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# Nanotechnology Policy and R&D in Korea

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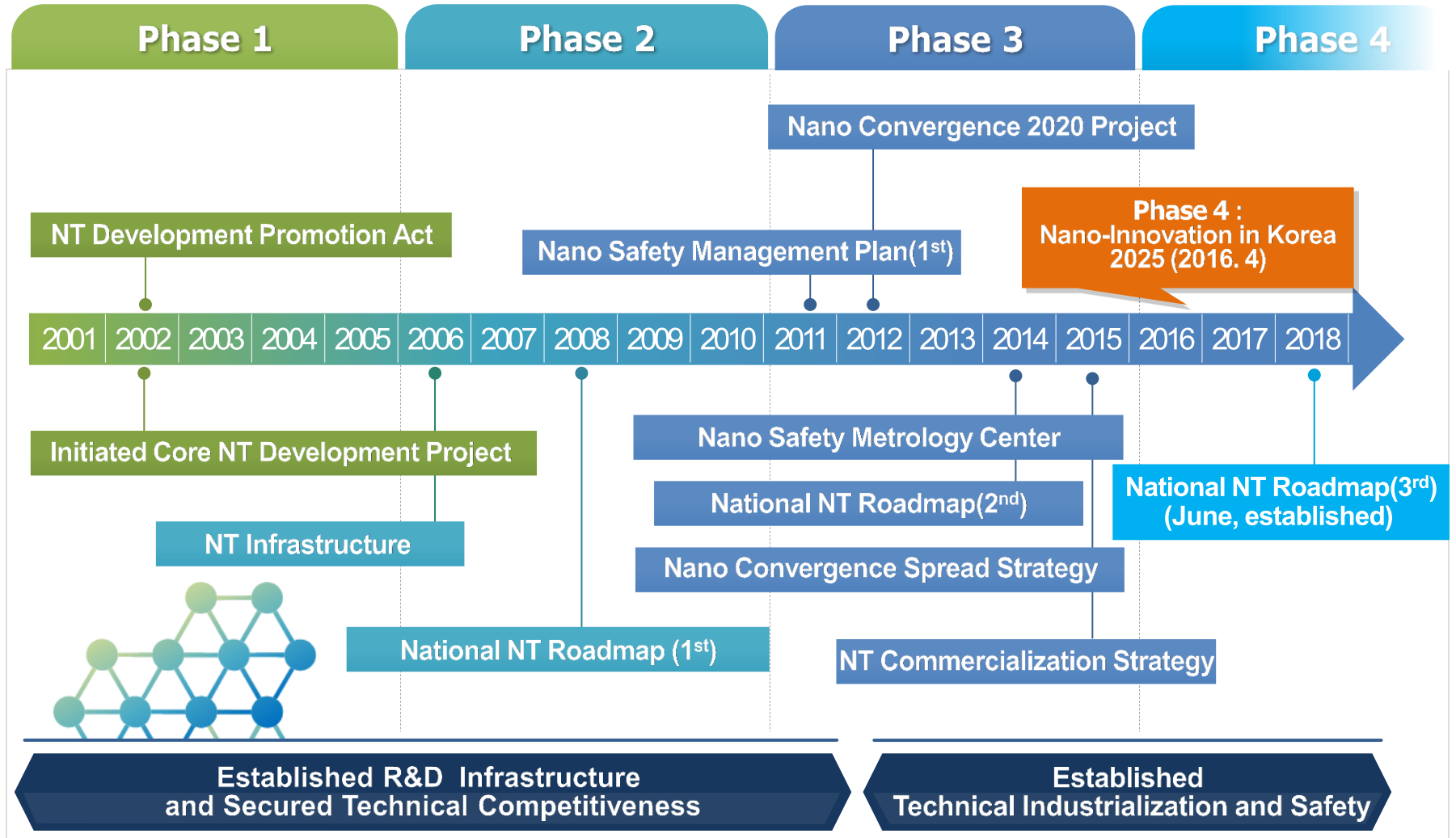
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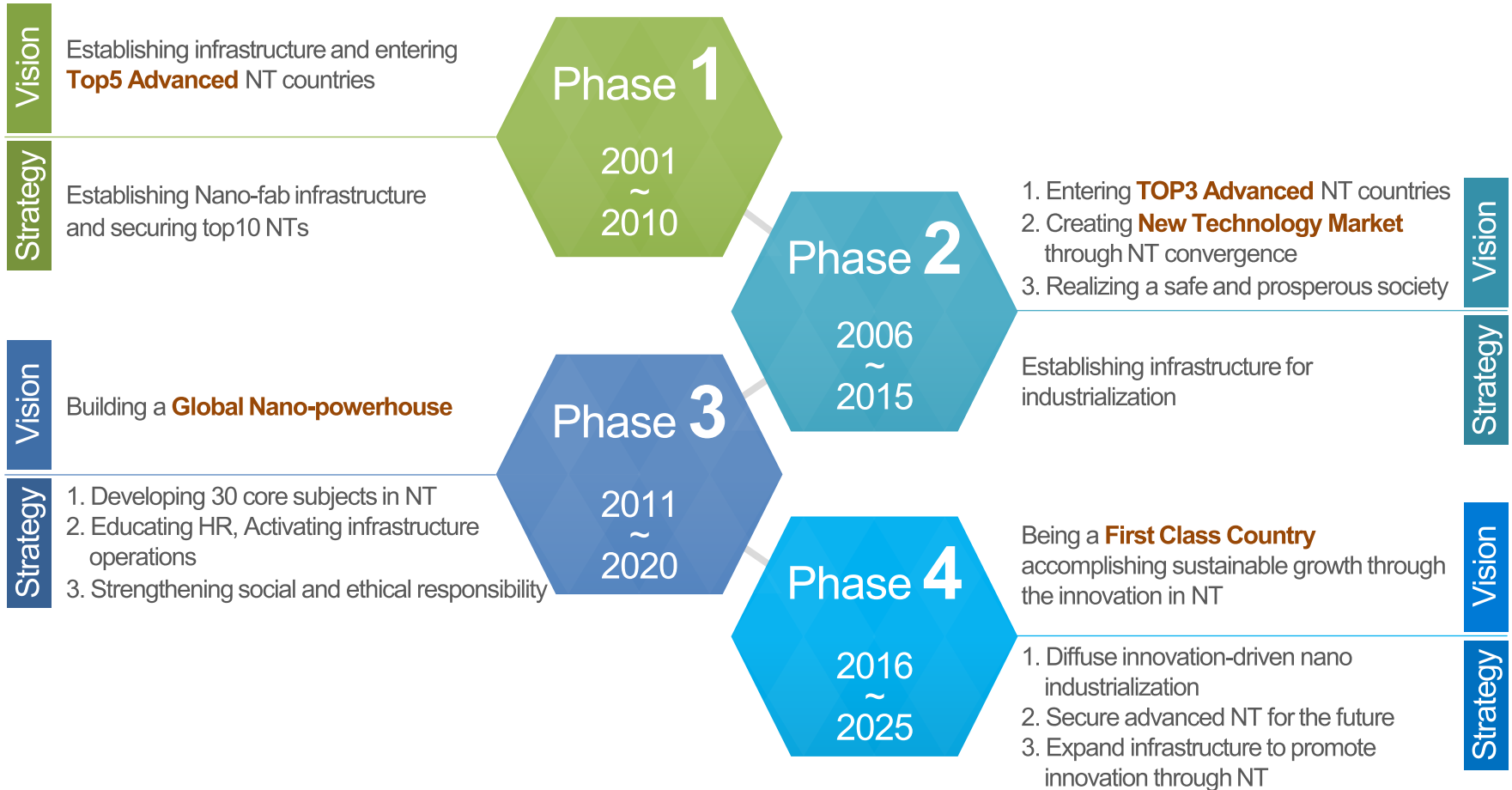
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# History of NT Development in Korea



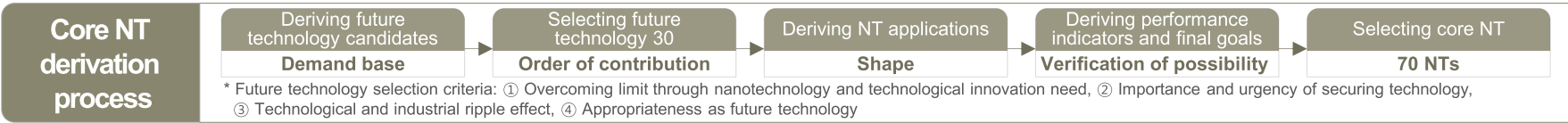
# Progress of NNI-K(Phase 1~4)



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> National NT Roadmap

## Challenges of NT toward Future Technologies that Human Beings Dream of

Development of Strategic technology map with 30 future technologies and 70 core NT, and preliminary technology map of 6 fields



**Convenient and Pleasant Life**

**Development of AI semiconductor, IoT, future display with faster, more accurate and clear performances using ultra-fine nano process technology**

- ① Portable human-level AI
- ② Big data in my hand
- ③ Unlimited speed communication environment
- ④ Display that can freely change shape and size
- ⑤ Food tasting with smartphone
- ⑥ Cyborg feels like human
- ⑦ Drones that can fly without charge
- ⑧ Generating Electricity by walking
- ⑨ Wearable battery like clothes
- ⑩ Technology to keep young skin
- ⑪ Mask pack for automatic makeup

**Life with the Earth**

**Achievement of high efficiency and unlimited clean energy, fine dust removal, economic water resource production technology, utilizing innovative peculiar phenomena in nano-sized materials**

- ⑫ Ultra high efficiency next-generation solar power generation superior to thermal power generation
- ⑬ Fuel cell ready for blackout
- ⑭ Hydrogen vehicle
- ⑮ Electric vehicles that can be operated from Seoul to Busan in 5 minutes charge
- ⑯ Artificial leaf photosynthesis
- ⑰ Energy-independent housing without electricity supply
- ⑱ Reuse of abandoned water
- ⑲ Self-sufficient urban agriculture

**Healthy and Safe Life**

**Secure simple, accurate and effective prevention/diagnosis/treatment, safe food and disaster safety technology, utilizing fast transfer properties at the nanomaterial interface**

- ⑳ Batteries without risk of explosion
- ㉑ Preventive medicine for healthy 100-year-olds
- ㉒ Drugs that simultaneously diagnose and treat
- ㉓ Artificial organ without rejection
- ㉔ Technology to see and treat myself in my body
- ㉕ Self health monitoring at anytime anywhere
- ㉖ AI system that notifies harmful viruses
- ㉗ Germicidal clothing
- ㉘ Air purifiers that always clear the whole air of the house
- ㉙ Meals solved in one capsule even in space
- ㉚ Microbot to quickly find disaster victims

→ Action plan: promotion of R&D for future technology realization, advanced nano-fab function, job creation focused on professional human resources, establish sustainable nano safety network

# Current Status of NT and Policy

## 1 Current status of NT in Korea and Overseas

Global trends: Emphasis on NT industrialization and expansion of investment in original technology



USA

- Through **National Nanotechnology Initiative(NNI)**, Promote **commercialization and basic research of NT** to pursue sustainable national competitiveness and economic growth
  - The **basic research** is about **40% of the total budget of NNI '18**, increasing investment(36% in '16)



EU

- **NT** was selected as one of the **'technologies\* for future innovation'** in pursuit of development and competitiveness of the whole Europe through NT, and it is supporting **basic research** on NT
  - \* nano, bio tech., data analysis, global system science, green tech., medicine and neurology, quantum tech., robotics, advanced materials tech.



Japan

- Focused on **research and commercialization of the basic resources of NT** for the creation of new industries and strengthening competitiveness with the **5<sup>th</sup> science and technology basic plan('16)** and the **cabinet-led initiative**
  - '17 nano, material field budget: 77.2 billion yen(ministry of education)



Korea

- In 2016, the domestic **nano-convergence industry continues to grow**
  - Compared to 2011, the number of NT convergence companies increased by 673(43.8%), sales increase by 135.98 trillion KRW(46.4%), and the number of employees increased by 150,460

### 2018 NT Policy Implementation Trends in Korea

Strengthen the Capabilities of **Intelligent Technology** utilizing **Basic Technologies**

Source: Human-oriented 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution response plans

### Focus on **basic research** and **securing strategic future technology**

securing visibility of NT and preparing for industrialization through **infrastructure expansion** and **basic original technology development**

Source : 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan

# Current Status of NT and Policy Directions

## 2 Vision and Goal

### Vision

Promoting the Human-oriented 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution by Improving the Competitiveness of NT

Implementing leading-edge technology for manufacturing industries

Global leader in nanotechnology industrialization



### 3 Major Strategies and 9 Projects



Secure Advanced NT for the Future

- ① Develop future NT
- ② Promote strategic basic research in NT
- ③ Rationalize national investment in NT



Diffuse Innovation-driven Nano Industrialization

- ④ Secure core technologies for Industrialization promotion
- ⑤ Support technology Commercialization of the company
- ⑥ Strengthen infrastructure for the nano-convergence spread



Expand Nano Innovation Infrastructure to cope with future social change

- ⑦ Support core human resources and job creation
- ⑧ Secure nano-safety management system
- ⑨ Build advanced system for R&D achievement enhancement

Source : National Nanotechnology Initiative Program of Korea(2016~2025), 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan



# Current Status of NT and Policy Directions

## 3 Directions for Policy Promotion

### Secure Advanced NT for the Future

#### Lead the Development of Future NT as a Nano-advanced Country

- Secure technologies for overcoming limitations to resolve future issues
  - Promote source/applied researches and Challenge Project
  - Strengthen strategic investment in basic research in NT and Build the development promotion-system
  - Rationalize national investment in NT(the 3<sup>rd</sup> National NT Roadmap, Nano-convergence industry development strategy)



### Diffuse Innovation-driven Nano Industrialization

#### Creation of Manufacturing Innovation through the Spread of NT Applications

- Develop new markets through promotion of NT commercialization
  - Discovering NT to create new industries
- Establish support systems to reduce burdens of companies in the commercialization process
- Strengthen infrastructure for the nano-convergence spread



### Expand Nano Innovation Infrastructure

#### Build the foundation for continuous growth of NT with future social changes

- Establish international cooperation system, Cultivate core R&D HR and on-site experts supporting job creation
- Secure Nano safety management system, System to support reduced cost and period for NT development
- Build advanced system for R&D achievement enhancement



Source : National Nanotechnology Initiative Program of Korea(2016~2025), 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan

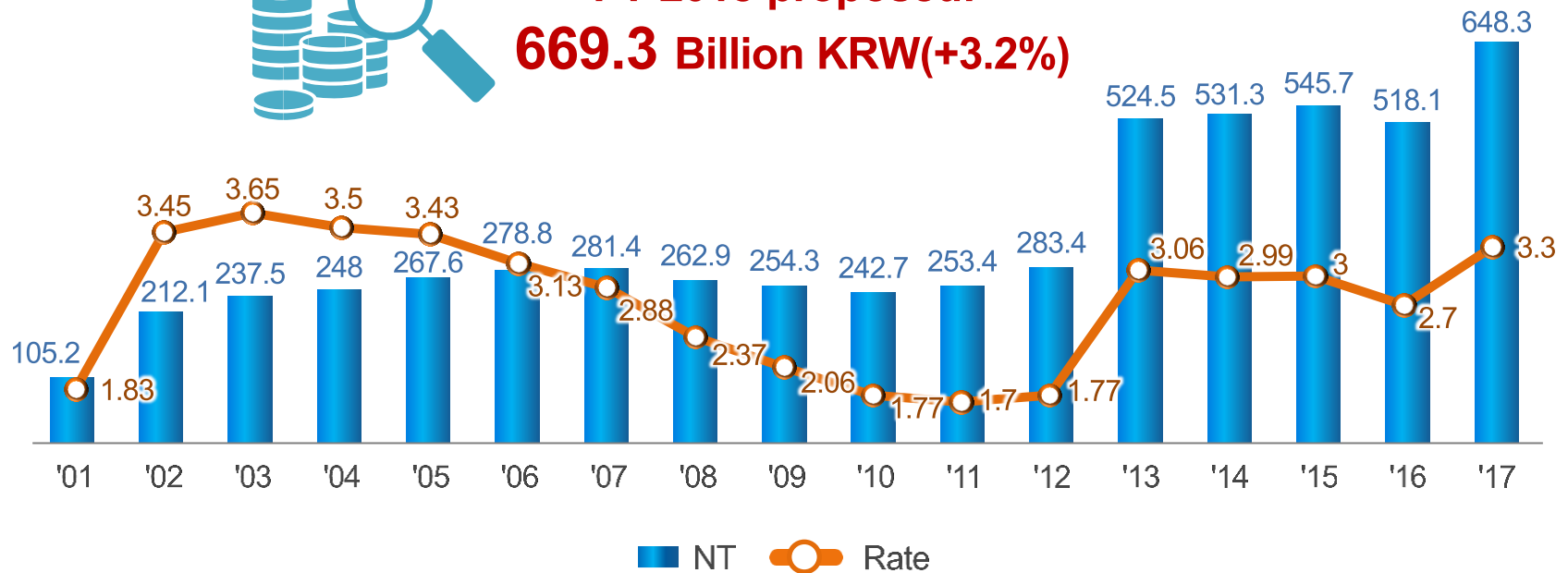


# Government R&D Investment in NT

The total amount of '17 government R&D investment in NT  
: **648.3 Billion KRW** (3.3% of total government R&D investment)



**FY 2018 proposed:**  
**669.3 Billion KRW(+3.2%)**



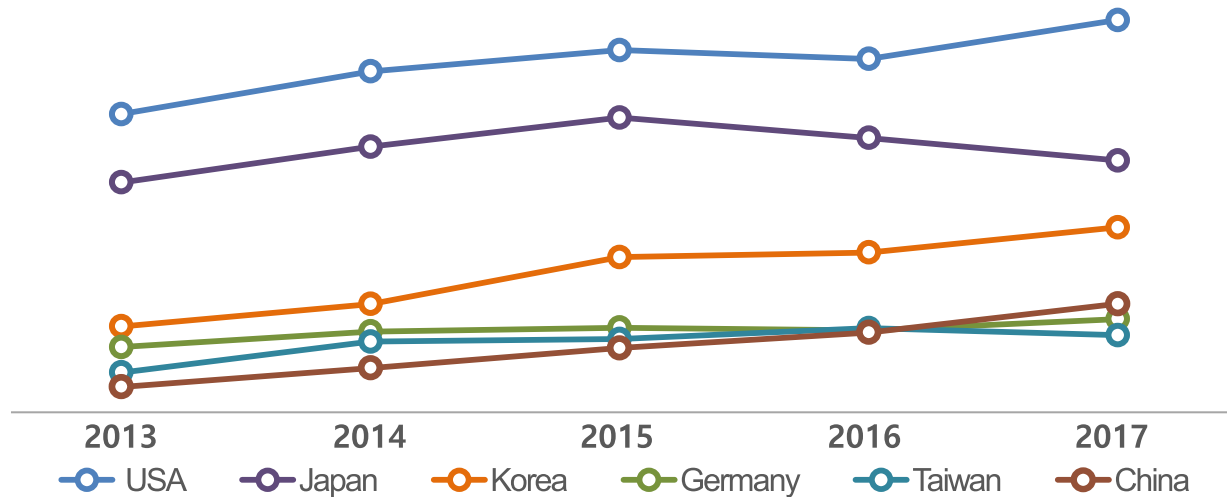
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# Key Achievements - ① R&D Performance(1/3)

## Patents

The number of patents in NT: ranked in the **top 3** in the world since '08  
(continued increase to 1,133 in '17)

### Trends in NT Patent of Major Countries('13~'17)



	USA	Japan	Korea	Germany	Taiwan	China
<b>Accumulated Total ('01~'17)</b>	81,994	19,101	8,064	7,394	4,905	3,503
<b>Accumulated for 5 years ('13~'17)</b>	34,954	7,594	4,532	3,114	2,814	2,702

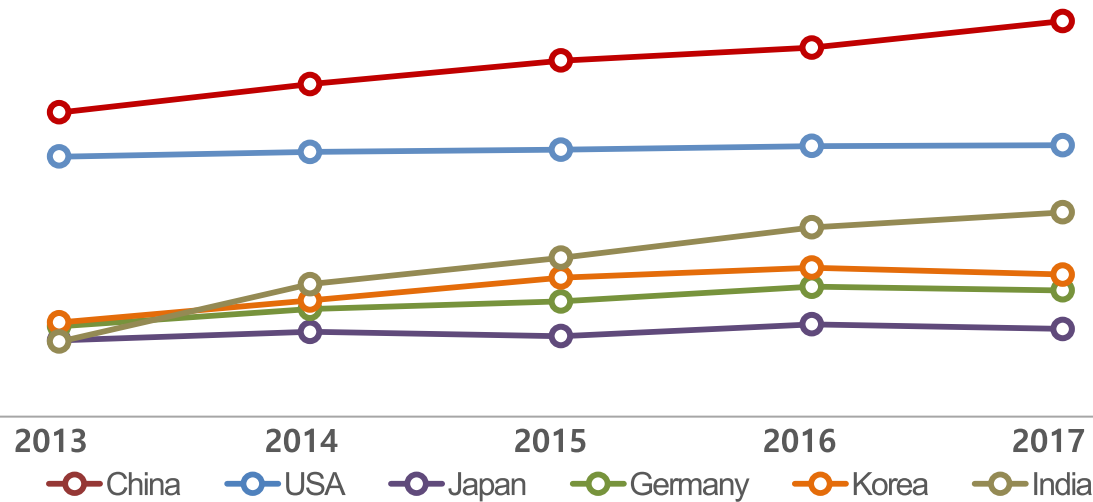
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# Key Achievements - ① R&D Performance(2/3)

## Articles

The number of SCI articles in NT: ranked in the **top 5** in the world since '01  
(published 9,022 articles in '17 (ranked in the top 4))

### Trends in NT Articles of Major Countries('13~'17)



	China	USA	Japan	Germany	Korea	India
<b>Accumulated Total ('01~'17)</b>	366,900	277,353	106,048	102,624	87,171	77,122
<b>Accumulated for 5 years ('13~'17)</b>	219,805	115,766	36,844	41,082	43,114	46,540

Source : 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan

# Key Achievements - ① R&D Performance(3/3)

## Successful example of R&D Performance

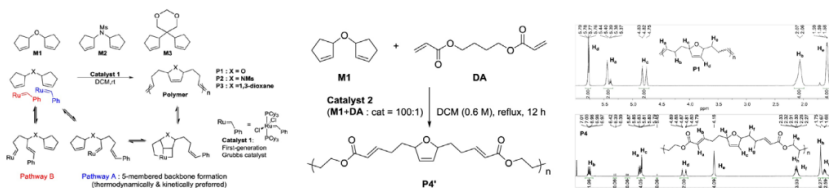
### '16 Representative Performance (Basic research field)



#### Synthesis of polymer by tandem reaction

- Development of new methodology for polymer synthesis of advanced materials

Tae-Lim Choi  
Seoul National Univ.



### '17 Representative Performance (Energy & environmental application field)

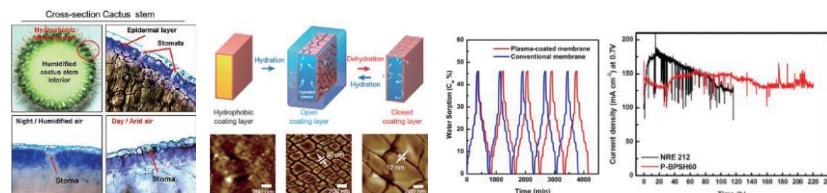


#### Development of next generation polymer ion exchange membrane for fuel cell with self-humidifying effect

- Nanocrack-regulated fuel cell membrane through cactus biomimetry

Young Moo Lee  
Hanyang Univ.

- \*High performance with long-term stability
- \*Price competitiveness for commercialization



Source: KIESTP 'Top 100 R&D performances' supported by Nano.Material Technology Development Program (NRF, MSIT)

## Successful example of NT R&D Performance

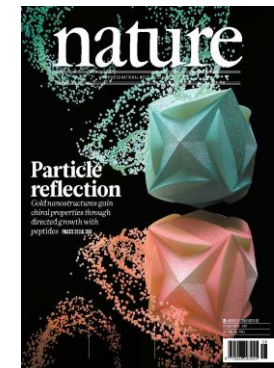
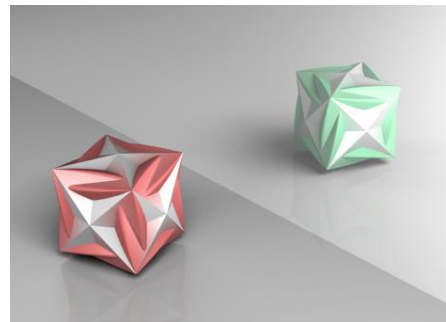
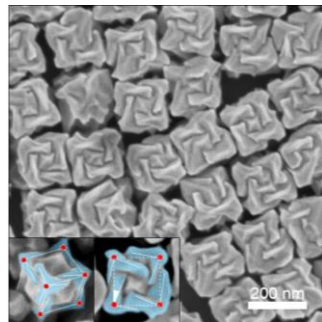
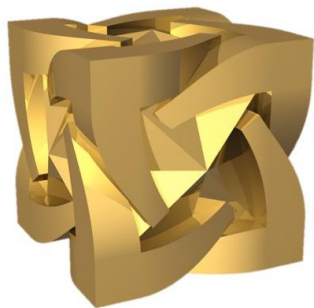
### '18 Representative Performance (Basic research field)



Ki Tae Nam  
Seoul National Univ.

#### The world's first successful synthesis of mirror symmetric 10nm gold nano-geometry using peptides

- Structures that exist in nature but can not be artificially implemented in metal
- Selected as <Nature>'s cover paper as an important research achievement attracting international attention
- Academic progress in next-generation optical materials and catalysts fields



Amino-Acid- and Peptide-Directed Synthesis of Chiral Plasmonic Gold Nanoparticles, Nature, 556, 360-365 (2018)

Supported by Creative Materials Discovery Program, Global Frontier Program, Advanced Research Center Program through NRF funded by the MSIT

# Key Achievements - ② NT Convergence Industrial Core Index

In 2016, **increased** NT convergence industrial **core index** year-on-year



The number of domestic NT convergence companies

**673**



Sales

**135.98 trillion KRW**



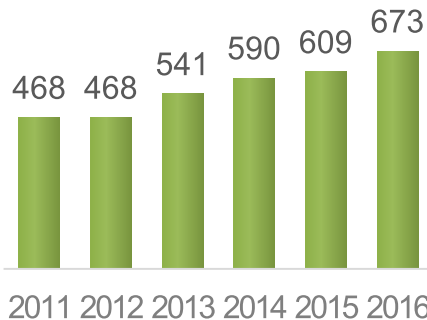
The number of employees

**150,460**

## NT Convergence Industrial Core Index ('11~'16)

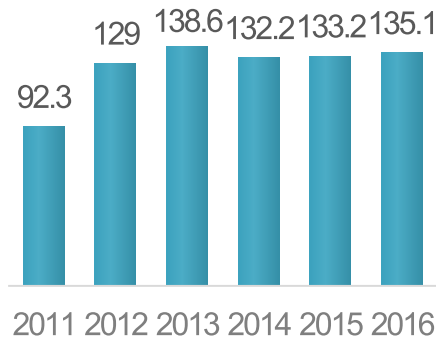
### The Number of Companies (ten thousand units)

**673** companies



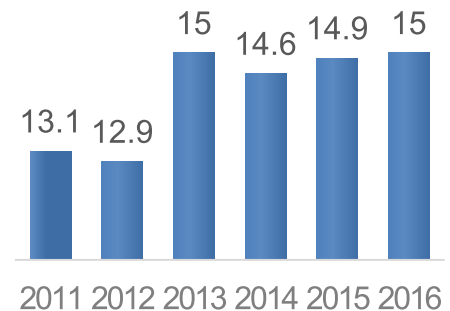
### Sales (trillion KRW)

**135.98** trillion KRW



### The Number of Employees (ten thousand units)

**150,460** jobs



Source: 2017 Nano Convergence Industry Survey

# Key Achievements - ③ Commercialization Performance(1/2)



NT transfer cases  
**438** (10.3%↑)



Royalty collection  
**16.2 billion KRW** (10%↓)

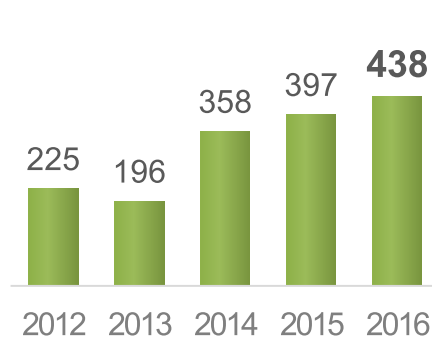


Commercialization cases  
**1,463** (60.2%↑)

## Royalty and Commercialization Performance of National NT R&D Project in recent 5 years

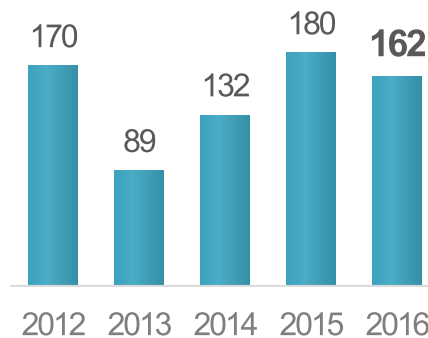
### NT Transfer cases

**1,614** cases



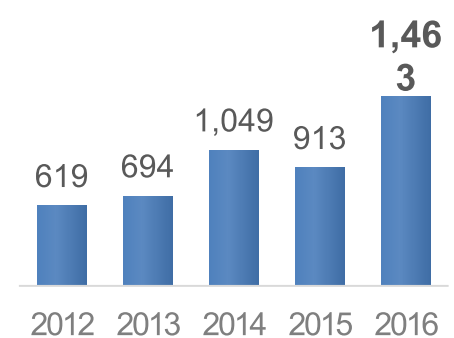
### Royalty collection (100 million KRW)

**733** million KRW



### Commercialization cases

**4,738** cases



※ source : National Technical Information Service(NTIS), 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan




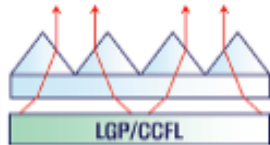
# Key Achievements - ③ Commercialization Performance(2/2)

## Successful NT Commercialization Performance Cases

**(Nano-convergence 2020 program)** promoted Joint R&BD project by Ministry of Science and ICT and Ministry of Industry to facilitate basic research performance and commercialization (20.2 billion KRW in '17)

※ Successful early commercialization of nano-convergence technology and product development(7 cases), sales(108.1 billion KRW, cumulative 382.1 billion KRW), job creation(174, cumulative 665)

### '17 Representative Performances(supported by Nano-convergence 2020 program)

<b>technology</b>	Commercialization of flexible heat-generating smart film for harmful UV protection	Commercialization of prism coating solution using high refractive index organic/inorganic nanocomposite
<b>performance</b>	Developed transparent heat-generating film for ship/vehicles with non-indium nanoparticles deposited at room temperature	Developed prism coating solution for displays with improved brightness and energy consumption by applying nanocomposite
<b>product</b>		 <p>The optical path through the prism film</p>
<b>sales</b>	<b>3.8 billion KRW</b>	<b>5.4 billion KRW</b> (for medium and large size TV)

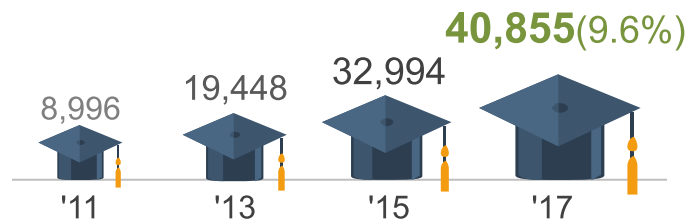
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# Key Achievements - ④ Human Resources

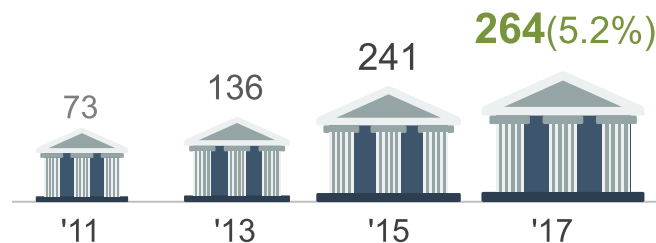
- Human resources for research communities and industries

## Developing Human Resources in NT

No. of college students enrolled in NT related departments



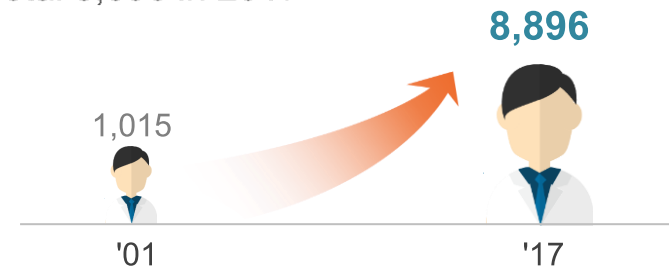
No of NT -related departments at Korean University



## Researchers/Industrial Manpower

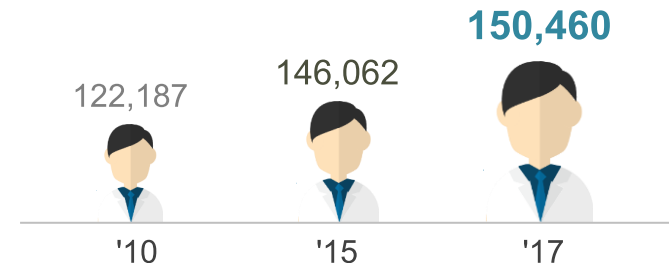
Researchers in NT

→ Total 8,896 in 2017



Manpower in NT convergence industries

→ Total 150,460 in 2017



Source: 2018 Nanotechnology Development Implementation Plan

# Conclusion

The Korean government has **continued to invest in NT R&D**.  
- **Focusing on basic research** areas, and the performances will contribute to NT industrialization.



'**The NNI-K(Phase 4)**' will be complemented by conducting an **Intermediate check** and a **New NT R&D program**



The newly established '**the 3<sup>rd</sup> National NT Roadmap**' will not only **set the direction of government policy**, but also **enhance the public's understanding of NT**.





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