

1. Most Encouraging, inspiring, happy memory:

The most encouraging and inspiring memory that I have working with the ECPAT network is my experience with A. A is a victim of grooming and had suffered for many years. I did not personally meet her, but I got to know her during my project with the Sagye Times. With the Sagye Times, ECPAT Korea launched a public awareness project on raising the age of statutory rape and making a law against child grooming. To show the severity of these problems, Sagye Times requested A to share her experience; but before such a request, they got in touch with me first to make sure to avoid the secondary victimization. It took some time for A to have the courage and speak out (which we all understand), but she stood up and decided to share her stories. It was published in the Sagye Times (no identification included), and it brought the public's attention. And now, the Korean government has announced that the standard age for statutory age will be increased from 13 to 16. But whether or not the change occurred, I am very proud of A that she had the courage to share her story. A trusted us and opened her heart, and above all, I am so happy that she not only survived the abuse, but she also fought against the unjustness – and that is the most encouraging and inspiring memory.

Also, during that project, I was very impressed by our members of the ECPAT network. ECPAT Korea requested a global survey on the age of statutory rape. And more than a dozen members of the ECPAT network spent time and participated in the survey. Thanks to them, ECPAT Korea was able to collect the global data and used it to propose legal amendments. I sincerely appreciate our member's efforts and help. Since then, I realized that I am a part of the ECPAT network, and we are all working together to protect children.

2. Most important achievements of ECPAT Korea:

ECPAT Korea has been focusing on changing the law, and there has been much progress recently. Usually, changing the law regarding child sexual exploitation takes a ridiculously long time, but due to many incidents recently, the government decided to listen to what we've been arguing for years. The essential details on the legal change are included in the attached file ("*Countermeasure Report*"). These changes also cover topics that we discussed in the conference – which Mr. Thomas Muller came to Korea and shared ECPAT's perspectives. ECPAT networks have been giving so much help on collecting global data and empowering ECPAT Korea's arguments. Without the ECPAT network's help, these changes wouldn't happen. Additional achievements are the new law that will be applied this May –regulation on the

random chatting applications. The law states that if a company that manages any type of random chat system does not follow certain restrictions (preventing child sexual exploitation), the company or the application/system will be categorized as harmful material.

Also, working together with ECPAT Philippines, ECPAT Korea has been managing and following the court process regarding the Kopino's fathers. ECPAT Korea recruited Kopino mothers with help from ECPAT Philippines and filed a suit against the father of Kopino children for child neglect and abuse. It is the first time that any Kopino fathered were sued via criminal court for child abuse and neglect. After a discussion with the law firm "On-saesang," we decided that neglecting the child and refusing to support the family can be identified as child abuse and neglect. Thus, we filed a suit against 5 Kopino fathers, and now we are waiting for the result. (*Decided to sue them as child abuse because if we filed against the fathers through criminal court, we could ask for law enforcement agencies to identify the fathers. Identifying a father is always the hardest part in such a court process – requesting for acknowledgment and support -, but since we sue them under the child abuse, it is much faster. We already identified all five fathers, and one has acknowledged that he's a father, and he promised to support the family.) This project would not have happened without the ECPAT network – thanks to the ECPAT network, ECPAT Korea and Philippines could work together.

3. The reason I work for ECPAT Korea:

Just two years ago, I did not realize that I would be working for child protection. I was studying for my master's degree in Criminal psychology and was more interested in abnormal psychology and crimes. However, as a criminal psychology student, I was able to interview a wide range of offenders from a child rapist or murderer to a juvenile delinquent; and such experience leads me to look at the child sexual exploitation. I have seen many child sexual abusers denying their crime and blaming the child for his/her 'obscene' nature. I have seen numbers of child sexual offenders set free after a few months in prison. And I've met dozens of juveniles in youth prisons charged for many different delinquencies such as drugs, prostitution, sexual violence, etc. After interviewing the adult offenders, I was disappointed that our legal system cannot justly punish the perpetrator, and sometimes it even helps the criminal to escape from the punishment. So I wanted to be a person who can speak out for the unjustness of the current law and be a part of changing it. And after meeting many juveniles, I started to think that if they did experience such rough times which they do not deserve to have, they might not be here in the youth prison. I wanted to help the children

from victimization as well as the crime commission. So I started to have more interest in the crime protection field, and then I got to know TACTEEN/ECPAT Korea, which works for child protection and rehabilitation. ECPAT Korea not only protects/treats victims but also helps (sexual) delinquents to go back to the right path. That is why I work for ECPAT Korea.

And for the same reason, I find the ECPAT network perfect for me – because it focuses mainly on child sexual exploitation, which is a crime (my major). There are many child protection NGOs, but ECPAT is the only(at least in my knowledge) NGO that focuses only on child sexual exploitation and trafficking. I am very grateful that I got to know the ECPAT network and be a part of it.

4. ECPAT network 30 years from now:

Ideally speaking, it would be best if the ECPAT network is no longer needed in 30 years from now because it means that there is no child sexual exploitation anymore. However, we all know that such a wish is like asking for the Utopia, so my second wish for the ECPAT network is to be the most popular (positively) child protection network internationally. Indeed, ECPAT is not as well-known as other children related NGOs (for example, UNICEF) yet, so there are still people asking about ECPAT when I introduce myself. I think it is partly because that ECPAT Korea has been using another name “TACTEEN” more often, so we have started to pull out the name “ECPAT Korea” for recent global projects. And since then, more people are noticing the “ECPAT.”

I firmly believe that if we continue to work together as we are now, the ECPAT network will be an influential global network for child protection soon enough.

Birthday wish: when the COVID-19 disappears, it would be good to gather all the ECPAT members to celebrate the anniversary.

5. I would like to share:

Thank you always for connecting us! It is happy to be a part of the ECPAT network!