

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has a grand plan for establishing Korea's first Distribution Center in the Metropolitan Area of Seoul which will be equipped with all the necessary facilities for storage, cargo working (loading and unloading), delivery and information.

The Distribution Center plan is to facilitate collectivization of distributors scattered around the downtown area of Seoul into a systemized comprehensive Center in the suburban area.

The center will be located around Dongcheon-Ri, Sooki-Myun, Yongin-Kun and Kyungki-Do. The Center will be as large as 152,066.8 sq.mt. on the ground of 267,769.8 sq.mt. The budget planned is 44.1 billion Won (US \$ 63.42 million) and the construction is expected to be completed by 1991.

The main functions include collecting cargos of manufactured products along with agricultural & fishery products which are expected to reach 460,000 tons in 1990 and 1,000,000 tons by 1991; handling all the logistical works including storage, processing and delivery, computerizing information regarding logistics; distributing the above mentioned products and organizing the delivery system according to the correct demand information.

The Distribution Center will provide advantages such as price reduction by way of mass purchasing, logistical fee saving through an improved information system which is estimated to be worth 11.7 billion Won (US \$ 13.14 million), effective stock management and the facilitation of various joint projects among the distributors.

The Ministry is planning to select a public organization to take charge of the project. The Ministry will then support the organization by financing it (US\$ 17.26 million for 3 years), making adjustments in urban planning around the site and modifying the related legal procedures.