


# Private Sector participation in building resilient Agro-Food System:

Stories of Converging ICT & Agriculture in rural Korea

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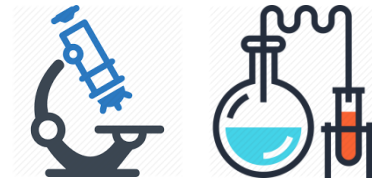
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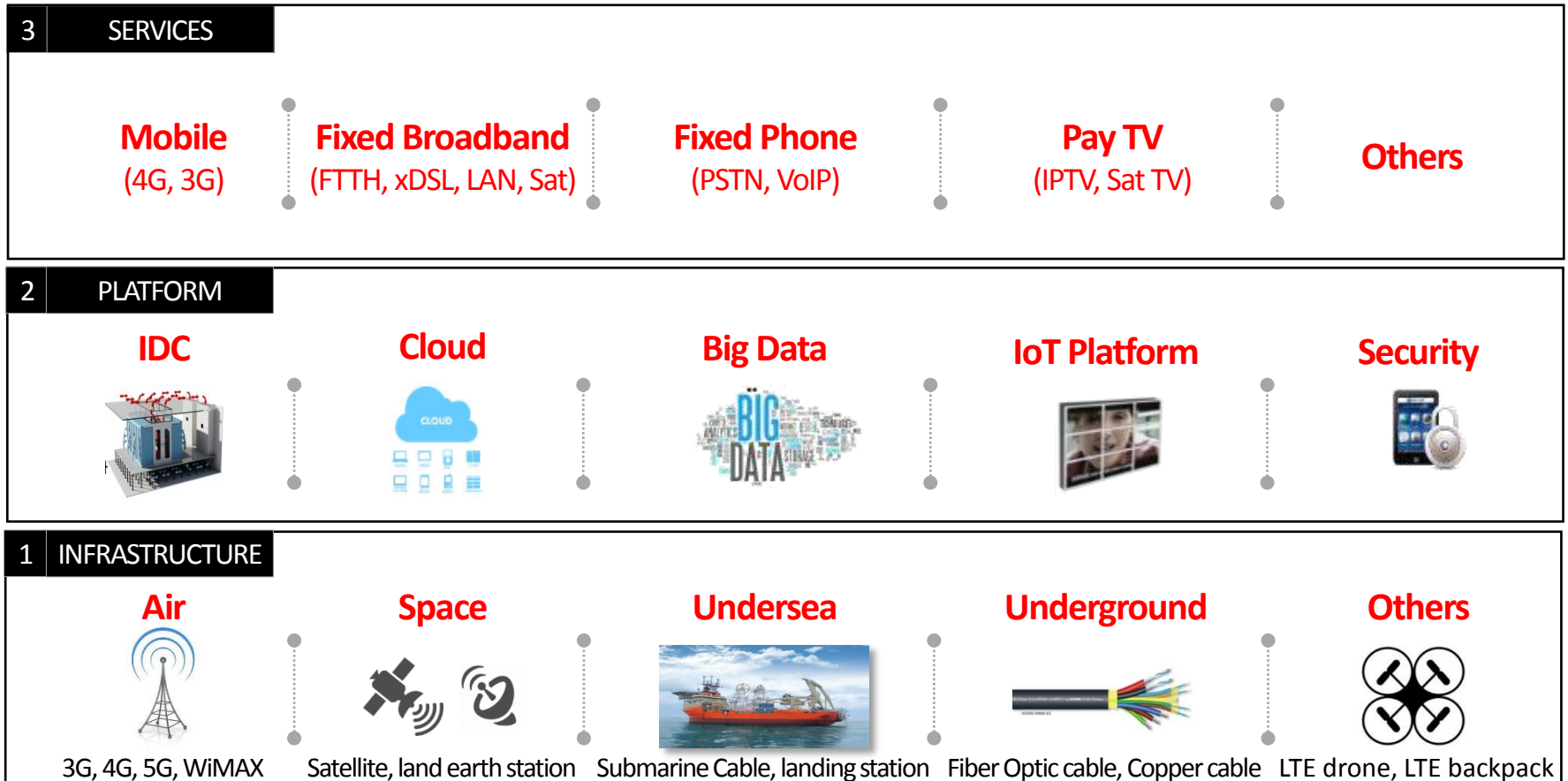


# Why Smart Farm?

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## Telecommunication Business.

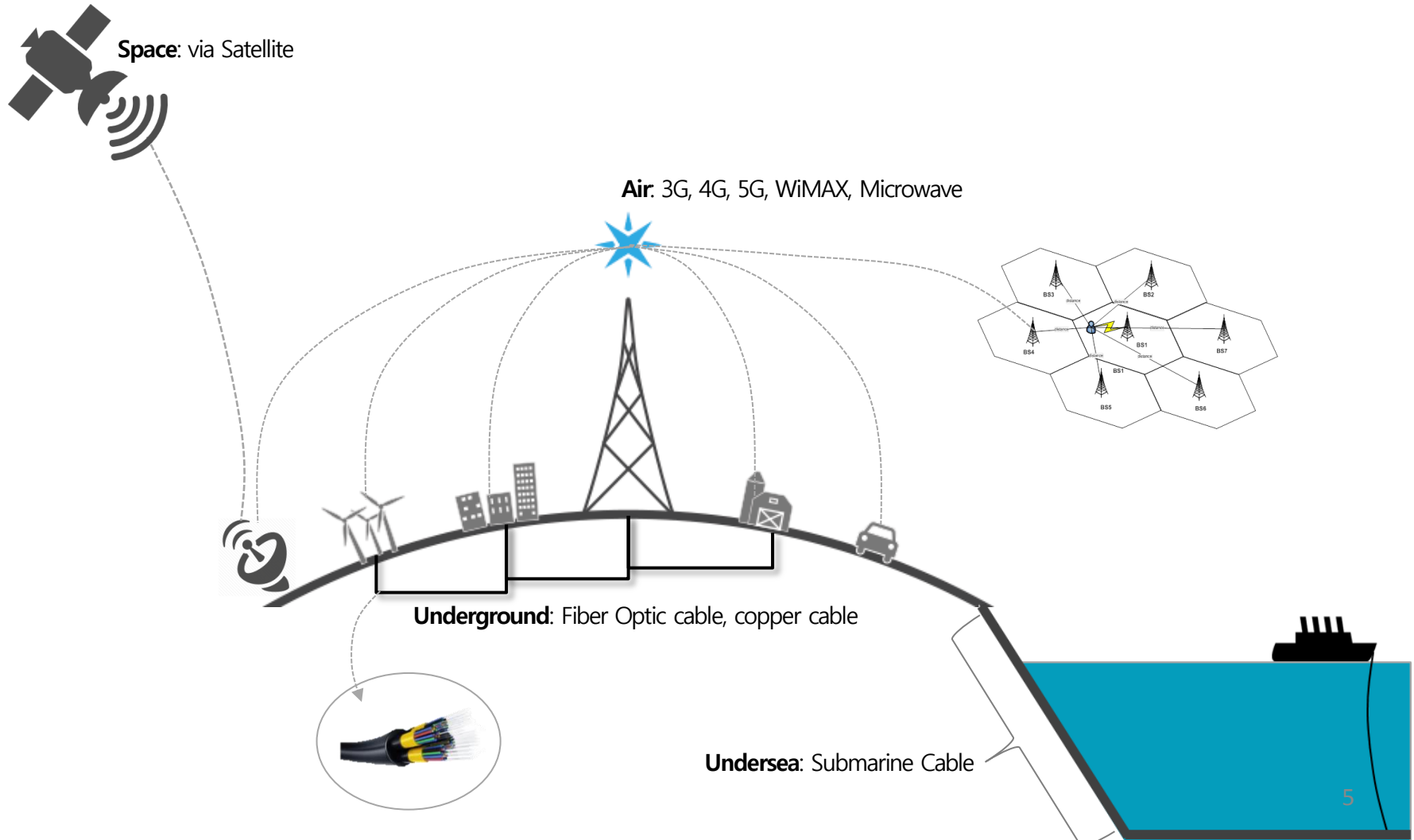




# Where are we?

KT until 2012

# Why Smart Farm?

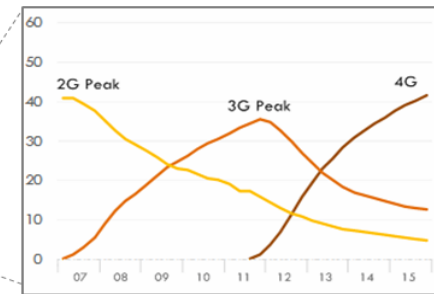
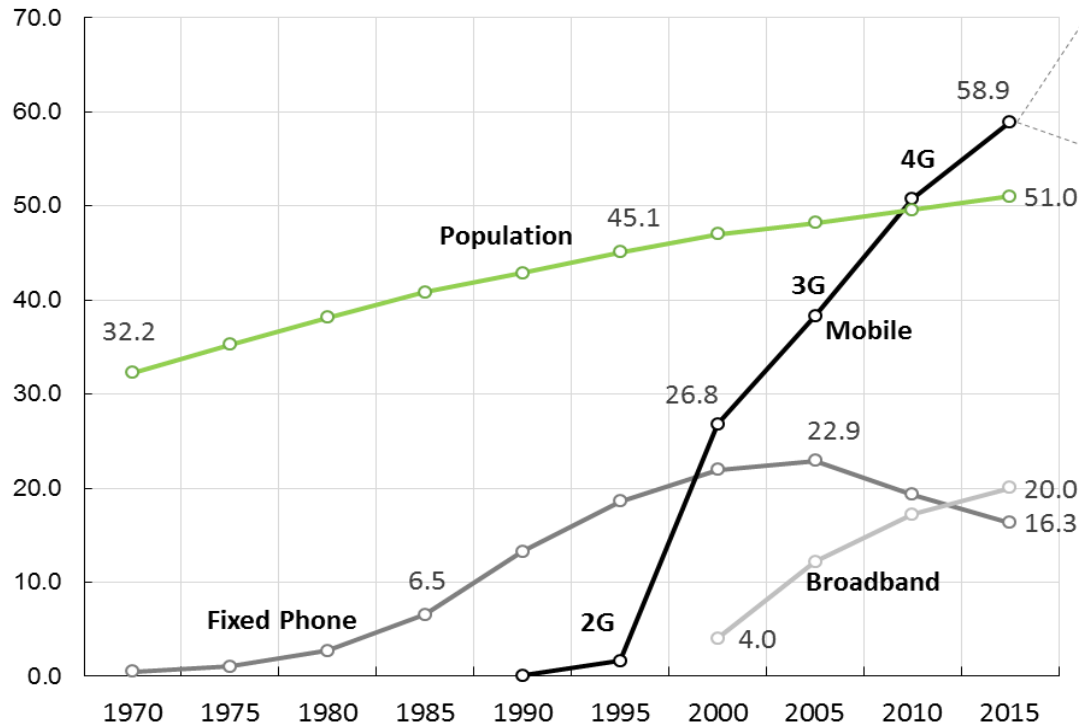


## Saturating Market

: Not much room left to grow in the traditional telecom market

[No. of subscribers in Korea's Telecom market]

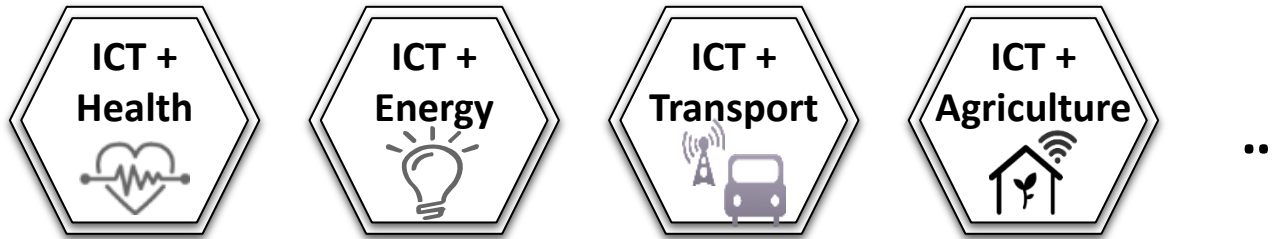
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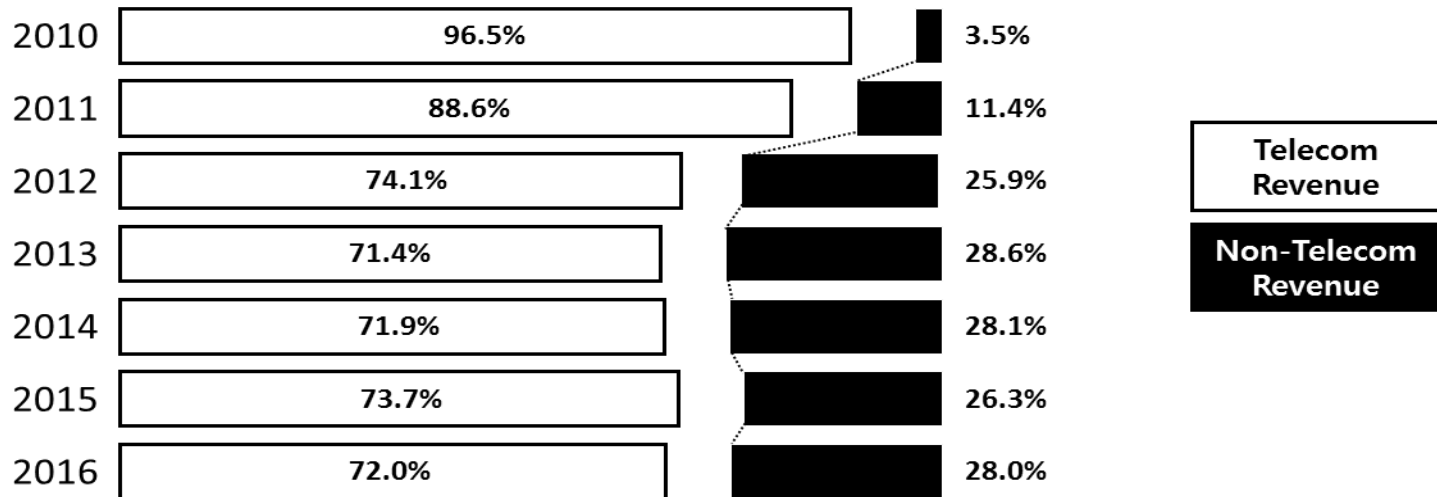


## Moving into Convergence Business

: Convergence: Merging of distinct technologies, industries into a unified whole)



[KT Revenue proportion of Telecom vs. Non-Telecom]



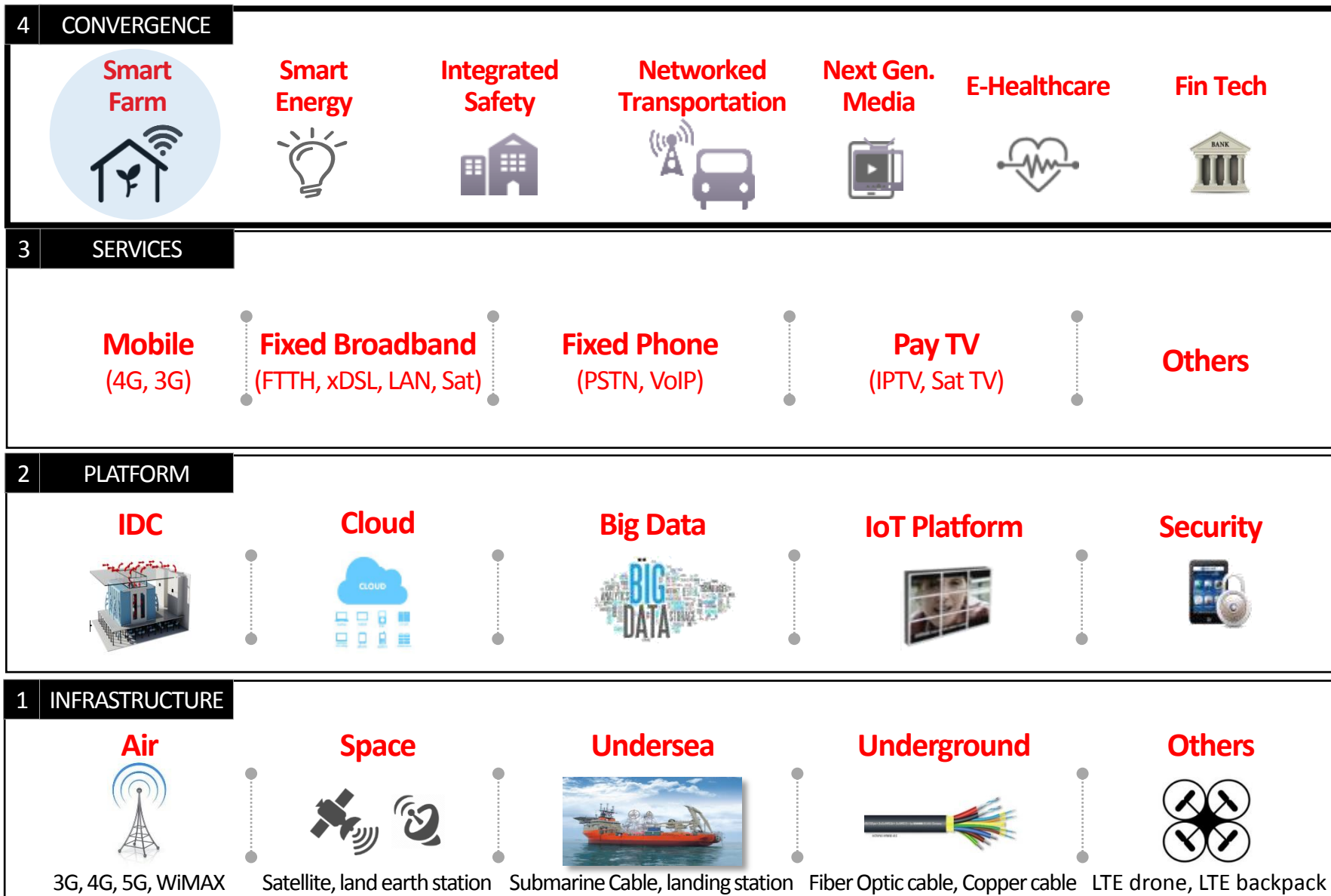
Source: KT Investor Relations (2017)



# Finding New Opportunities

Adding Convergence layer

## Why Smart Farm?





### Government

- Eager to promote Smart Farm industry
- Increase farms using Smart farms / Subsidy, financial instruments and support to farmers in adopting Smart farm / Plans to export Smart Farm overseas in the long term

### Demographics

- Farm population average age continues to increase / Farm population continues to decline
- But, Urban to Rural migration is steadily increasing (High competition in Urban areas, Retirement of baby boomer generation) / High ICT Development Index (ITU)

### Market

- Market in infancy and expected to grow / Low competition (mostly SMEs in Market)
- Need for Economy of Scale (Smart farm facilities and equipment too costly)
- More competitive food supply from other countries due to FTA
- Need to overcome Lack of Farming manpower through ICT
- Resistance towards large firms entering Agriculture sector from farmers

### Technology

- Rapid advancement of ICT that can be used in Agriculture Sector (Sensor, IoT, Big Data, Drone, etc. )

### Environment

- Climate Change, difficult to forecast weather

### KT

- Need for new market /Use KT's core strength in telecom/ICT
- Possible to provide Smart farm services even in rural and remote areas (Broadband coverage in Korea: 99.7%, 4G LTE coverage in Korea: 99.9%)
- Well known company and brand especially in rural areas
- 257 regional offices 23, 600 staffs covering all of Korea (operation and Maintenance)



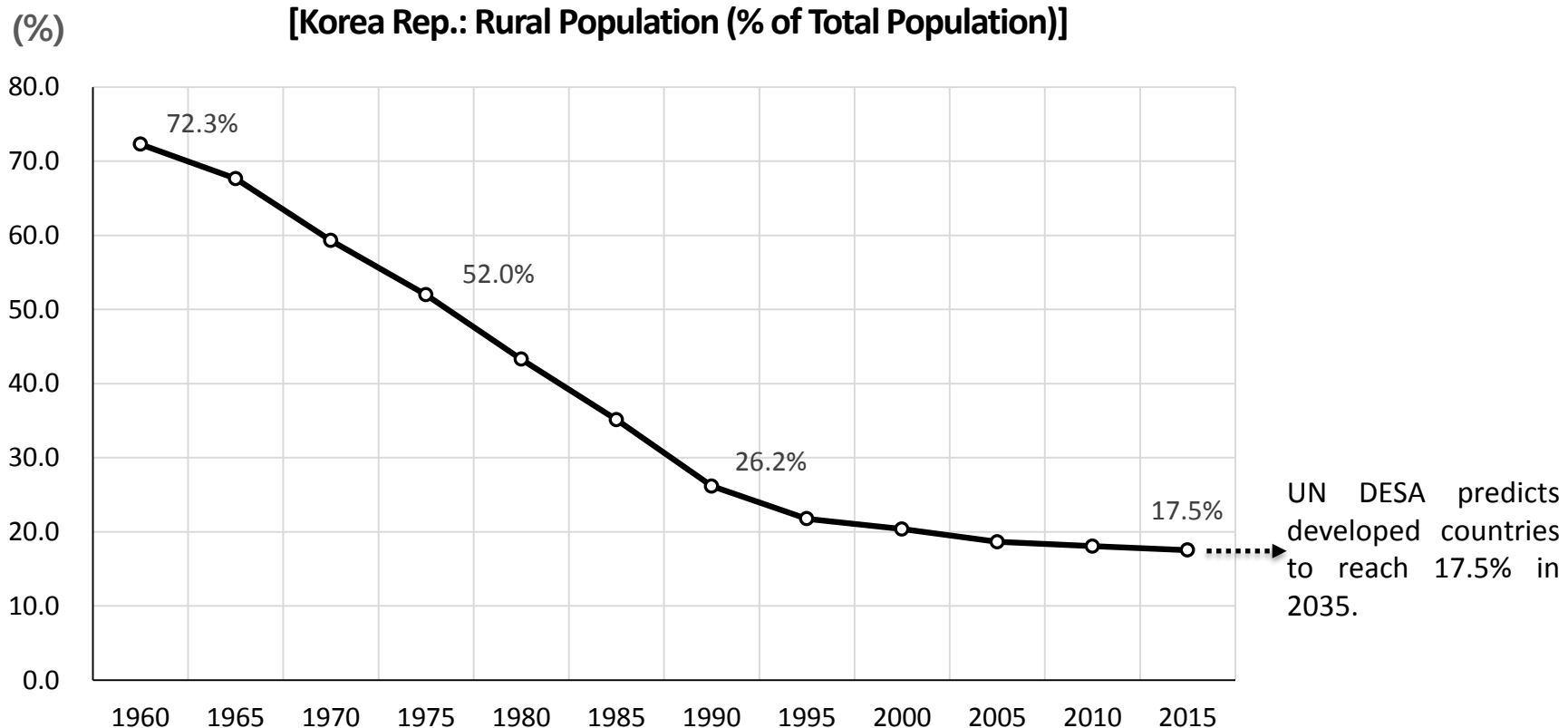
# Farm Demographics in Korea

Rural Population is already very small

## Why Smart Farm?

### High % of the population in Korea live in Urban areas.

: Rural population is now 17.5% of the total population



Source: World Bank (2017)



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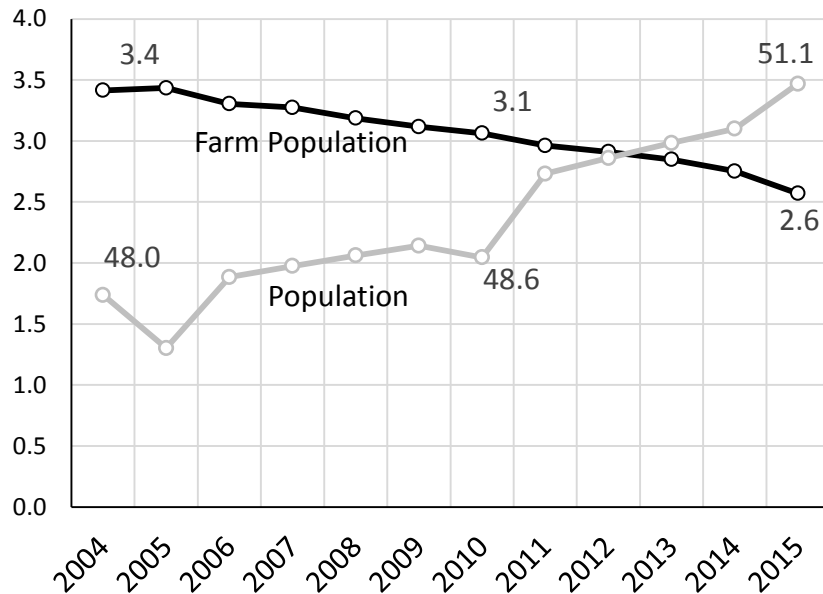
Farm Population ↓, Average age ↑

## Why Smart Farm?

**Farm Population continues to decrease.  
60+ age group takes up 53.1% of Farm population.**

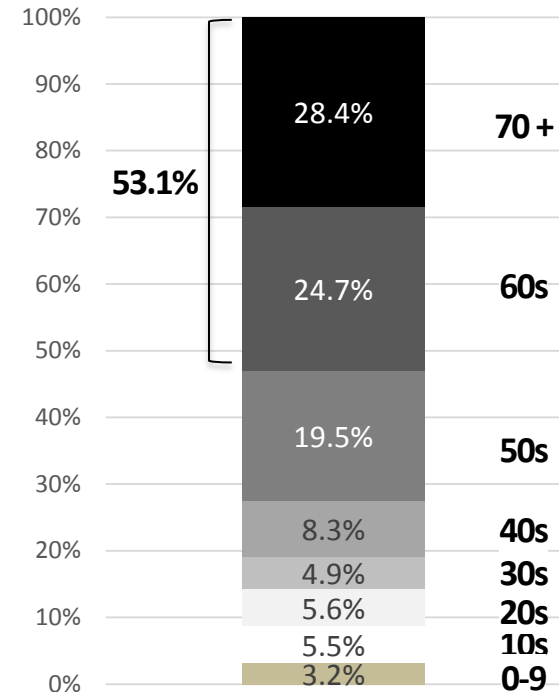
[Korea Rep.: Total Population vs. Farm Population]

Unit: Million



Source: Kostat, MAF (2016)

[Farm Population by Age Group]



Source: Kostat, MAF (2017)

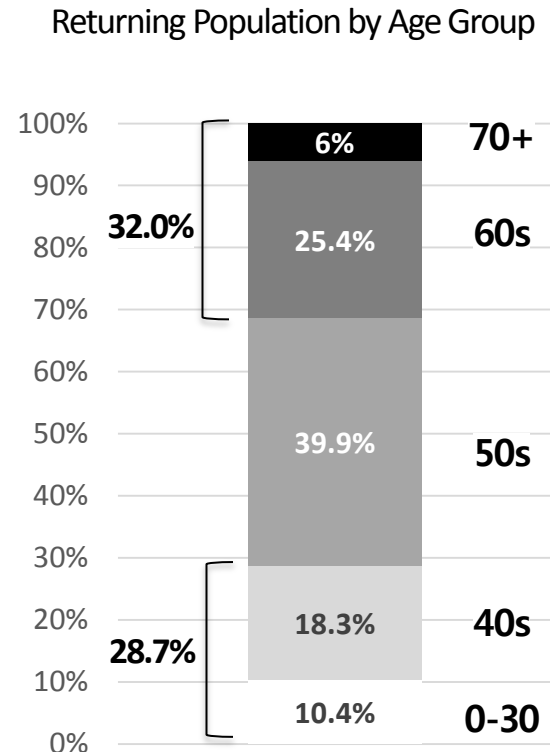
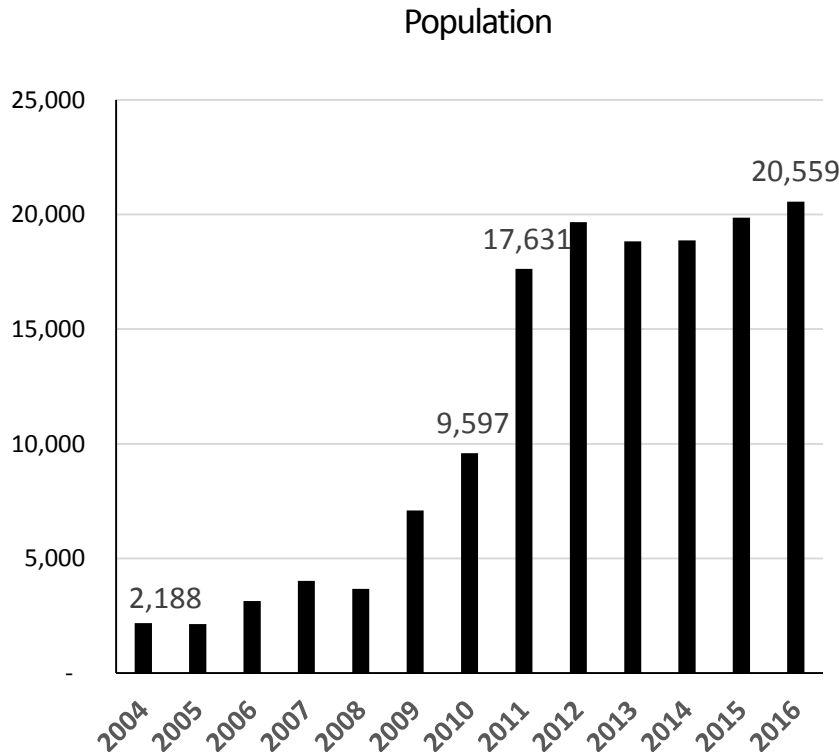


## Population returning from Urban to Rural area is steadily growing

: High competition in urban areas

Baby boomer generation starts to retire

### [Rep. Korea: Population returning to Rural areas for Farming]



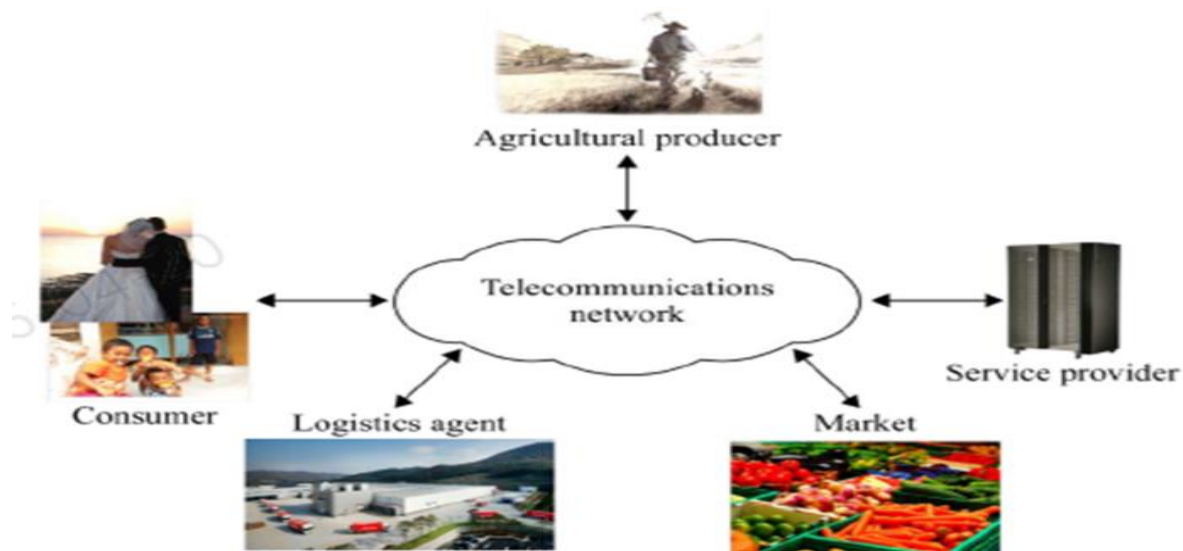


### Definition

**Smart Farming:** Service using networks to actualize a convergence service in the agricultural field to cope with various problems, e.g., time-varying weather changes, growth condition of farm products, and continual diseases or technical problems, such as battery life, sensor malfunctions due to severe conditions, with the aid of information processing and autonomous control technologies of the information technology (IT) area.

### Technology

Internet of Things (IoT), GPS, Sensors, Big Data, FTTH, LTE, etc.



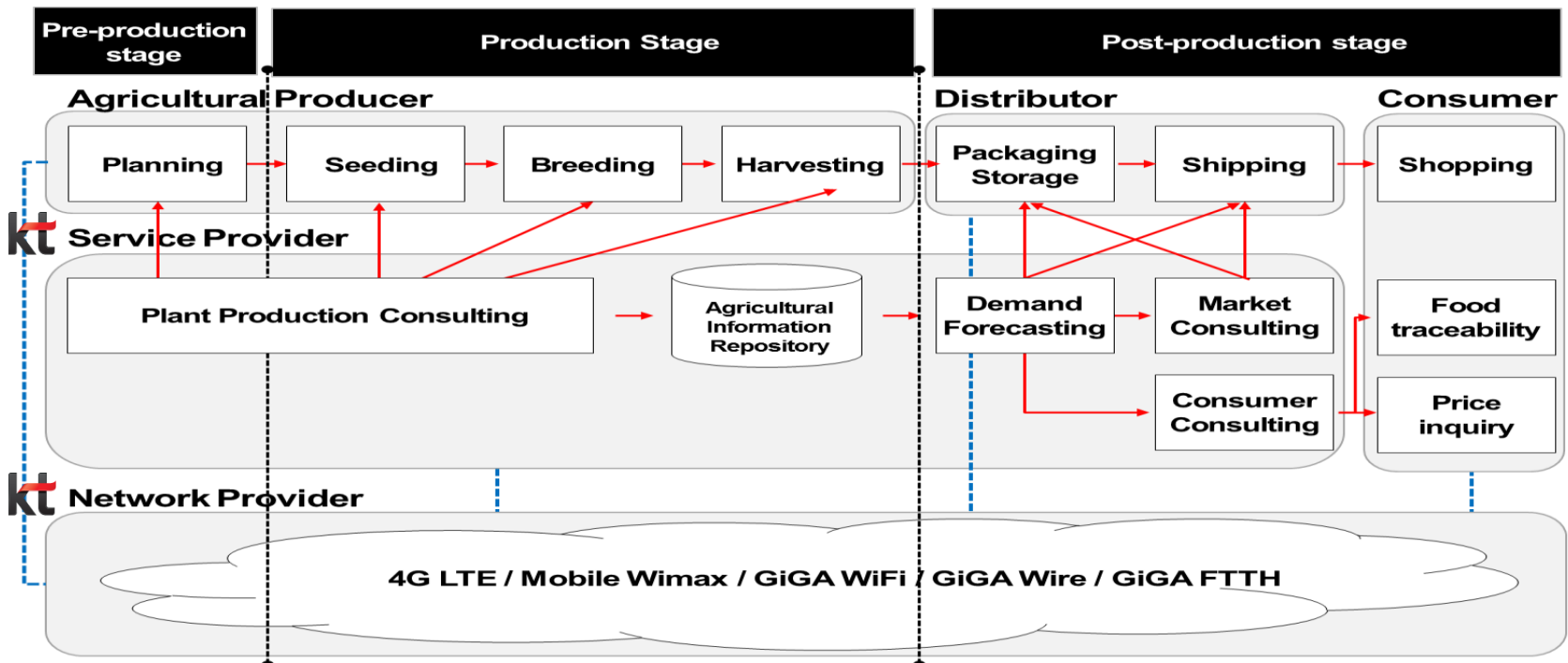


### Major Stakeholders

Agricultural producers, service providers, logistics agents, market distributors, customers and the telecommunications network that interconnects.

### Objective

To optimize the yield per unit of farming land by using the most modern means in a continuously sustainable way, to achieve best in terms of quality, quantity and financial return.



# Smart Farm industry in Korea

- A growing Industry
- Government Support





### Korea's Smart Farm industry is still in its infancy.

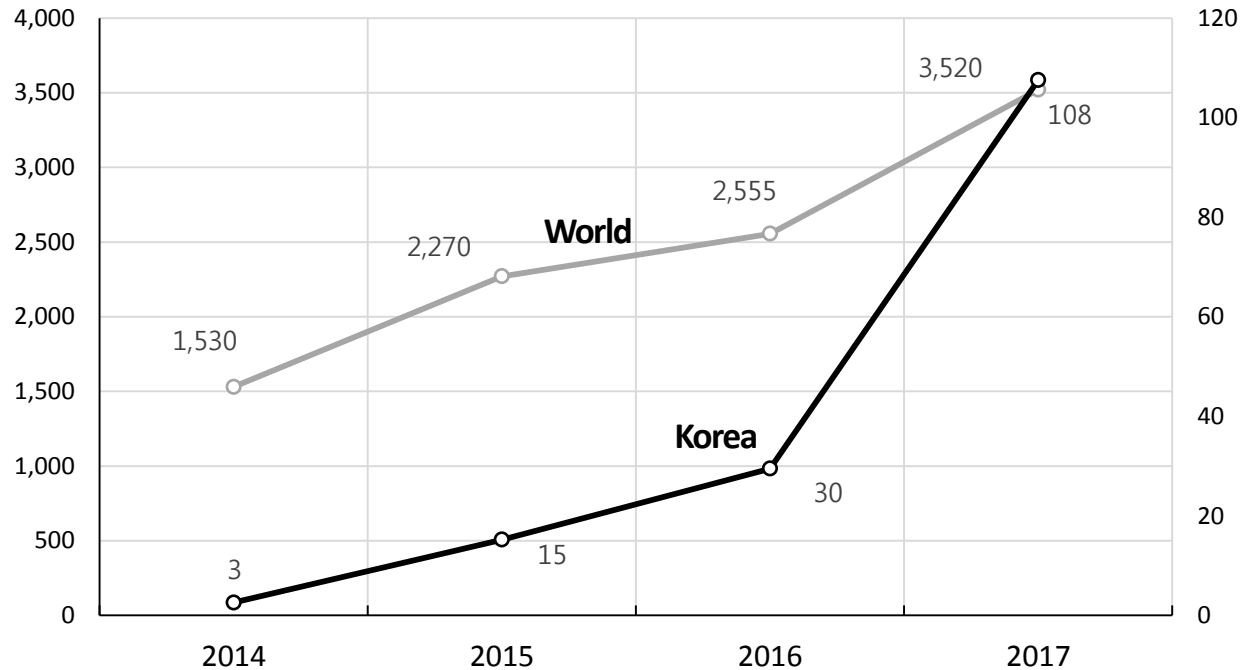
: But it also means there is room to grow

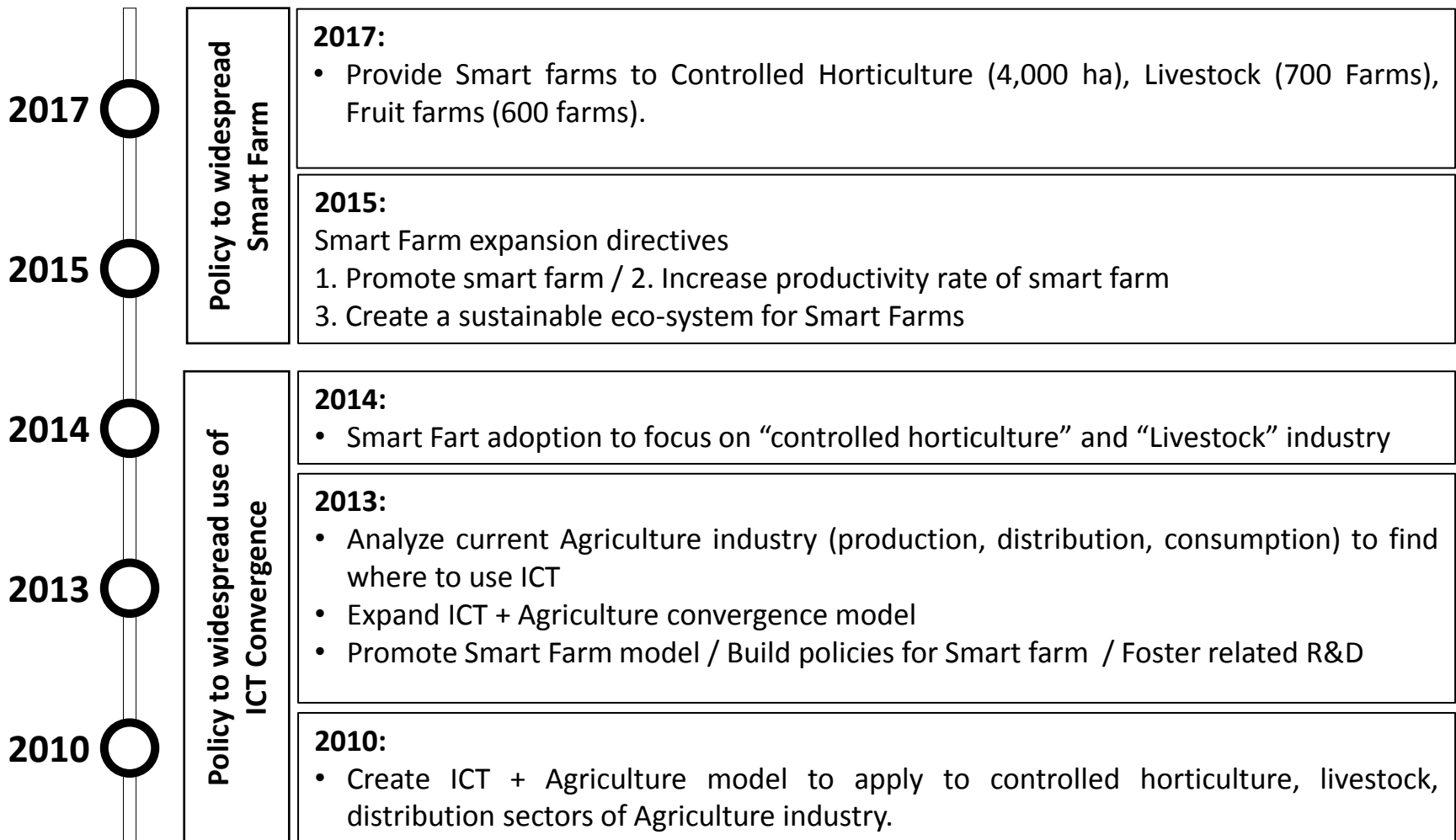
### [Smart Farm Industry expected growth]

World vs. Korea Rep.

Unit: USD Million

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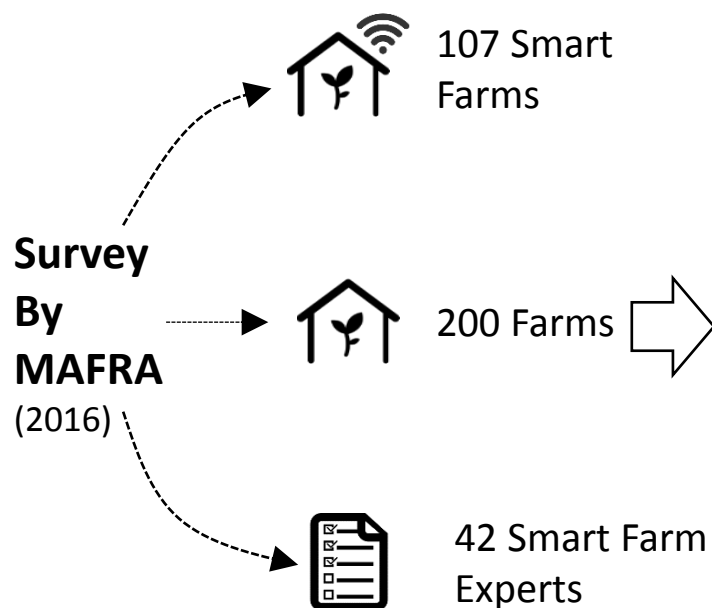




# Government support

## Farmer's Expectations and Concerns

## Smart Farm Industry in Korea



Expected Benefits	Concerns	Government Support
Productivity increase	<b>Need for Financial Support</b> (Initial Smart Farm cost is too high)	Fund for Smart Farms
Income increase		Use of crowd Funding
Quality enhancement	<b>Reliability issue</b> Will Smart Farm or technology really help?	Leasing farm facilities
Reduced labor		Advertise best practice through media, forums, exhibitions, etc.
Extra income	Technical limitations Difficult to use ICT Need for continuous training Lack of standardization of core technology and parts.	Provide training and education. Assist in technology development (R&D)
More personal time		

\*MAFRA: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

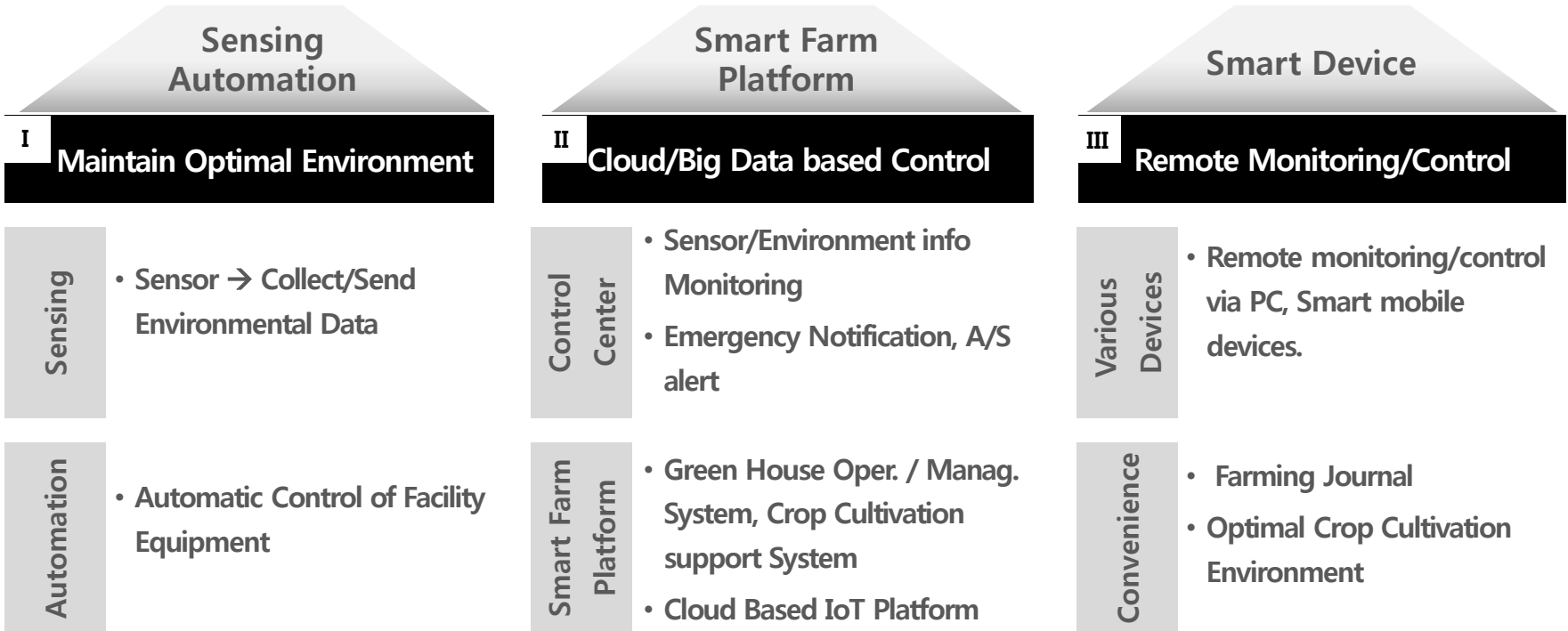
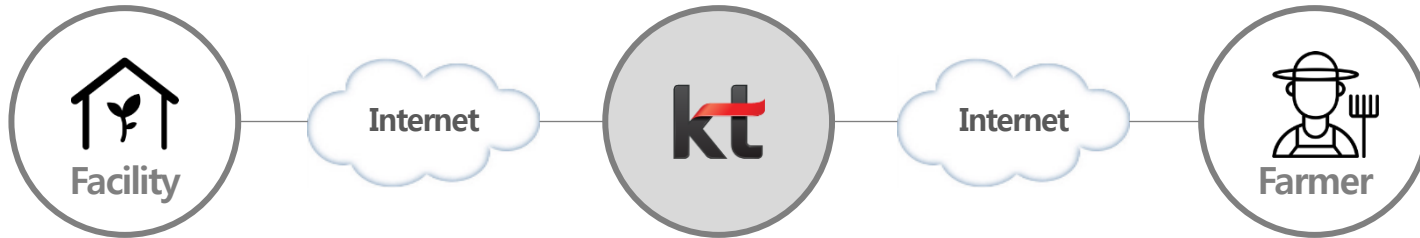


<b>Government Support</b>		
<b>Eligible sector</b>	<b>Specific items</b>	<b>Subsidy</b>
<b>Horticulture Smart farm</b>	Smart farm (sensors, control panel, etc.) & related equipment (nutrient, sunblock, Co2 etc.)	Government subsidy 20%, Government loan 30%, Rural government subsidy 30%, Farmer 20% Loan condition: interest rate per annum 2% (3 year grace period, 7 year payback)
<b>Fruit Smart farm</b>	Equipment to prevent environment hazards, disease, pests, control equipment to spray water, nutrient, pesticides, information system, etc.	Government subsidy 20%, Government loan 30%, Rural government subsidy 30%, Farmer 20% Loan condition: interest rate per annum 2% (3 year grace period, 7 year payback)
<b>Livestock Smart farm</b>	Feeding and management Software, stable management system and automatic feeder, instrument grader, etc.	Government subsidy 30%, Government loan 50%, Farmer 20% Loan condition: interest rate per annum 2% (3 year grace period, 7 year payback)

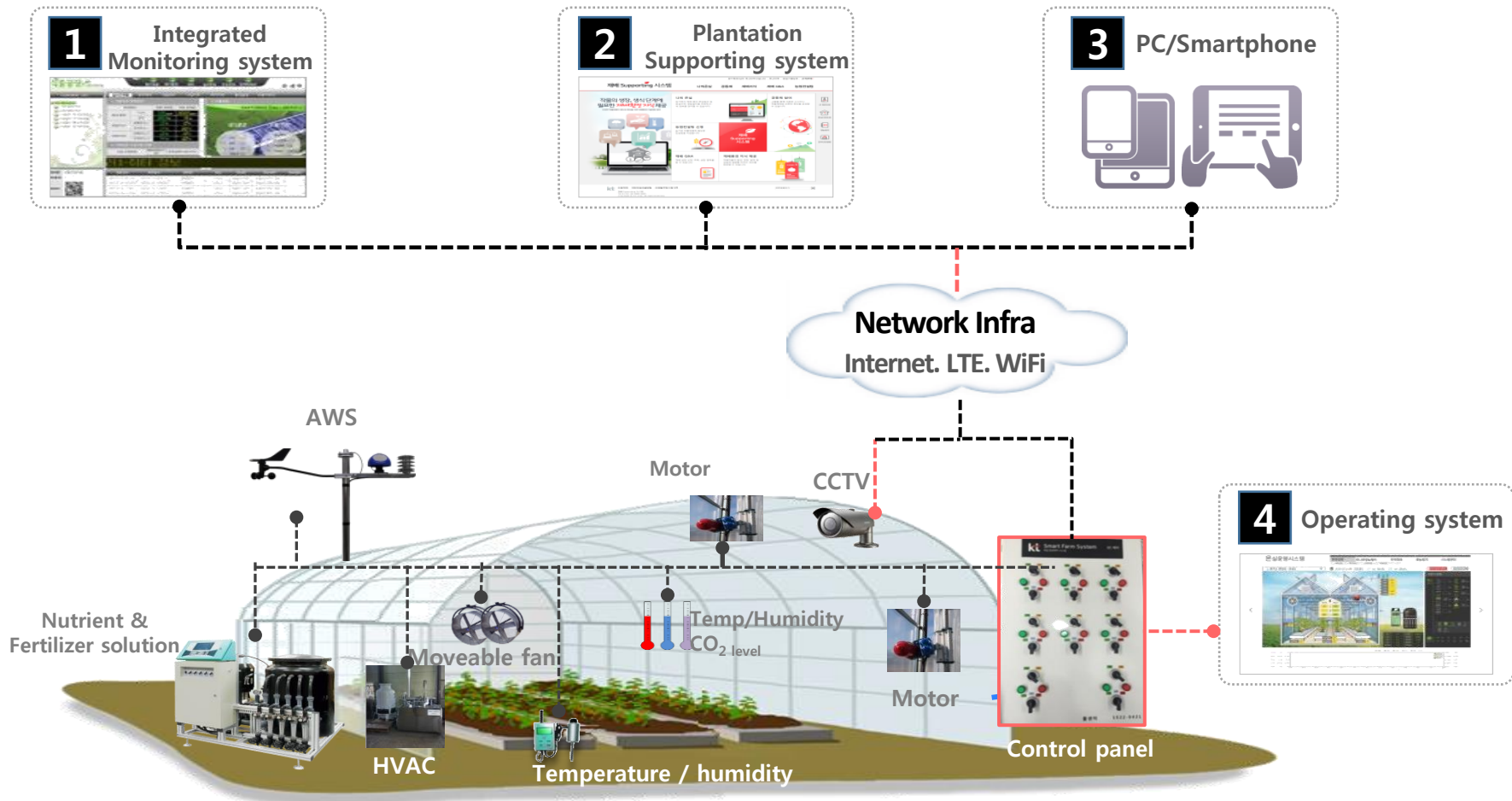
# KT Smart Farm

- Concept & Service Overview
- Smart Farm related Organization
- Support to Smart Farmers
- Smart Farm Benefits
- Journey so far (Reference)





Smart Farm consists of an operating system that can monitor and analyze crops using Network and control panels.





### Major Components



- **External weather service**  
- temperature sensor, humidity sensor, etc.



- **Internal sensor**  
- temperature sensor, humidity sensor



- **Controller**  
- wire/wireless combined



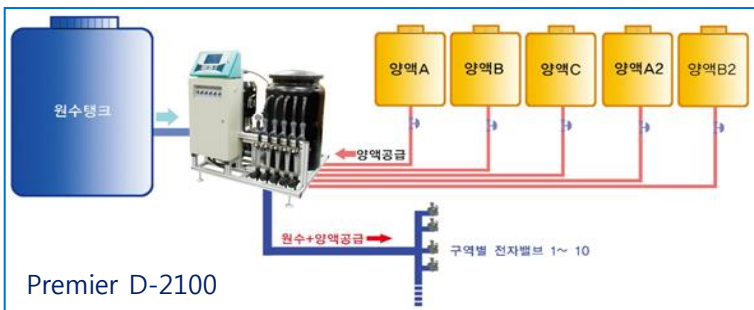
- **Power panel**  
- magnetic switch, manual control



- **CCTV**  
- motion detection/moisture-proof

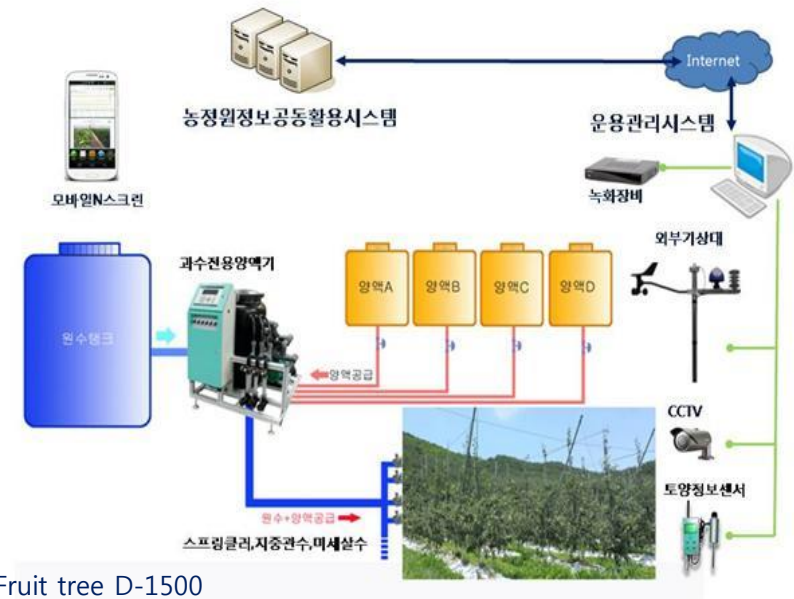
**Nutrient(watering) control system: automatically provides nutrient(watering) to plant via our control system.**

### Controlled horticulture nutrient control system



- ✓ Automated control and detection of abnormal status
- ✓ Premier type can cultivate 2 kinds of plants with 5 kinds of nutrient line

### Nutrient control system for fruit trees



- ✓ Prevent sunscald and leaf burn through automatic watering with temperature presets
- ✓ Our system can promote the growth of fruit by adding liquid fertilizer supplying line

Internally developed system by KT that increases agricultural production and cultivation efficiency.

### Operation Management



- ✓ Adjusting cultivation environment for each crop

### Cultivation Support System



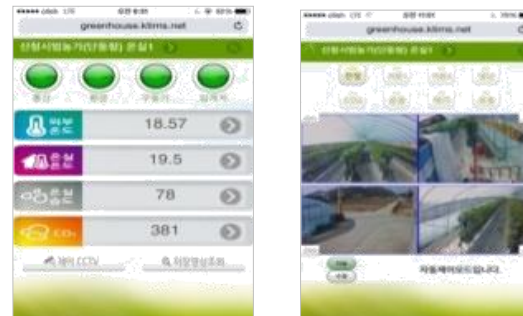
- ✓ Providing information and knowledge for cultivating crops

### Integrated Control



- ✓ Monitoring the environment of green house

### Using Mobile Application



- ✓ Integrating the control system via smartphone and tablet application

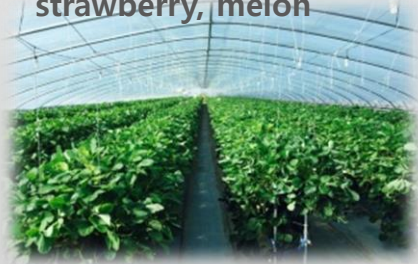
4 types of Smart Farm subject to ecology and scale of crop.

### 1 Single-span



Individual greenhouse

- ✓ Small sized greenhouse (0.08hectare )
- ✓ Simple environmental control : single environmental element control(fewer sensors, motors)
- ✓ Representative crop : strawberry, melon



### 2 Multiple

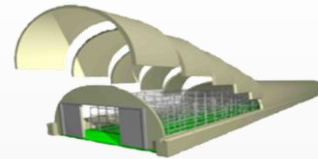


Interlinked multi-greenhouse

- ✓ Large scale greenhouse ( > 0.33hectare )
- ✓ Complex environmental control : over two environmental element control (insolation, CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity, etc)
- ✓ Representative crop : tomato



### 3 Dome house



- ✓ Non-photosynthetic plant
- ✓ Simple environmental control : fewer sensors – no need to control light
- ✓ Representative crop : mushroom



### 4 Plant factory



- ✓ Advanced farming under automatically controlled facility (insolation, temperature, humidity, nutrients, etc)
- ✓ Representative crop : lettuce, ginseng





# Overview of Services

## Implementation process

## KT Smart Farm

### Foundat ion



- Consider Soil, bearing power
- Grounding and leveling work
- Drainage work

### Heating work



- Rail heating considering uniform heat generation (6lines/bay)
- Select boiler capacity / thermal storage tank

### Steel- frame work



- Width /height : 8m/5.5m
- Column space/beam : 4m/8m
- Steel frame fabrication

### Nutrient solution irrigation



- Slab : 6 lines/bay
- Consider Plumbing space / hot water/nutrient /acid tank

### Sheathin g work



- Material : PO film(polyolefin)
- Thickness : 0.15mm

### Bed



- 6lines per greenhouse
- Able to adjust the height
- Elevated bed for easy farming

### Curtain installati on



- Horizontal full-wire system
- Heat reserving /light shading → dual screen

### Smart farm solution



- Support PC, mobile access
- Remote integrated control
- Provide correlation between growing environment and crop (in near future)

**Using the industrial drone in agriculture to support labor force, to increase productivity of crops and to support controlling Smart Farm's facilities.**

#### [ Composition of Agricultural Drone ]



Farm field



GCS(Ground Control System)

Remote Monitoring & Operation

#### Effects: Reducing resources and increasing Productivity

- ① Support labor force in rural area
- ② Rapid decision using detailed monitoring and analyzing
- ③ Possible to control larger area
- ④ Effective distribution of fertilizer and pesticide

#### Coverage

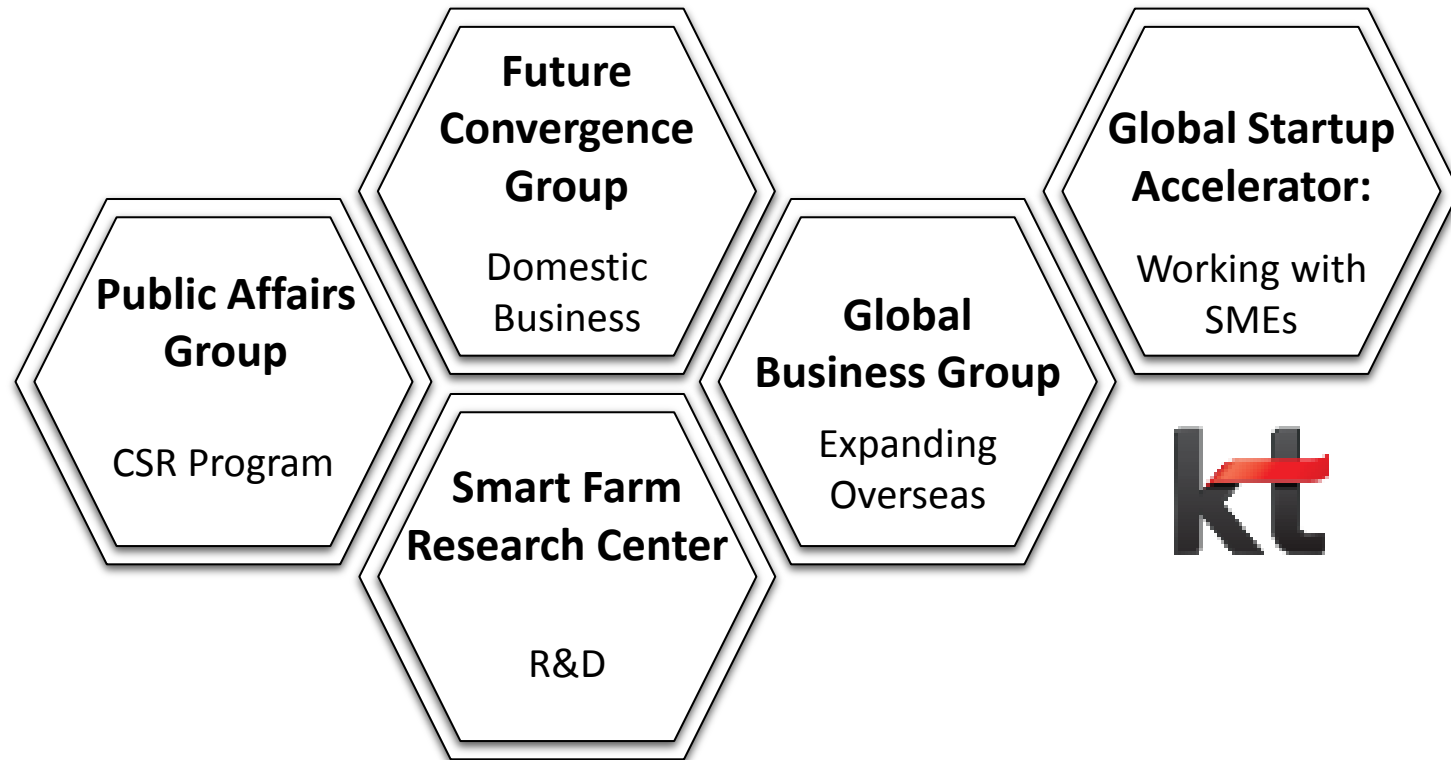
- ① Monitoring the farm
- ② Distribution of fertilizer and pesticide
- ③ Monitoring insects and crops
- ④ Predict crop production



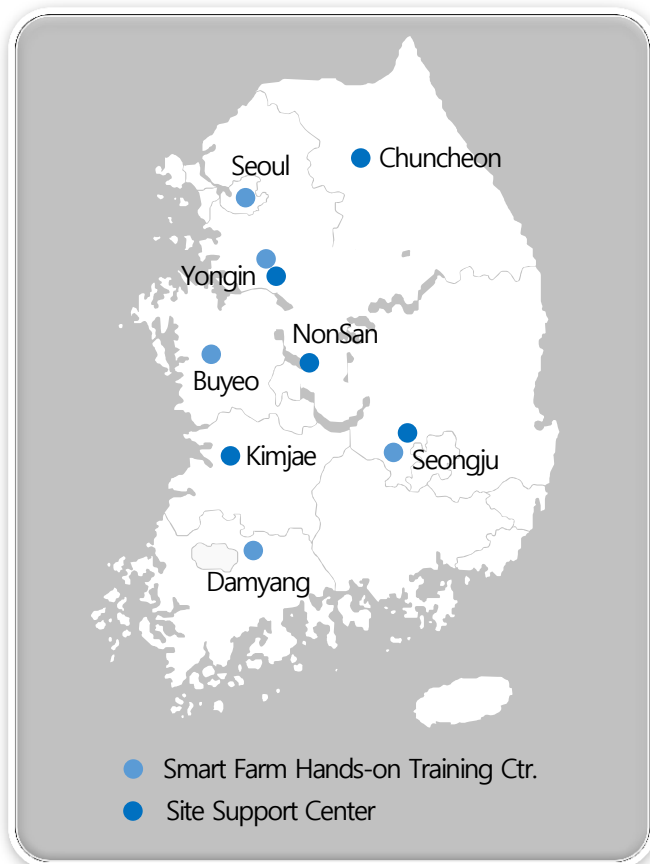
# Smart Farm related organizations in KT

From Research Centre to SMEs

KT Smart Farm



**Help and support available in order to solve difficulties in ICT Technology use in collaboration with RDA (Rural Development Administration).**



## 5 Smart Farm Hands-on Training Centre.

- **Experience & Learn about Smart Farm & Available Hands on Training**
  - Hands on Education & Training
  - Experience convenience & efficiency of Smart Farming

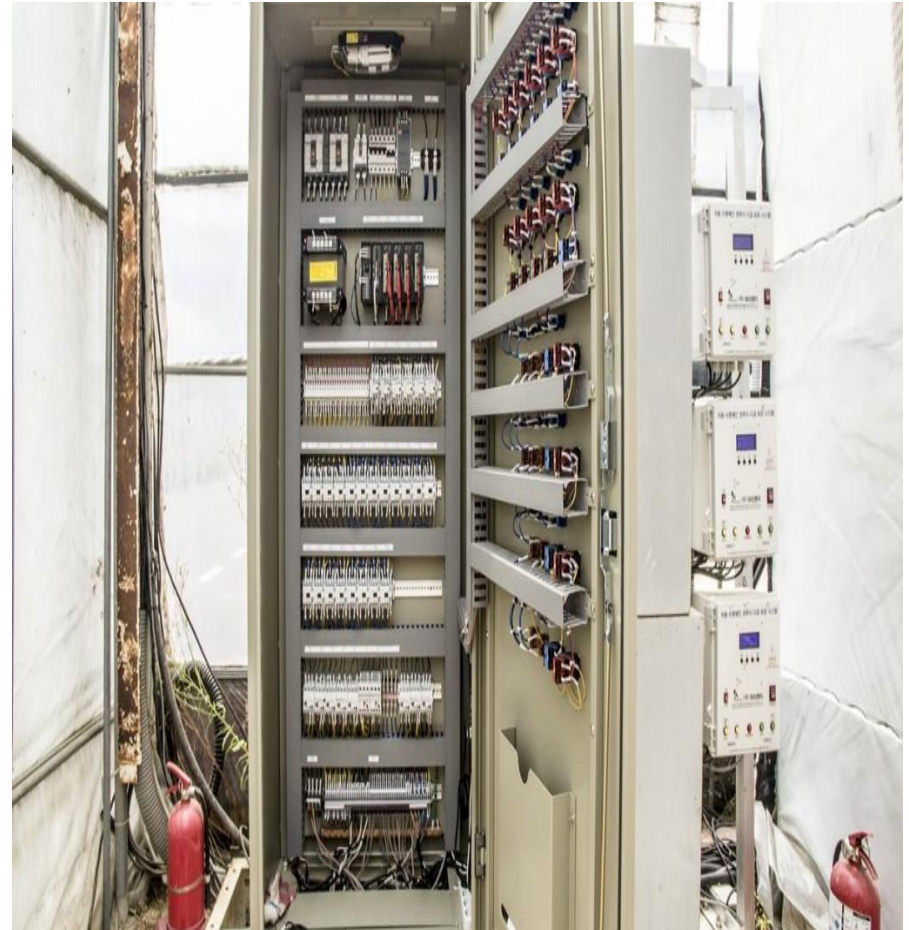


## 5 Site support Centre

- **A/S support near main production site**
- **Dedicated Smart Farm Call Center**  
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[KT Smart Farm training centre in Yong-in city Agricultural Technology Centre]



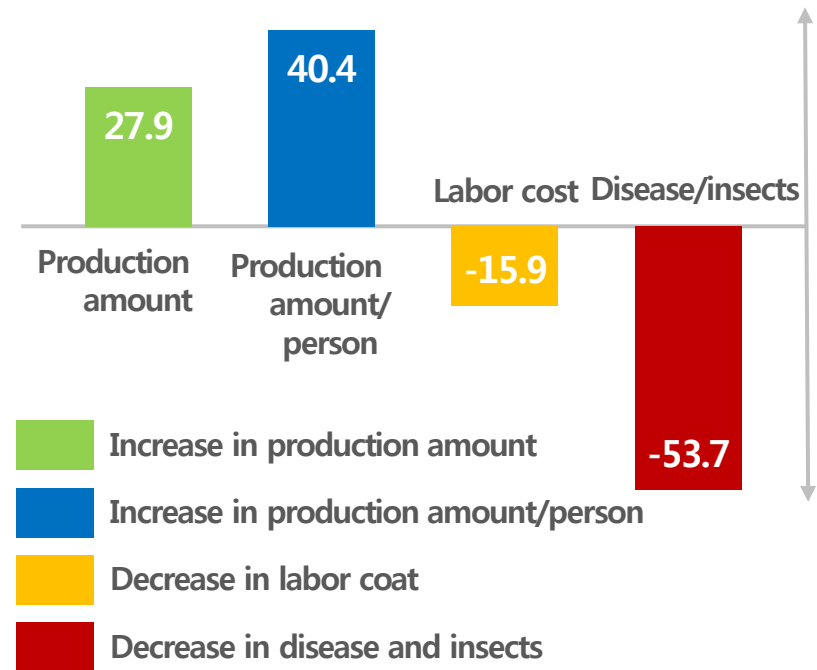


## Strengthening agricultural Competitiveness and increasing profit.

### Gaining competitive edge through Smart Farm

- **Extension of income base**
  - Controlling harvesting environment based on use of big data
  - Easy implementation using both S/W and H/W modules
- **Stable profit growth all year round**
  - Harvest crops all year round
- **Helping new farmers to settle in**
- **Sharing new farming technologies, knowledge (best practice)**
- **Assist in marketing and promotion**

### Smart Farm productivity breakdown\* (Scale: %)



✓ Implementation of Smart Farm results in increasing production amount, but decrease in labor cost, disease and insects.

### KT has various ICT convergence references in agriculture field.

Date	Project
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mushroom Smart Farm construction (Yeosu region)</li> <li>• Mushroom Smart Farm construction (Jeju Island region)</li> <li>• Single/Multiple unit Smart Farms construction: 100 farms</li> </ul>
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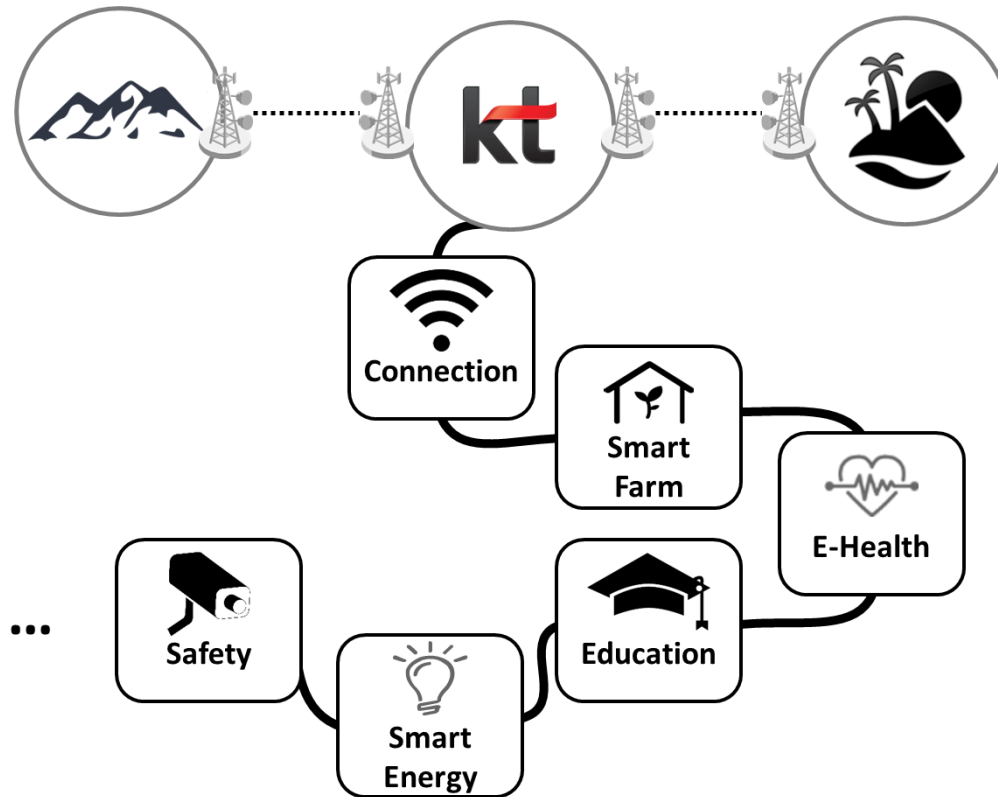
## Exploring & Experimenting

- Smart Farms to Bridge gaps (LED & Heating, for Schools, for the Disabled, simple sensors).
- Others (GS1 Agri-food information, e-commerce platform)



## GiGA Island projects (2014 - )

: Connecting 6 remote and isolated areas




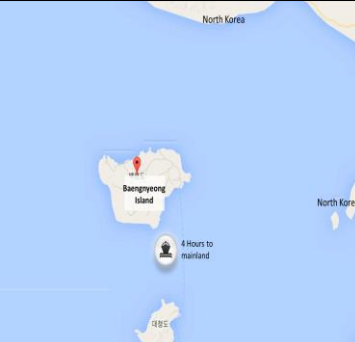




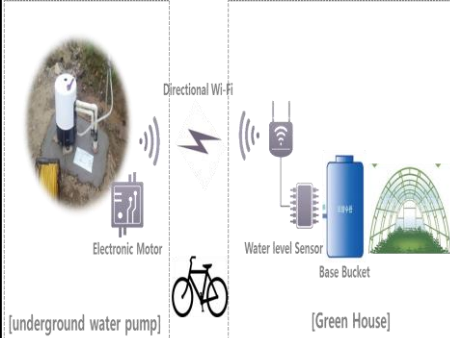




# Smart Farm to Bridge Gap

Smart Farms in GiGA island projects

# Exploring & Experimenting

<b>1</b>	<b>Imja Island</b>				
<p>a. Standard Smart Farm b. Smart Farm for School</p>					
<b>2</b>	<b>Baengyeong Is.</b>	<p>a. Standard S. Farm + b. LED lighting c. Hotwire Heating</p>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Gyodong Is.</b>	<p>a. Standard S. Farm + b. Water level sensors</p>			



### 4 Smart Farm for the Disabled



① Easy Access to the disabled people

② Height adjustment & Space utilization

③ Floors with wheelchair access

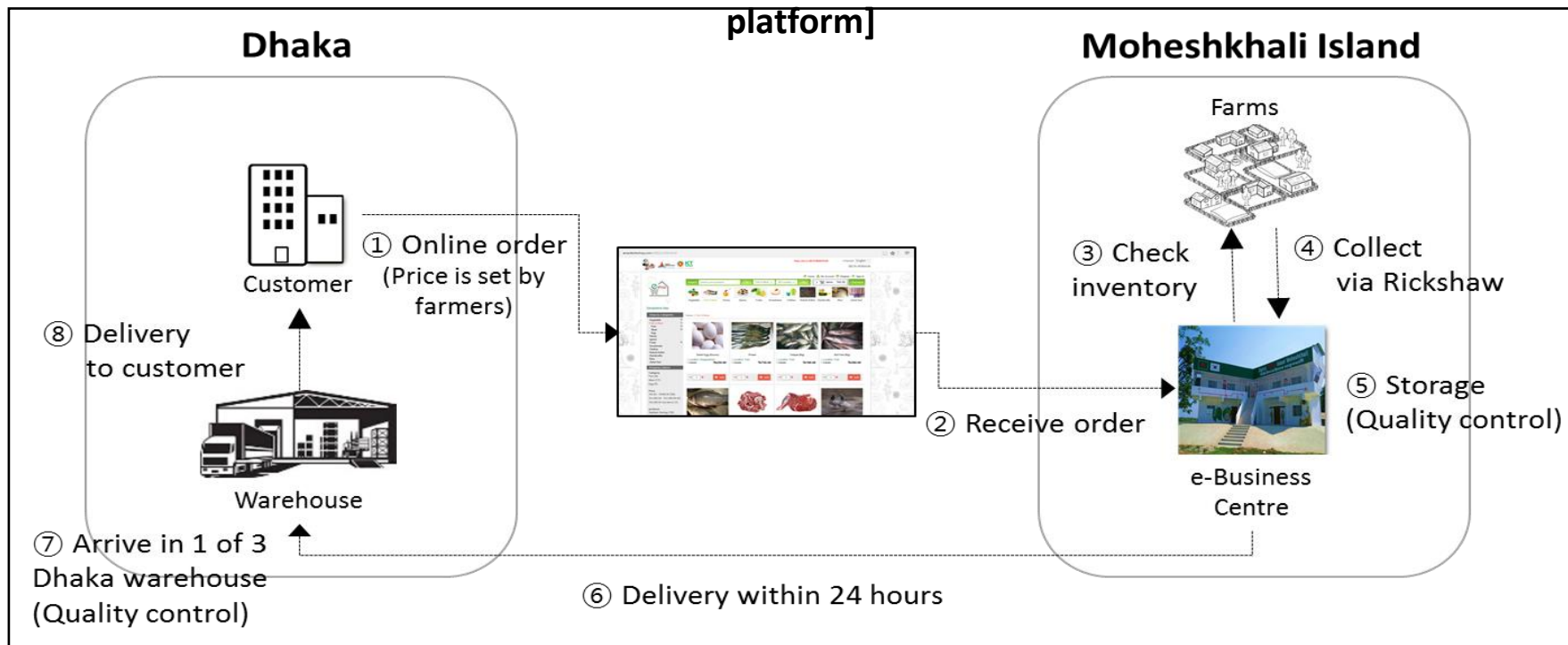


### 5 e-Platform for Agriculture



**Working together to create an e-platform for local agriculture in Moheshkhali island (Bangladesh).**  
: Telecom infrastructure already built by KT

#### [Overview of e-platform]



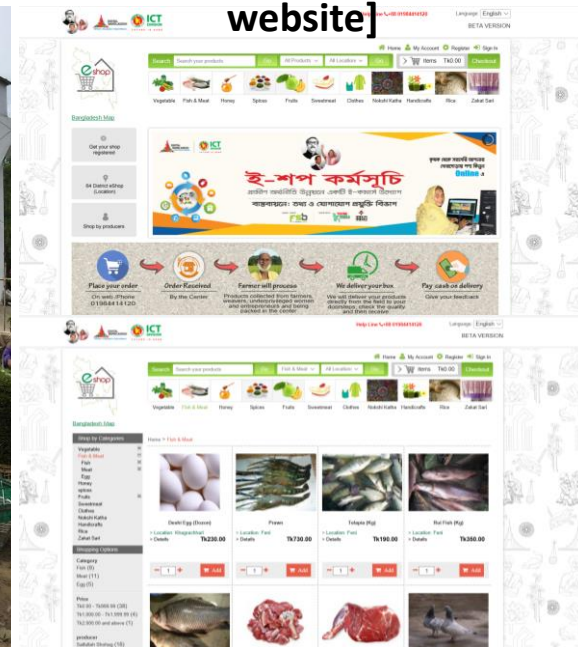
### 5 e-Platform for Agriculture

## An on-going project in Moheshkhali Island (Bangladesh)

[e-Business Centre in Moheshkhali Island]



[e-commerce website]





### 6 GS1 for Food Safety

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# What's Next

Smart Farm Test Bed

## Exploring & Experimenting

### Convergence R&D Centre:

: Experimenting with Household Smart Farm, Container Smart Farm, Vertical Smart Farm.

: Experimenting with new agriculture products



### A lesson for ICT companies entering the Agriculture Sector

: LG CNS plans to build 76 ha Smart Biopark in Korea (2016) cancelled.

“Smart Farm experts know about Technology and ICT

But there are only a very few who really know about the agriculture industry. “

- Interview from a farmer

[LG CNS Smart Biopark]



[Protest against LG CNS (2016)]

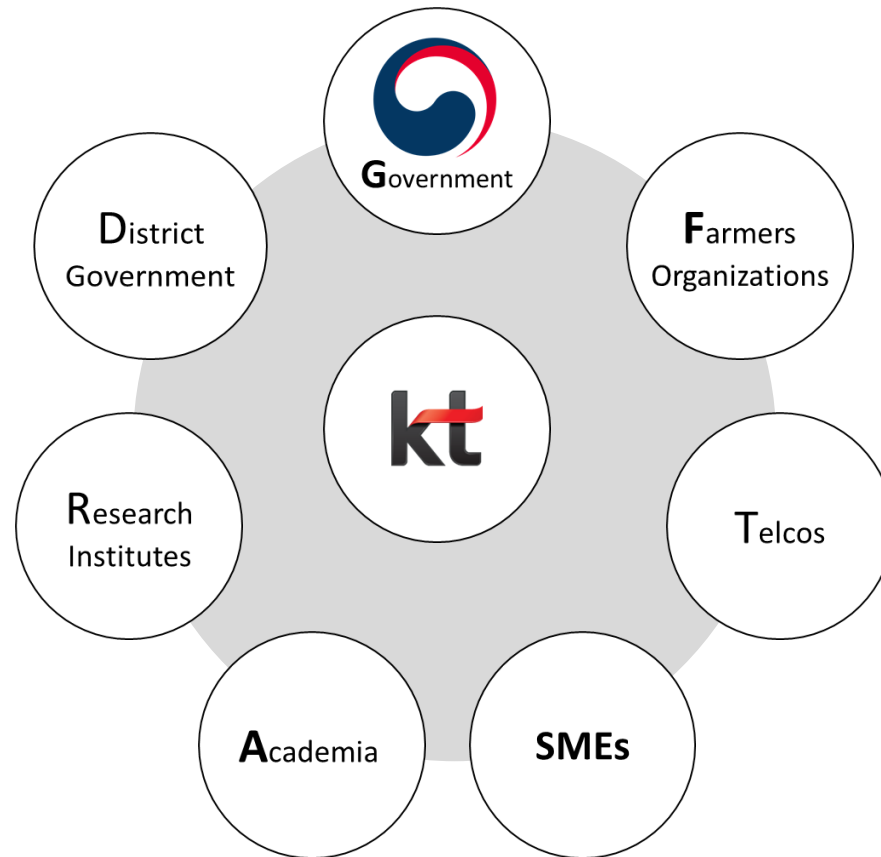




# What's Next?

Working with Stakeholders

Exploring & Experimenting



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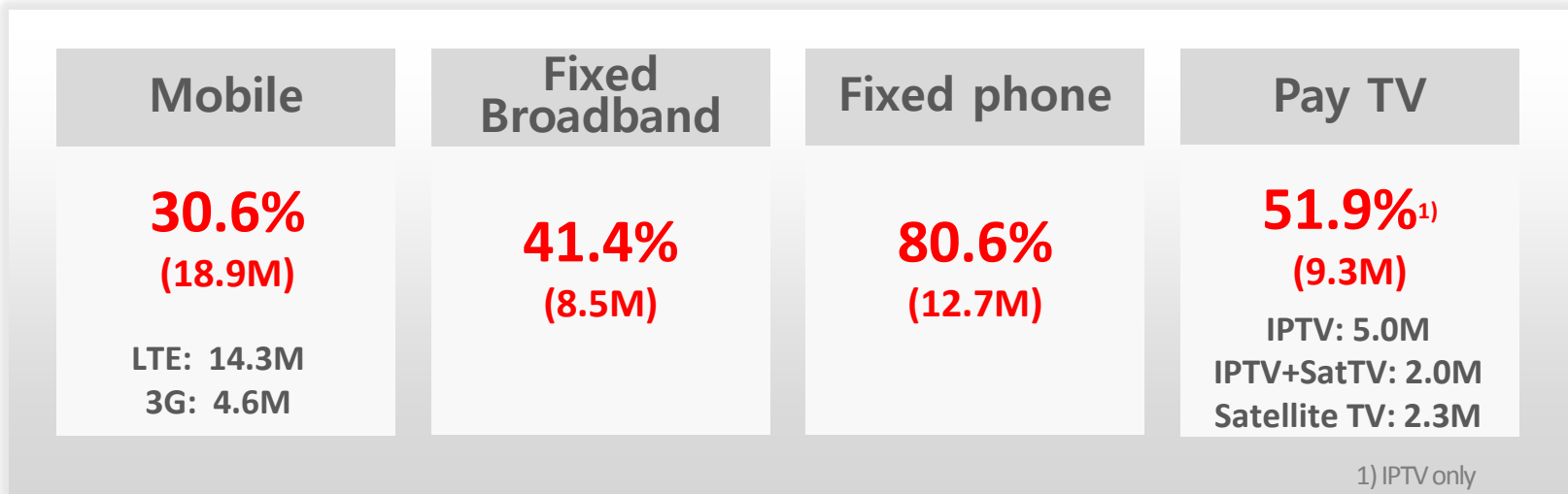
Overview



**Korea Telecom**

- **Established** : **December 10, 1981**
- **Revenue** : **USD 20.7B** (2016)
- **No. of Employees** : **23,600** (As of Sep 2016, kt only)
- **Stock Exchange Listings** : **Korea, New York**
- **Credit Rating** : **A3** (Moody's) / **A-** (S&P, Fitch)

### Number of Subscribers (As of Dec 2016)



Source: kt, Ministry of Science ICT Future Planning, Korea Communications Commission