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Having achieved rapid development in the past six decades with significant help from the international community, Korea has transformed itself from a recipient country to a donor country.

The **Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU)**, which was founded in 1954, has implemented various activities within Korea and abroad **to contribute to realizing UNESCO's mission**. Among them are the "BRIDGE Programme" to send young volunteers to Africa, the "Sejong Project" to promote basic education in Asian and Pacific countries, and the publication of the Korea Journal to enhance academic dialogue in the field of Korean Studies. As a focal point, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO is also **committed to creating partnerships and networking with not only governments, and other international and intergovernmental organizations, but with civil society and the private sector**.

In cooperation with UNESCO and other national commissions, KNCU endeavors to enhance the Education For All (EFA) programmes, to strengthen activities for development cooperation, and to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

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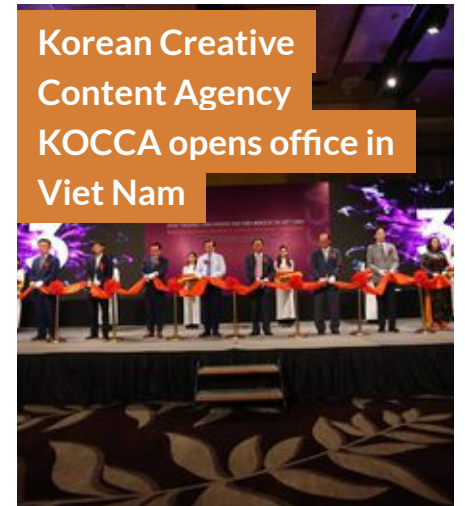
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