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| **Cross-ministerial report** | **Press Release** | | |
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| Related departments | Rural Policy division of The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs | Responsible persons | Director Jeong-rok Choi, Deputy Director Beom-jin Kim (044-201-1511, 1522) |
| Presidential Commission on Policy Planning | Director Seung-wook Kim, Researcher Tae-jin Kim  (02-2100-1473, 1482) |
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| **Policy forum ‘Rural special planning and strategy  for rural regeneration new deal’ to response to vanishing rural villages**  - Co-organized by Presidential Commission on Policy Planning, Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - |

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| ◈ (**Event**) Policy forum for the regionally-balanced new deal and rural regeneration  ○ (**Topic**) Rural special planning and strategy for rural regeneration new deal’ in response to vanishing rural villages  ○ (**Date/Venue**) December 22, 2021 (Wed), 15:00-17:30 /TheK Hotel Geomungo Hall B (Yangjae-dong, Seoul)  ○ (**Organized by**) Presidential Commission on Policy Planning, Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  ○ (**Hosted by**) The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Korea Rural Economic Institute  ◈ (**Forum**) Panel discussion after presentation of related topics (about 6 people including national research institutes, government agencies, agricultural associations, and experts)  ○ To be held both online and offline (with 30 on-site participants, to be broadcast live through the official YouTube of MAFRA and Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy) |

* The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Kim Hyeon-soo, MAFRA) announced that it will hold a policy forum on December 22, 2021 under the theme of ‘Rural space planning and rural regeneration in response to vanishing rural villages’ with Presidential Commission on Policy Planning (Chairperson Dae-yeop Cho) and Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy (Chairperson Hyun-chan Chung)

❍ Recently, COVID-19 highlighted the advantage of rural areas where population density is low and non-face-to-face work is possible. Due to poorly-planned development in rural areas and the urban-rural gap in education, culture, childcare, medical service and others, however, it is difficult to address the issue of vanishing rural areas.

❍Under the circumstances, the forum aims to find a solution to address rural crises such as vanishing rural areas through the rural spatial plan and the rural regeneration New Deal strategy.

* The forum will start with the opening remarks by Minister Hyeon-su Kim of MAFRA and welcome speeches by Chairperson Dae-yeop Cho of Presidential Commission on Policy Planning, and Chairperson Hyeon-chan Jeong of Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy, followed by keynote presentations and discussions.

❍  As the first keynote, Governor Don-gon Kim of Cheongyang-gun will present the values and problems of rural areas from a rural perspective under the theme of ‘Why are rural areas getting attention?’ and the regionally-balanced new deal.

❍  As the second keynote, Dr. Mi-ryung Song of Korea Rural Economic Institute will present how to institutionalize rural spatial planning and to implement a project for rural regeneration new deal under the theme of 'Rural regeneration strategy to response to vanishing rural areas.'

❍  After the presentations, panel discussion will be held on the topic of ‘Institutionalize rural spatial planning and build detailed strategies for rural regeneration’ with professionals from MAFRA, Presidential Commission on Policy Planning, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, and agricultural associations.

* This event will be held both online and offline due to COVID-19 and be broadcast live through the official YouTube of MAFRA and Presidential Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Policy.

❍ For on-site participation, please fill out the attached form and send it to happyhooo@korea.kr by December 19, 2021. For more information, contact us by e-mail (beomjinkim@korea.kr) or phone (☎ 044-201-1522).