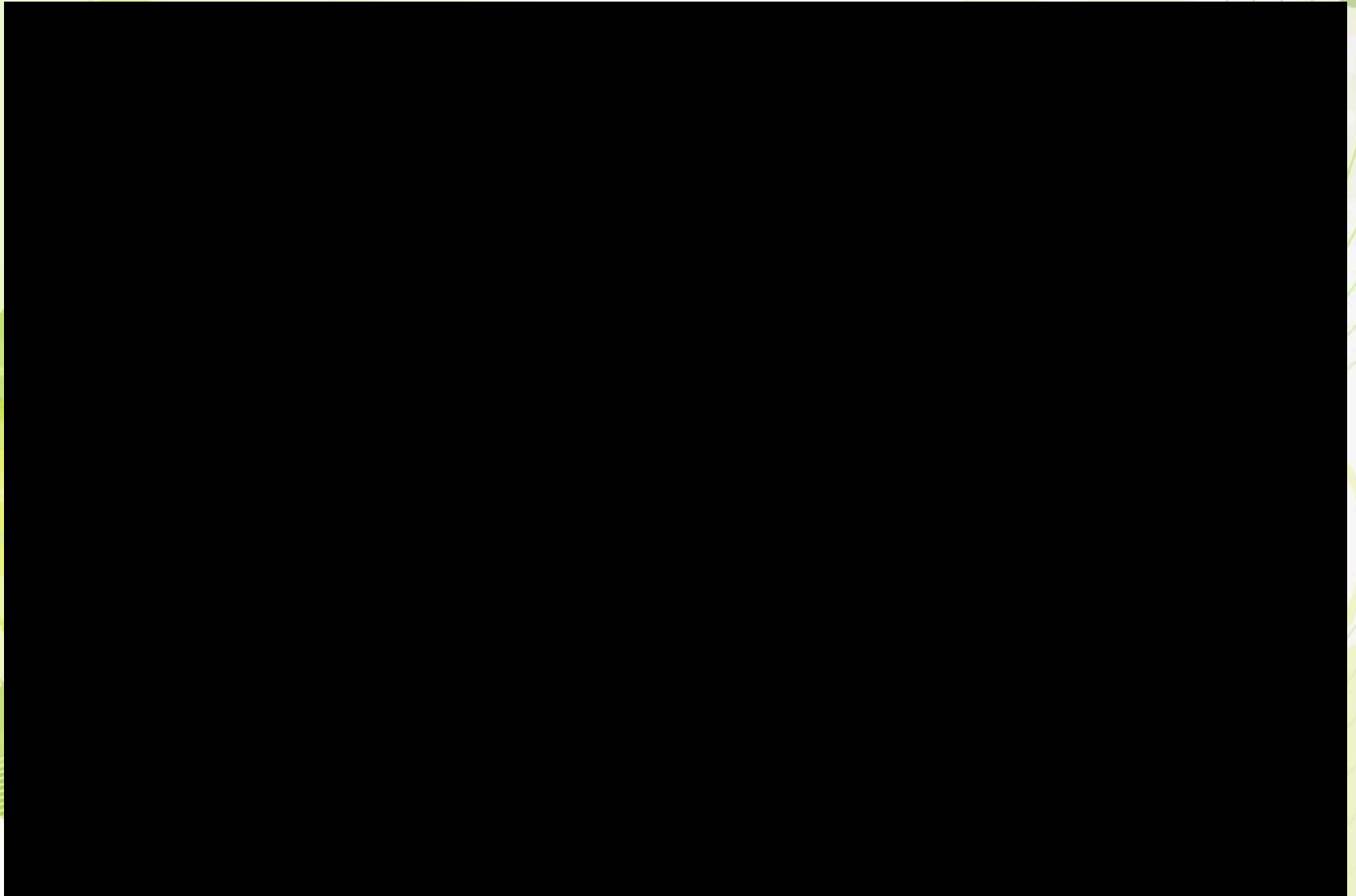
Performance of Environment Education

Performance of Environment Education for Future Generations

- 448,000 participated in Environment Education in 2012 (6% of total number of future generation)
- Education Donation Programs : Designation as Education Donation Institute by Ministry of Education
- Certification Institute of Natural Interpreters (300 interpreters)
- Certification of Environment Education Programs of Ministry of Environment : 80 programs
- Learning facility (1 Nature Center and 2 Ecology Centers are being constructed)



Environment Education 운영사례



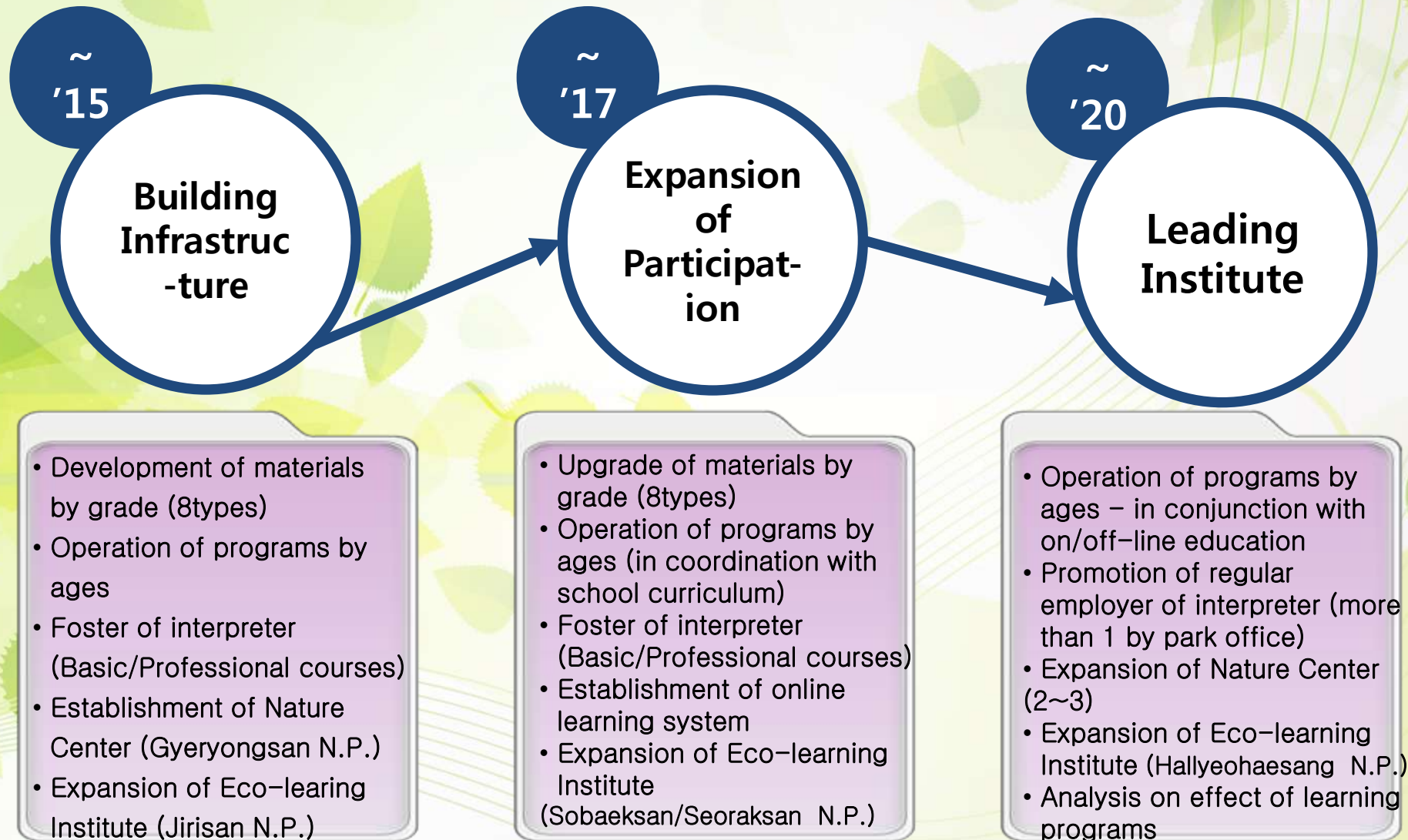
Vision of Environment Education

Vision of Environment Education for Future Generation

- **Objective: 1,460,000 (20%) of future generation to be participated in environment education by 2020**
- **Contents**
 - Development of materials by grade in coordination with school curriculum(2013~2015)
 - Expansion of Nature Center (1 every year)
 - Expansion of Eco-learning Institute by region
 - Building capacity as a professional environment education institute



Roadmap of Environment Education



Expected Outcome of Environment Education

Recreation
Opportunity



Branding of
National Park



Environment
Education



Promotion
of Sociality

Q & A

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Due to rapid urbanization in Korea, about 80% of the people are living in urban areas. The demand on national park as a nature learning place for future generation is rapidly increasing.

To keep pace with these changes, environment education programs by ages and eco-learning institutes are to be made for future generation.

Our efforts on the establishment of environment education programs and infrastructure will be continued by 2020.

Thank you

