Cost Allocation in Telecommunication

Editor's Introduction to the Special Issue

The 9th Seoul Journal of Economics International Symposium, which was co-hosted with the Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI), was held in June 2001 with a theme of 'Cost Allocation in Telecommunications.' Whereas the 8th Symposium dealt with corporate governance and restructuring in East Asia, the 9th Symposium was focused on theoretical and empirical issues on the telecommunication industry.

As globalization and deregulation proceeds very rapidly across the world, the impact on telecommunication industries is becoming more evident than ever. The industrial structure of telecommunications is moving from monopolistic one to more competitive one across nations. Since this change has impact on Korean telecommunication industry and ultimately Korean economy, the Editorial board of the Symposium have decided to deal with theoretical and empirical issues in a telecommunication industry. With the assistance of Professor Youn Chun, School of Economics, Seoul National University, the Editor invited experts to the Symposium to present their views on following selected subjects:

Matthew O. Jackson (California Institute of Technology), "The Stability and Efficiency of Economic and Social Networks"

William Thomson (University of Rochester) and Youngsub Ch (Seoul National University), "Cost Allocation and Airport Problems"

Farid Gasmi (University of Toulouse), "Cost Methodology and Telecommunications Policy"
Sang Taek Kim (Ewha Womans University) and Hyeong-Chan Kim (Korea Information Society Development Institute). "Models of Interconnection in Telecommunications and Key Issues for Korea"

Hervé Moulin (Rice University). "Three Solutions to a Simp Commons Problem"

The Symposium was chaired by Professor Sungwhee Shin (Univer of Seoul), Professor Byoung Heon Jun (Korea University), and Profes Kyung Hwan Baik (Sungkyunkwan University).

Following our guidelines, the designated commentators served referees of each paper, too. The Editor requested all the contributo revise their papers reflecting the designated commentators’ rem together with the comments and criticisms raised in the Symposium.

The Journal wishes to thank Dr. Chang-Bun Yoon, Presiden KISDI for his Opening Remarks.