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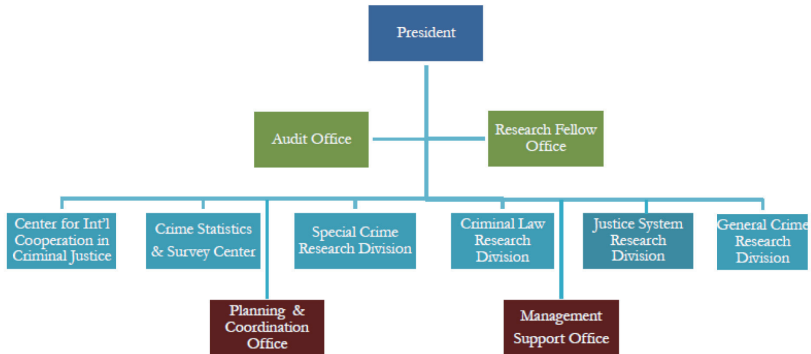
The Korean Institute of Criminology (KIC) was founded in 1989 as the only national crime and criminal justice research institute in Korea and presently operates under the Office of the Prime Minister, as a member of the Korean Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2015, Dr. Zin-Hwan KIM was inaugurated as the 14th President.

KIC conducts proactive interdisciplinary research to formulate and implement evidence-based policies for improved national crime prevention and criminal justice system. Researchers and staff collaborate in liaison with governmental and non-governmental institutes and agencies, as well as international organizations in order to investigate research issues and problems in the field of criminology and criminal justice, including police, prosecution, community treatment programmes (electronic monitoring), cybercrime, juvenile delinquency, corruption, TOC, human trafficking, prisoner rehabilitation, and crime victimization.

KIC also prioritizes active involvement with the international community for legal assistance and cooperation through diverse joint projects and conferences. As a member of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institutes (UNPNI) and close partner of many international organizations and universities abroad, the KIC carries out research projects and holds numerous international academic conferences, seminars and workshops in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and world-renowned organizations.

In September 2010, KIC and GCOCP (German Congress on Crime Prevention) signed a memorandum of understanding for the mutual cooperation in the field of crime prevention. Since then KIC researchers have attended the GCOCP every year and exchanged valuable ideas on crime prevention. In June 2016, KIC president Zin-Hwan Kim and three researchers attended the 21st GCOCP, held in Magdeburg. At the 10th Annual International Forum (AIF), KIC hosted a KIC session called “Prevention and Freedom from the Perspective of South-Korea”. In the session, KIC researchers gave presentations and had a discussion on three subjects: 1) Infection Protection versus Fundamental Rights; 2) Legal Issues of Drones; 3) Anti-terrorism Act in Korea.

KIC has six research divisions and two administrative offices that support research activities. About fifty experts and practitioners from various fields such as criminal law, sociology, psychology and public administration are actively participating in criminal justice and criminal policy research. The administrative offices have fifteen members of staffs and is mainly responsible for supporting domestic and international research activities with other research organizations. Detailed information on KIC research divisions are as follows:



The Criminal Law Research Division analyzes criminal law, criminal procedure law and special criminal law, which are the basis of establishing criminal justice related policies. It conducts research on criminal law and related studies such as criminal legislation for re-unification, responding to the changing paradigm of criminal justice.

- Problems and improvement measures of criminal mediation
- Research on criminal justice policy and integration for Korean re-unification
- Research on integrated digital forensics model
- Strengthening forensic science in the Korean criminal justice system
- Improvement measures of criminal compensation system

The General Crime Research Division analyzes the causes of crime and the countermeasures against general crime. It also executes crime and criminal policy-related surveys, conducts research on crime prevention studies targeting vulnerable groups such as children, youth, women, and elderly, research on fundamental human rights and establishing law and order, and research on corruption and safety policy.

- Effectiveness verification and improvement measures of criminal justice policy for public safety and security
- Analysis of the structure, mechanism, and changing trends of corruption in Korea

- Research on the maintenance plan on the Prevention of Corruption Act
- Research on criminal policy measures against sexual harassment
- Research on the level of Korean society's awareness on children and youth pornography and the effective regulatory measures on child/youth pornography
- Research on violent crimes by foreigners in Korea

The Special Crime Research Division conducts research on special crimes such as organized crime, violent crimes, drug-related crimes, high crimes, economic and financial crimes and cybercrimes. The research includes countermeasures against special crimes and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

- Improvement plan of the National Security Act following the changes of the international criminal environment
- Criminal policy measures for financial loss caused by illegal use of social security funds
- Analysis and criminal policy measures against new financial fraud
- Operation of Central Support Centres for women and children
- Analysis of illegal horse racing cases, and research on countermeasures

The Justice System Research Division conducts research on official criminal justice systems such as the police, prosecutor, court, correctional organizations, special judicial police, private security and private prisons. It proposes alternative measures for countermeasures and systematization of policies to achieve efficient and legitimate law enforcement.

- Research on Korean criminal justice system and management
- Research on improvement measures of public interest Whistleblower Protection Act
- Research on community norms, dispute resolution and restorative justice
- Studies on criminal justice policies and judicial systems
- Study on improvement measures of the court-appointed assistant system of juveniles

The International Strategic Research Center enhances research capability in the field of criminology, criminal law and criminal justice policy by cooperating with international institutions and organizations; builds effective networks among experts and related research institutions.

- Co-organization of UN conferences, transnational research and programmes
- Organization of joint-research projects on crime and criminal policy in Asia
- Establishment of international criminal justice information networks

- Support for international academic activities
- Overseas proliferation and promotion of research results
- Collects, analyzes and provides overseas criminal policy trends

The Crime Statistics & Survey Center collects and manages crime & criminal justice statistics and research statistics; provides an online service called „CCJS (Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics)“ based on data collected by KIC; analyzes and provides crime trends based on crime statistics.

- Integrating online system of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics in Korea (continuing project)
- Korean crime victim survey
- Commercial crime victim survey
- Research on enhancing the applicability of crime analysis
- Research on international standards on crime statistics classification system

Here is the list of KIC Research Projects in 2016:

- Construction of Integrated Digital Forensics Model
- Improvement Measures of the Court-Appointed Assistant System of Juveniles
- Improvement Measures of Public Interest Whistleblowers Protection Act
- Improvement Plan of the National Security Act following the Changes of the International Criminal Environment
- Criminal Sanction against Unfair Subcontract Transaction
- The Problems and Improvement Measures of Criminal Mediation Practices
- The Current State and Improvement Measures of the Criminal Compensation System
- Criminal Policy Measures for Financial Loss Caused by Illegal Use of Social Security Funds
- Public Perception and Effective Control Measures of Children and Youth Pornography
- Revision and Measures for Law Enactment for Prevention of Corruption
- Violent Crimes by Foreigners in Korea
- Criminal Legislation in Chosun Dynasty: Comparative Analysis of the Chosun Dynasty's Criminal Legislative System
- Annual Report on UN and International Cooperation and Research for Crime Prevention (XII)
- Integrating Online System of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics in Korea (XI)

- Korean Crime Victim Survey (VI): Commercial Crime Victim Survey
- Studies on Criminal Justice Policies and Judicial Systems (X): Management and Effectiveness of the Attendance Center Order System
- Strengthening Forensic Science in the Korean Criminal Justice System (VII)
- Criminal Justice Policy and Future Strategy for Social Change (II): Expansion of Multicultural Society and Changes in Criminal Policy
- Community Norms, Dispute Resolution and Restorative Justice (I)
- A Study on Criminal Policy Measures against Sexual Harassment
- The Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Improvement Measures of Criminal Policies for Public Safety (I): Policy Measures for Improving Public Perception of Safety
- Korean Criminal Justice System and Management (I)
- The Structure, Mechanism and Trends of Corruption in Korea (II)
- The Integration of the Criminal Justice Systems for Korean Re-Unification (II): Liquidation of Past and Illegal Activities and Social Integration
- The Extent of New Financial Fraud and Its Countermeasures

As previously mentioned, KIC invites experts from around the world and hosts international academic forums on current issues annually. In 2016 the KIC International Forum will be held on 8th - 9th December. Experts and scholars from the United States, Germany, France and Japan will attend this forum and give presentations on terrorism and cyber-terrorism. KIC research divisions hold international symposiums on various themes regarding crime, criminal justice and crime prevention.

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