

Welcome to Korea Accreditation System



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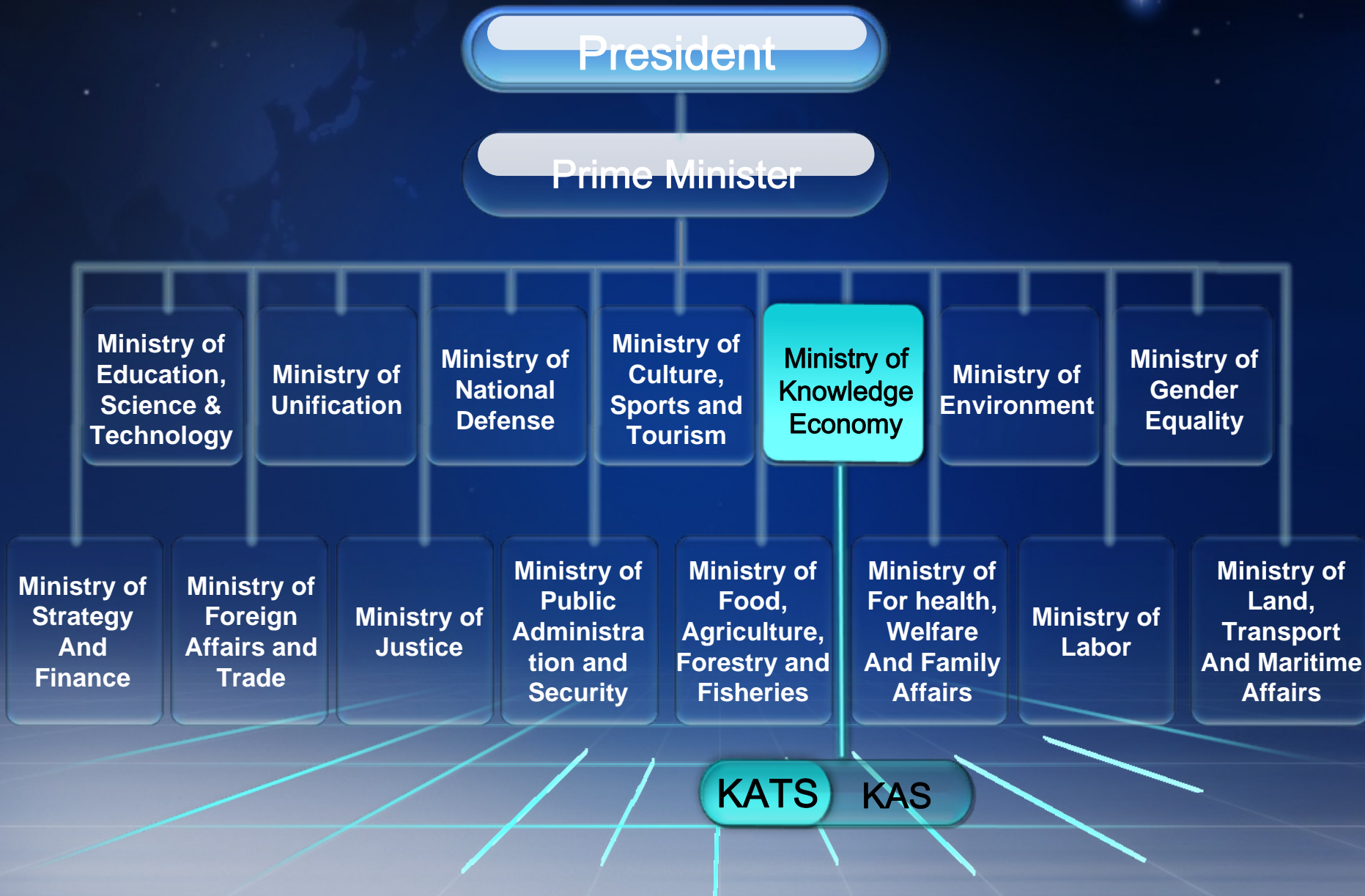
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1. Organization

Organization of Government



Organization of KATS

Ministry of Knowledge Economy
Vice Minister for Industry and Technology

Office of Planning & Coordination

Office of Industrial Economic Policy

KATS Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

Office of Industries

General Services Division

Bureau of Technology & Standards Policy

Bureau of Product Safety Policy

Bureau of Knowledge Industry Standards

Bureau of Standards & Technology Infrastructure

Technology & Standards Policy Division

Safety Policy Division

Knowledge-based Standards Division

Standards & Technology Infrastructure Division

International Standards Cooperation Division

Electrical & Telecommunication Product Safety Division

Information & Communication Standards Division

Technology Certification Division

Conformity Assessment Policy Division

Consumer Product Safety Division

Biotech & Environmental Standards Division

Machinery & Construction Standards Division

Technical Barriers to Trade(TBT) Division

Safety Management Division

Energy, Logistics & Transport Standards Division

Digital Electronics Standards Division

Technology & Standards Information Service Division

Metrology & Measurement Division

Materials & Nanotech Standards Division

Chemistry & Ceramics Standards Division

Culture & Service Standards Division

The mission of KATS

To develop standards needed by industry

To promote technology development

To conduct research and development to support standardization

To protect consumers through safety control of industrial products

To develop and operate national accreditation system

To control legal metrology and legal units of metrology for fair commercial trade



Organization of KAS



2. History of KAS

History of KAS

February 2001

- **KAS** started accreditation program

December 2001

- **KAS** joined PAC as a full member

September 2002

- **KAS** joined IAF as a full member

October 2004

- **KAS** applied to join PAC-MLA

May 2006

- PAC-MLA peer evaluation was made

July 2007

- **KAS** signed PAC-MLA for Product

October 2007

- **KAS** signed IAF-MLA for Product

March 2008

- **Government Reorganization**
KAS secretariat was separated from KOLAS

3. Quality Policy

Quality Policy

Goal

To improve certification capability of product certification bodies and its reliability by providing a reliable accreditation service with high quality

Implementation of Policies

- To improve management system
- To ensure compliance with international standards
- To promote reliability and value of accreditation service
- To acquire effective and reliable accreditation activities

4. Major Activities



Accreditation Activity

Number of CABs accredited : 10

CBS	Initial Accreditation Date	No. of Certification Items
Korea Testing Laboratory	Jun, 2001	13
Korea Electric Testing Institute	Jun, 2001	11
EMC Research Institute	Jun, 2001	8
Korea Gas Safety Corp.	December, 2004	3
Korea Testing and Research Institute for Chemical Industry	December, 2004	4
Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute	April, 2005	7
Korea Electrical Safety Corp.	December, 2006	7
Korea Energy Management Corp.	July, 2006	6
Korea Apparel Testing & Research Institute	July, 2008	7
FITI Testing & Research Institute	January, 2009	7

Assessor Pool

Future Plan

- KAS will promote accreditation services for product, achieving the target of more than 20 CABs in five years.
- KAS will strengthen international cooperation with IAF/PAC and ISO etc.
- KAS will continuously drive CABs to offer better service of certification in order that customers (mainly manufacturers) can strive to produce high-quality products certificated by accredited CABs.