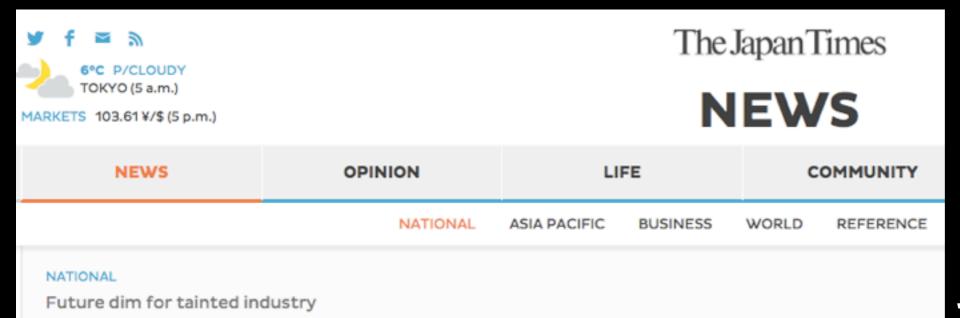
## Fukushima as Opportunity: Recruiting Nuclear Engineers in Post-Fukushima Korea

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#### Nuke majors in decline at universities

KYODO

The number of students enrolled as nuclear energy majors at seven universities has fallen by 16 percent this year, a Kyodo News survey said Monday.

Among universities offering undergraduate and graduate programs in the nuclear sciences, only 223 students had enrolled for the 2012 academic year, compared with 264 last year.

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a bad time to become a nuclear engineer?

how to make sense of Fukushima and its risk in making career choices?

# Korean nuclear eng. department's response to Fukushima

- How to recruit nuclear engineering students in post-Fukushima Korea?
- How to present Fukushima to prospective nuclear students?
- a case of a Nuclear and Quantum engineering department (NQe)
- "Fukushima is an opportunity for us."

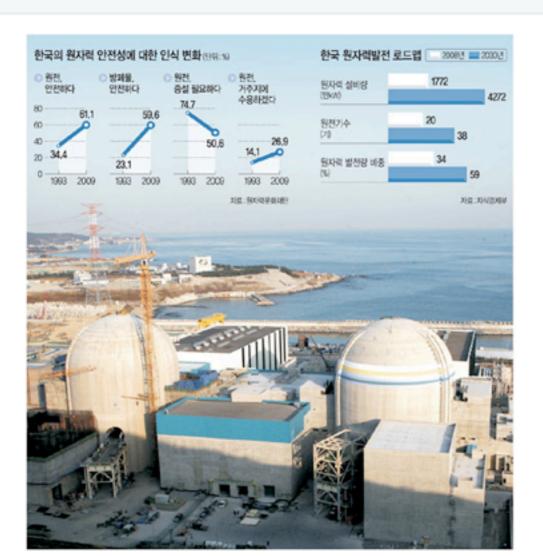
#### \$20 billion nuclear export deal with UAE (27 Dec 2009)

December 27 designated as "Nuclear Safety and Promotion Day"

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글로벌 원전 시장 폭발적 팽창… 인력 확보'선점'관건

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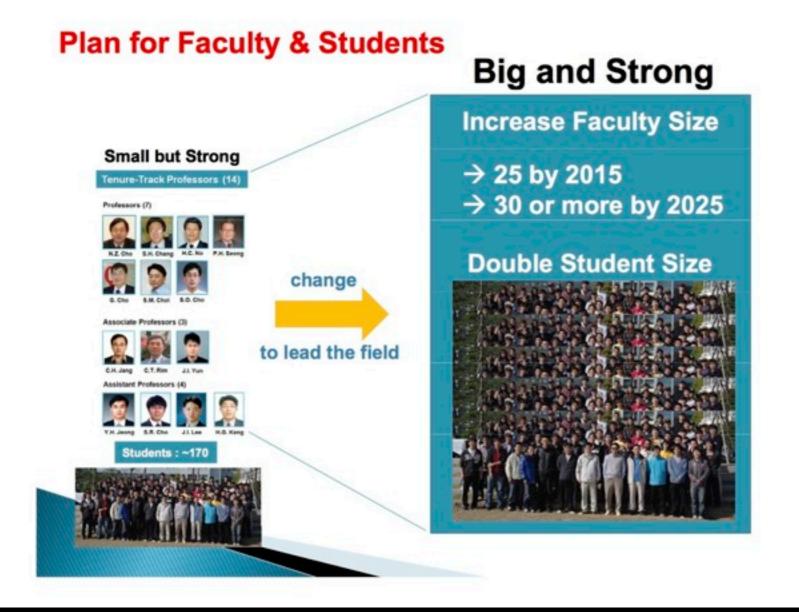
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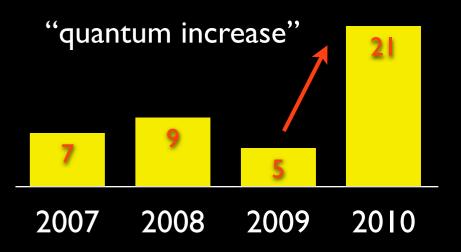
"manpower needed for global nuclear market" (Aug 2010)



as envisioned by NQe dept. at the end of 2010

# Rosy Future for NQe

# of sophomore enrollment





#### 후쿠시마 원전사고의 교훈고 원자력 산업 전망

Lessons Learned from Fukushima Accident and the Future of Nuclear Energy



#### 언사:장순홍교수

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- 기 타 샌드위치와 음료 제공하며, 관심있는 원내 구성원 환영 대학의 교실에 및 현대로 Resolute 현지학 오랜드의 현대 조사나의
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#### Speaker : Dr. SOUT

- Professor of Nuclear and Quantum Engineering, KAIST (1982 present)
- President, Korean Nuclear Society (2011. 9.—present)
- Commissioner, Korea Nuclear Safety Commission (2009. 9~present)
- Vice President of Operations, KAIST (2006. 8-2010. 7)
- Member, International Nuclear Safety Advisory Group, IAEA (1992~1999)

#### 17:00, Thursday, September 8, 2011

#4401 (Doosan Classroom), Nuclear and Quantum Engineering Bidg.(N7-4401), KAIST

- Anyone interested can attend.
- Please inform us of your attendence by Monday, September 5.
   Sandwiches will be provided before the seminar starts.
- For inquiries, please contact Ms Nam Hee Yoo at 350-3804 or email to yoonh@kaist.ac.kr.

# special seminar on campus (Sep 2011)

"essential points"

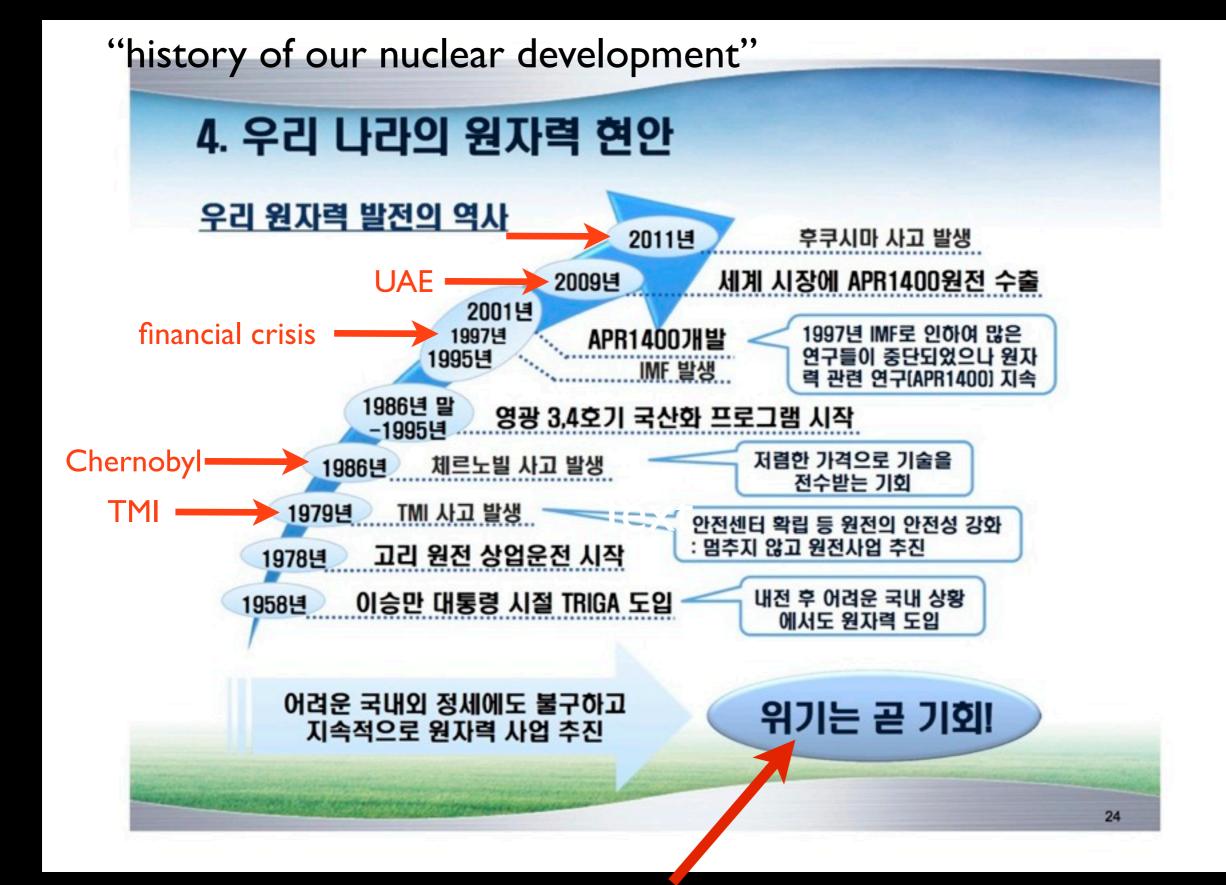
"institutional lessons"

"We need to do just 1% more."

Need for talented students

"Even if terrorists should attack ..."





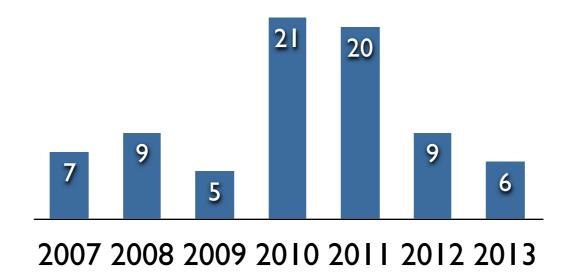
## "A Crisis is an Opportunity!"

slide from NQe presentation



NQe info session (Nov 2010)

# of sophomore enrollment





NQe info session (Nov 2012)



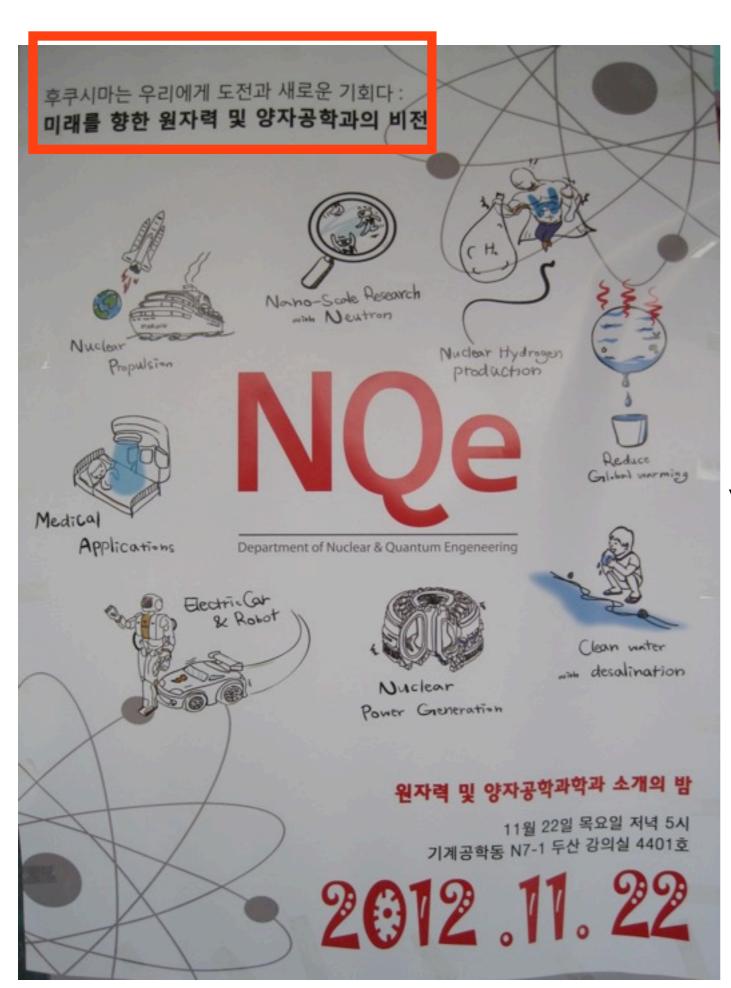
## "1 pellet (too small to be visible)"

ad for NQe department info session (Nov 2012)



"Fukushima Accident, No More, Naver[sic]..."

ad for NQe department info session (Nov 2012)



"Fukushima, for us, is a challenge and a new opportunity."

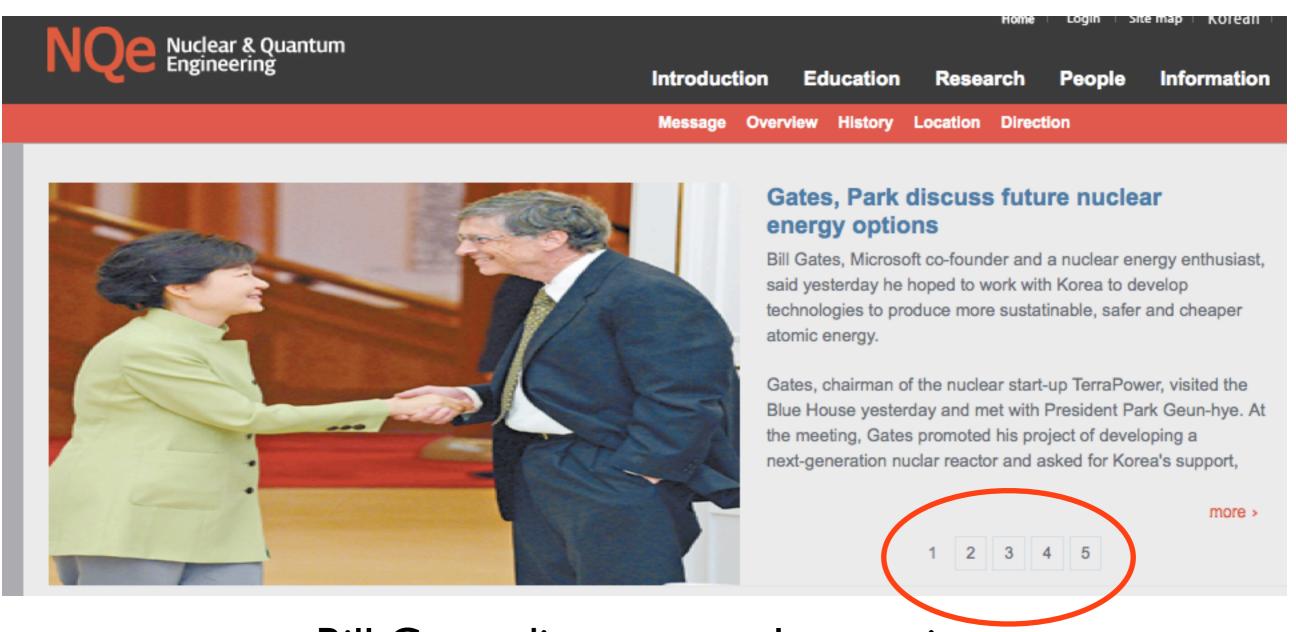
But Fukushima was not a main agenda in the session.

poster for NQe info session (Nov 2012)

### "18,000 needed for the next decade"



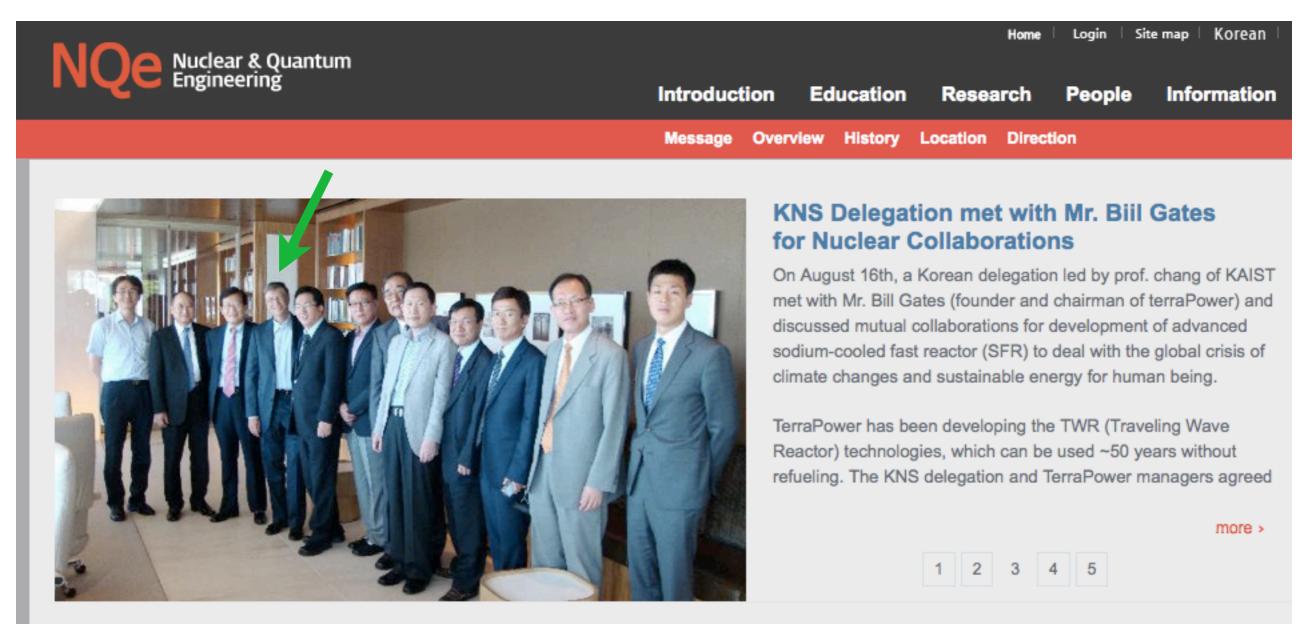
### Using Bill Gates as nuclear promoter



Bill Gates discusses nuclear options with President Park Geun-Hye of Korea

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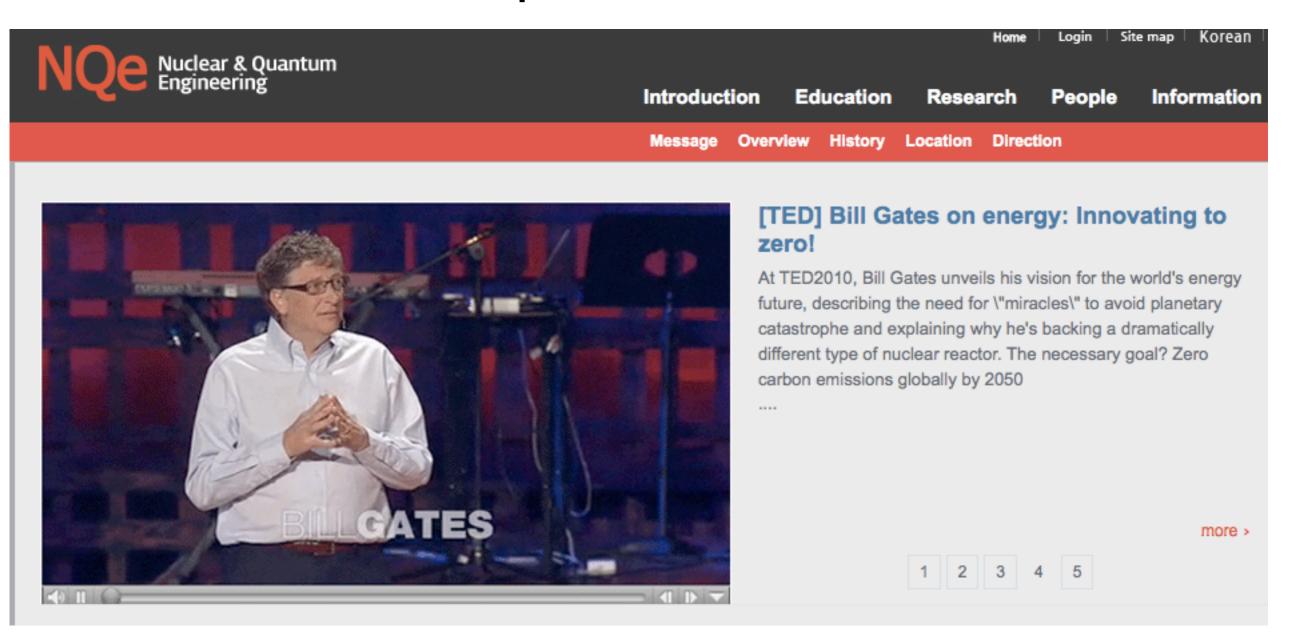
#### Bill Gates meets Korean nuclear delegation.



Mr. Gates was "amazed" at Korea's success in nuclear.

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#### Bill Gates speaks at TED on nuclear.



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## Nuclear Vision and Career Expo (Apr 2013)



일시: 2013년 4월 5일 금요일 9:30 ~ 16:30

장소: KAIST KI빌딩 1층 퓨전홀, 강의실(B4O1, B5O1)

"미래에너지부터 첨단의료까지"

4월 5일 KAIST KI빌딩에서 '2013 KAIST 원자력 비전 및 진로 엑스포'가 개최됩니다 21명의 원자력 에너지 및 방사선 의료 분야 전문 가가 함께 합니다. 원자력의 무궁무진한 세계, 직접 와서 확인하세요!

오라인 시전등록

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## containing and appropriating Fukushima

- Korea's nuclear history = its political and economic history = a story of miraculous perseverance and achievement
- Fukushima incorporated into this narrative as the most recent happening
- Would Fukushima offer Korea a chance for another big leap?
- Yes, as long as we don't follow Germany's nuclear phase-out.

## NQe info session (Nov 2013)



## "Power arises from nuclear energy"



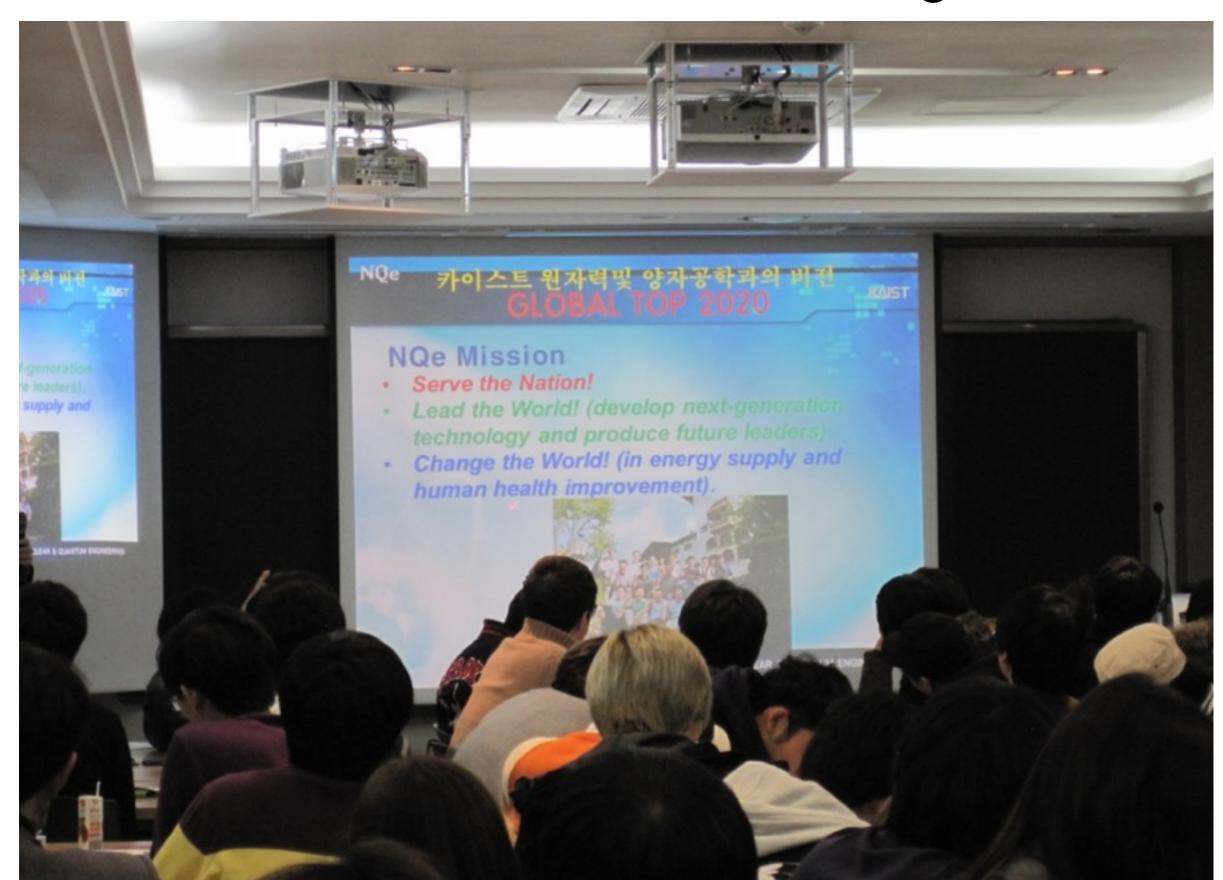
Mekander poster for NQe info session (November 2013)

"nuclear, reliable energy" (used in heaven)



poster for 2013 NQe info session

### "Serve the Nation! Lead the World! Change the World!"



## UAE vs Fukushima

- UAE: pure blessing for nuclear renaissance
- Fukushima: manageable obstacle, or even useful opportunity
- In post-Fukushima Korea, becoming a nuclear engineer requires one to embrace prepackaged views of two places/events.
- Little room for self-reflection on human tragedy and social consequence

# Thank you

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