

# The Cadastre of Korea

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Topic of Interest for the Future  
Cadastral System



## 1. Cadastre

### 1) Definition

- ✓ 지적(地籍) : Log of lands (book)
- ✓ Cadastre(-ter) : n. land book



In Korea, Cadastre refers to the public record of land. By definition, it is the record of certain aspects of the national land that a country registers and keeps or does so through its commissioned agency..

書籍, 戶籍(民籍, 本籍), 國籍, 學籍, 兵籍(軍籍), 車籍,  
墓籍, 僧籍

# Cadastral System



Land



Land  
Book



Registration,  
Management



Use & Application of Data

An administrative action of registering and managing land into the public record

A government's land-administration to maintain and manage all immovables that carry financial value including ground level, spaces, underground

### 3) Components of Cadastral System



#### Subject of Cadastre

Land

- All land (and fixed objects on it) within the boundary of governing of one nation.
  - [noun] Land used for the living and activities of **people** as in farming land or residential land
- [legal] Land subject to possession or use by **people**



#### Main Content of Cadastre (Major Actions)

Regis-  
ter

- The action of logging the (physical) status of land into public record

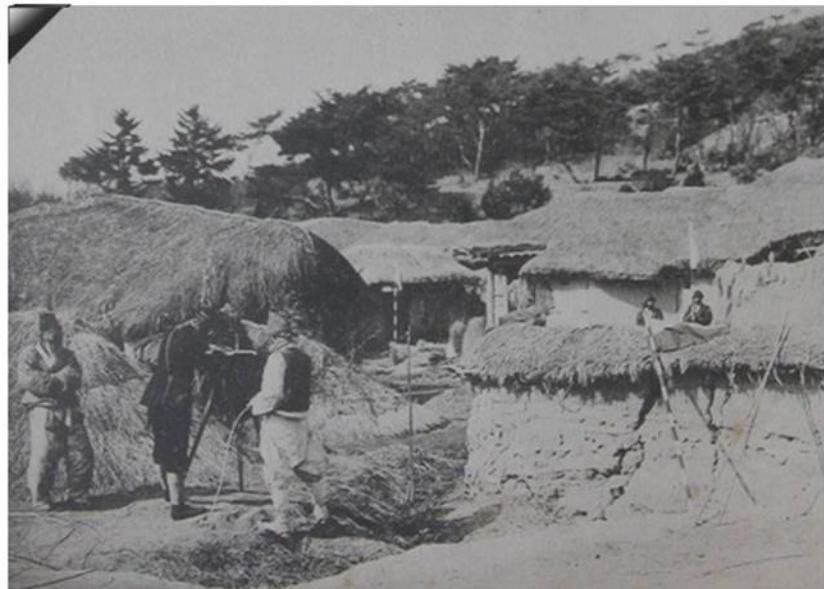


#### Result of Cadastral Action (Registering)

Land  
Record

- A public record (land record) of the (physical) status of land

## 2. The Beginning of Cadastral System



- 1910~1924 : Land survey of farm lands, forests and fields led the establishment of a cadaster system

### 3. Milestones of the Cadastral Administrative Organization



1895	Cadastral Division under Former Korean Gov.	Stage 1 (Establishment Stage)
1910. 8. 23	Land Survey Law Enacted	
1910 ~ 1918	Land Survey Project (land books, cadastral maps)	
1916 ~ 1924	Forestry Survey Project (land book & maps on forests and fields)	
1950	Cadastral Law	Stage 2 (Modernization Stage)
1962	Cadastral function transferred from Treasury to MOI	
1975. 12.31	Cadastral Law amended	Stage 3 (Development Stage)
1998	MOI restructuring	
2008. 2. 29	Transferred from MOI to MOLIT	Stage 4 (Transition Stage)

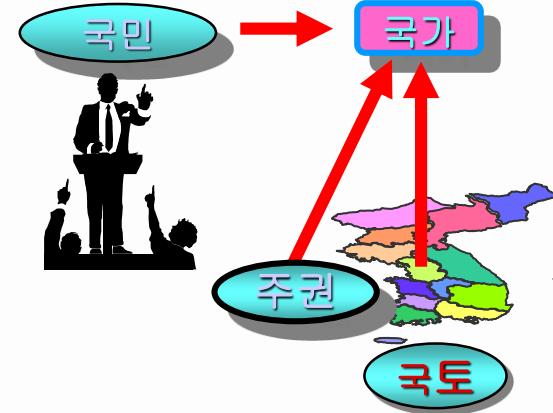
# 4. Change of Purpose of the Cadastral System

## ▣ 3 Elements of a Nation

- ✓ National Land, People, Sovereignty

## ▣ 3 Elements of Production

- ✓ Land, Labor, Capital



## ▣ Concept of Cadastral System (1950 ~ 2009)

- ✓ Entire national land in public record by parcel
  - ➡ efficient land management and ownership protection

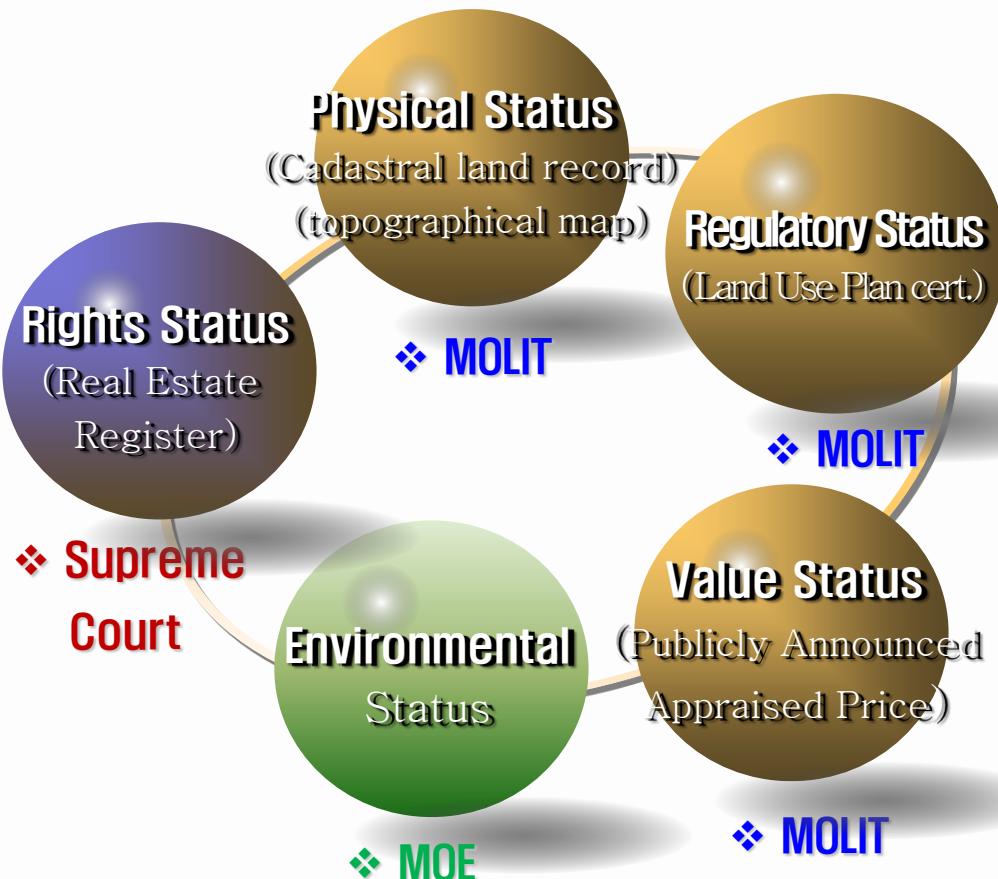
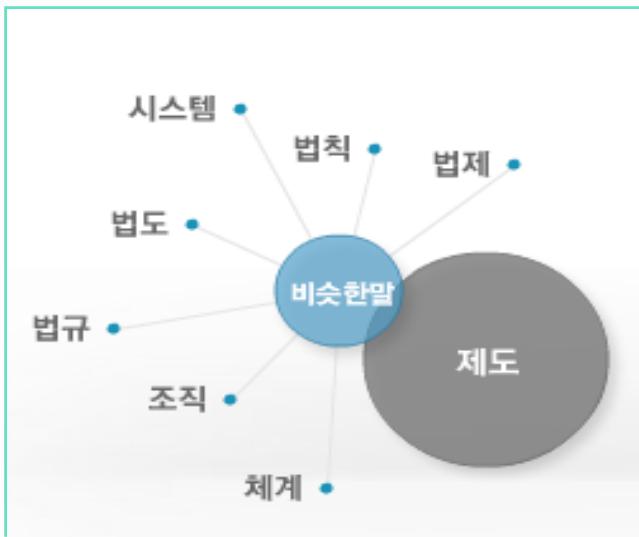
## ▣ Concept of Cadastral System (December 10, 2009 ~ )

- ✓ Land Registration System
  - ➡ Infrastructure (foundation) to nurture GIS-based industries

# 1) Content of Land Registration

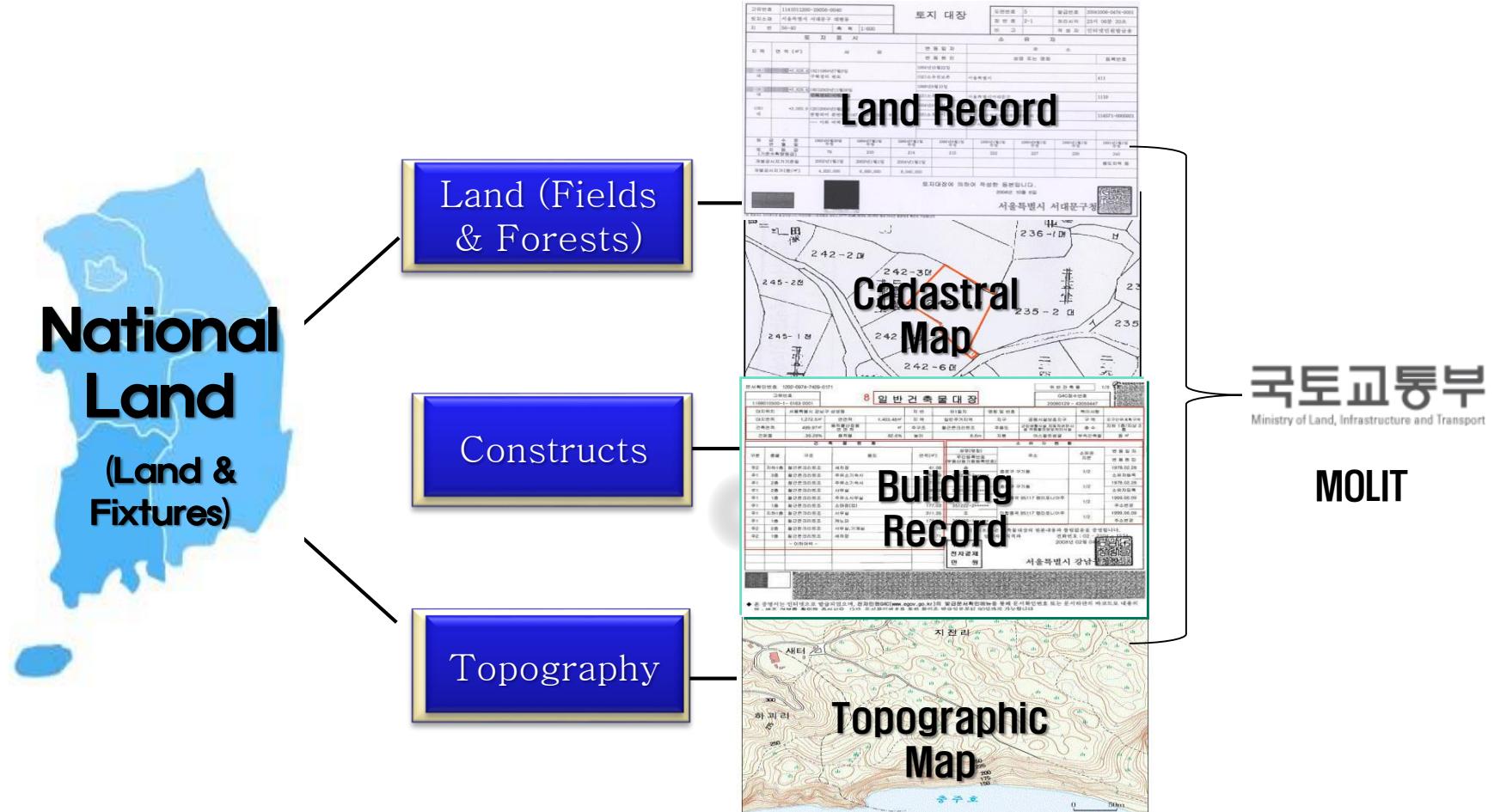


A national administrative system of registering into public record and publicly disclosing certain aspects of land (including buildings)



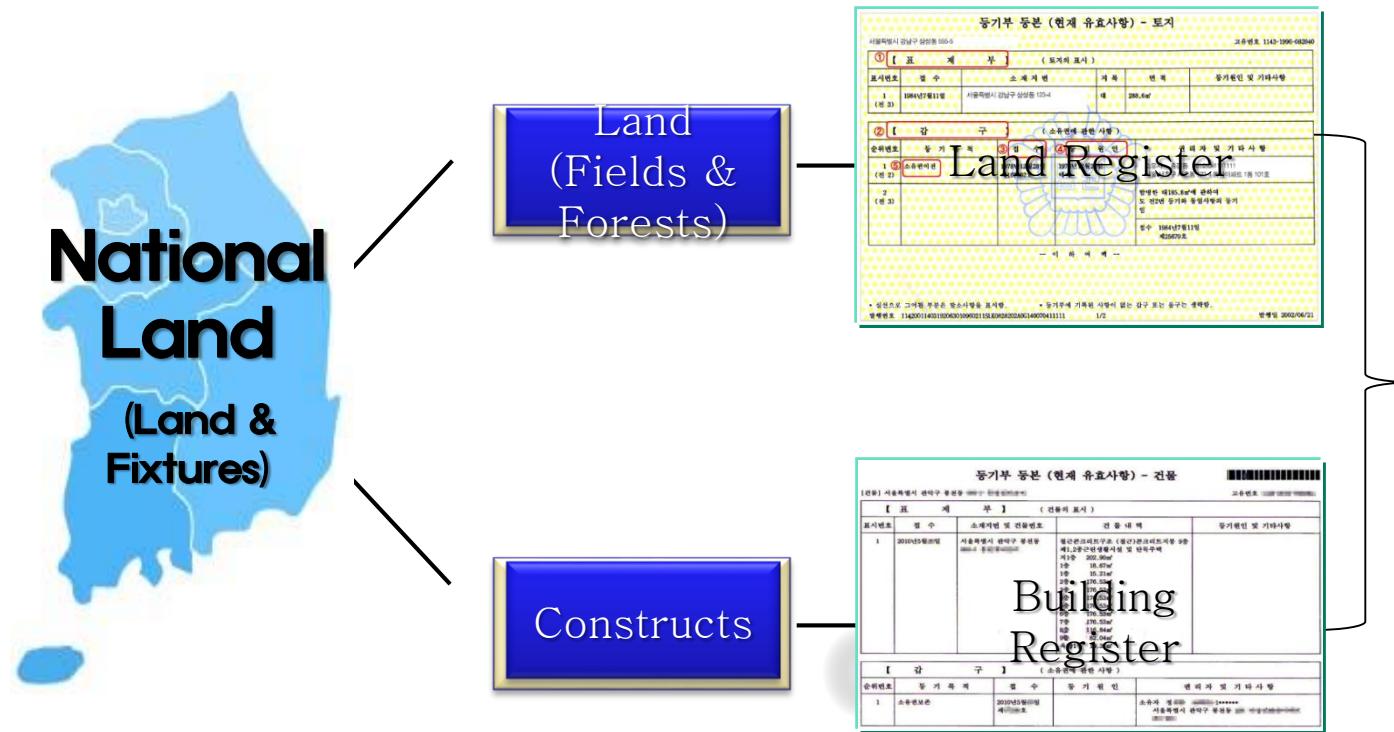


## A. Register & Disclosure of Physical Status





## B. Register & Disclosure of Rights-related Status



# Supreme Court

# 5. Korea's Cadastral System



## Administrative

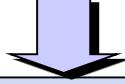
### MOLIT

- Office of Spatial Information Policy
- National Spatial Information Center /total 25 person



### Metropolitan/Province(17)

- Cadastral Division (Land Management Div.): 262 person



### Municipality (251)

- Cadastral Division (Public Service): 3,642 person

Total 4,173 person

## Surveying

### LX

- HQ : 391 person
  - Cadastral Training Center 30
  - KRIHS: 45 person
- 12 Regional Head Office
- 208 Local Branch Office

Total 3,768 person

### Private Surveyor (individual /corporate)

- 178 agencies
  - \* implemented in 2004

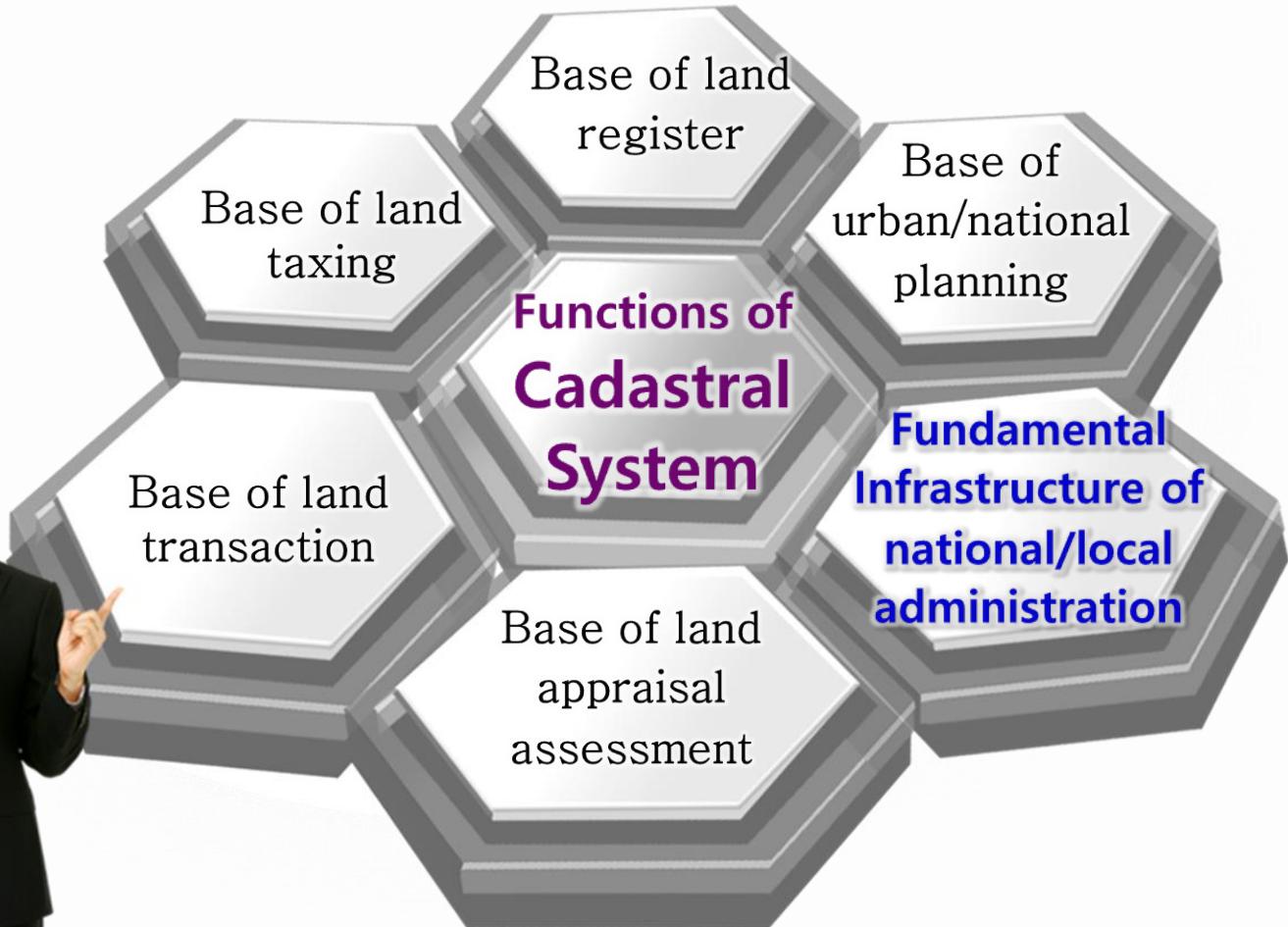
Total 1,458 person

# 6. Changes in the Purpose of Cadastral System



Category	Content
Tax Cadastre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The oldest type of cadastral system</li><li>• Purpose highlights <b>taxing</b> land</li><li>• Made in agrarian age when national income relied on land taxes</li><li>• Land fertility level or crop yield which serve as taxing base was important &amp; area size and land grade was major items recorded</li></ul>
Legal Cadastre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced from tax cadastre after land was accepted as private property</li><li>• Purpose highlights <b>property right protection of land</b></li><li>• Boundaries are important for safe land transaction and protection of land ownership</li></ul>
Multipurposed Cadastre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive recording and management of various types of information on land <b>made available for multiple use purposes</b></li></ul>

# 7. Functions of Cadastral System





## 1. Current Status of Cadastral System

### 1) Short fallings of Cadastral Maps



Digitize damaged paper-based maps



Repeated copies and multiple scales (7 types)



Limit the accuracy of cadastral surveying

## 2) Problems of Surveyed Datum CRS

### Japanese CRS (Tokyo Datum)

Shifts position of Korea's  
geodetic datum  
(365m difference with WGS)

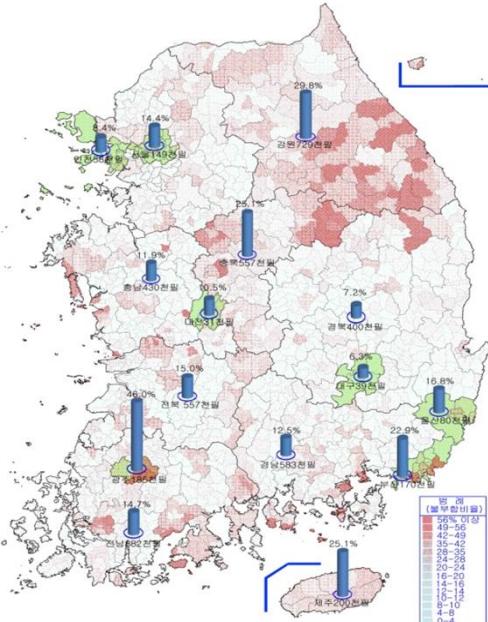


### 3) Discrepancies Accumulated

Boundary line disputes due to huge discrepancies of cadastral & real boundaries

#### Discrepancies Nationwide

Parcel no.	Discrepancy	Ratio
37.53 mil	5.54 mil	14.8%



Property right exercise limited

Development activities limited

Administrative litigations due to discrepancies

Faulty management of state-owned properties

Hurts national competitiveness



## 2. Resurveying Projects for Improved Cadastral System



### ▣ Resurveying Project

- ✓ Gradual and phase-based resurveying of the entire nation
- ✓ 30 years (2012~2030)
- ✓ Naming: Right Land, Slogan: Upright, Worthy, Happy



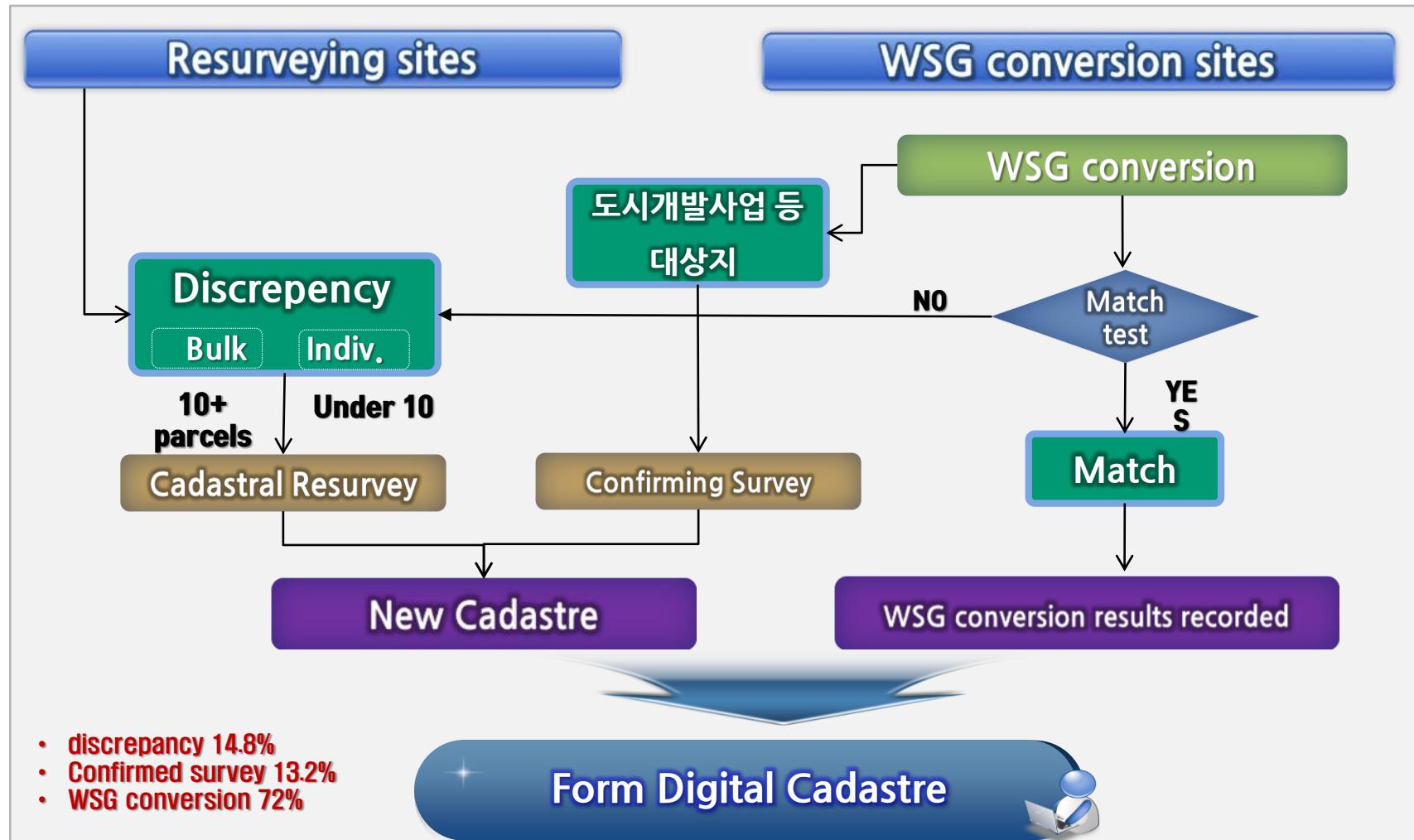
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반듯하게, 가치있게, 행복하게

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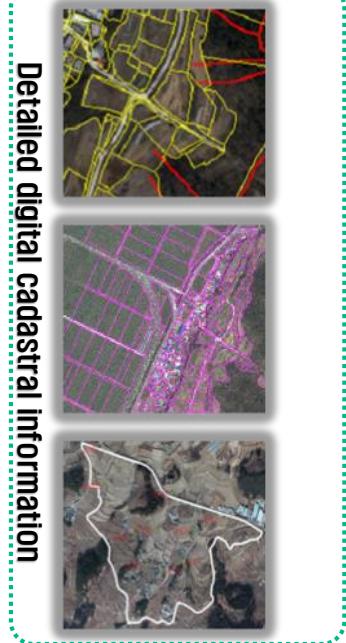
### 3. Resurveying Project Outline



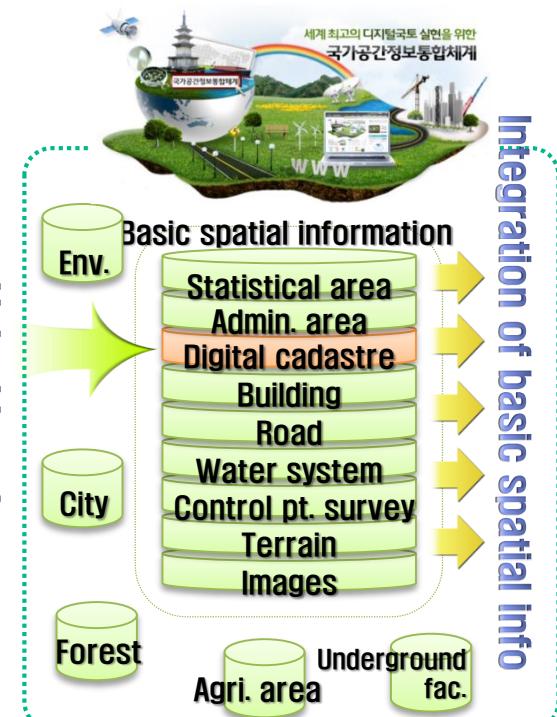
## 4. Effects of a Project Resurveying Cadastre

- Effective land management and ownership protection by resolving land disputes
- Utilize NSDI (National Spatial Data Infrastructure)
- Jump start the spatial information industry

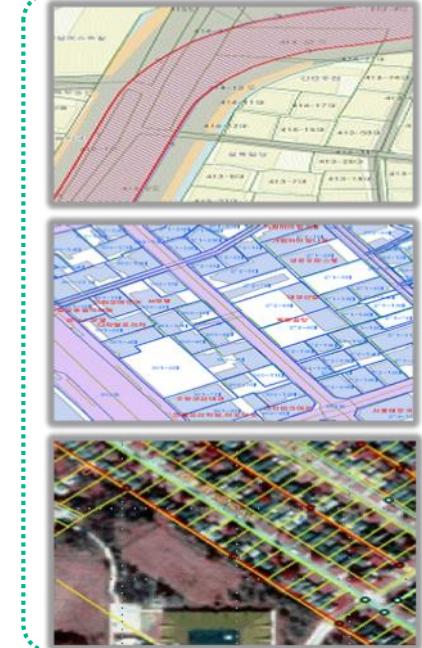
### Resurveying Project



### Linked interface



### Utilize sharing and integration

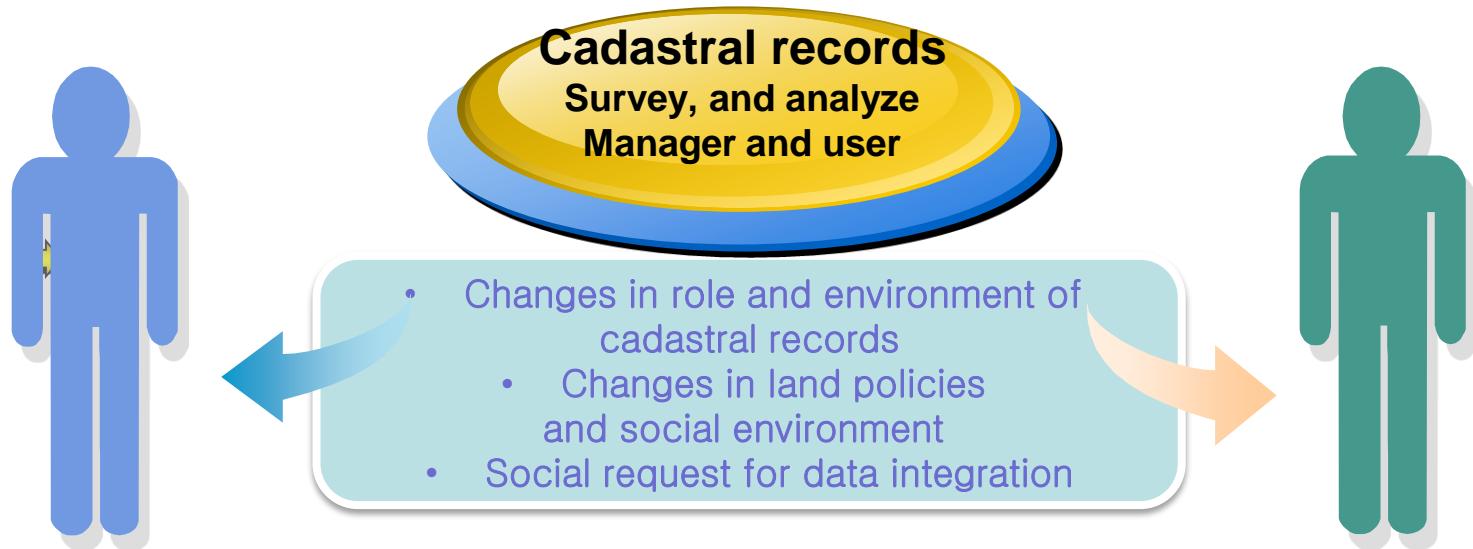




## 1. Diversification in registration of cadastral records

▣ Redefine land descriptions and **expand and revise items regarding registration of cadastral records**

- ✓ Expansion of registered information (Comprehensive real estate records)
  - Integration of land related records (Comprehensive real estate records)



## ➤ Expand public records



Cadastral records



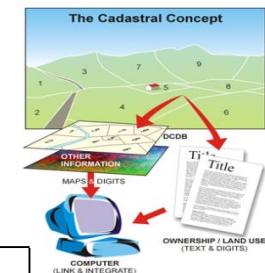
Comprehensive  
real estate records



## ➤ Expand target of registration

Items related to rights

Other items



Land related

- Land descriptions
- Rights(ownership)
- Price(Official appraisal price)
- Regulation status, etc.

Building related

- Buildings
- Subways
- Transmission line
- Tunnels, etc.

Topography related

- Terrain
- Shape
- Height , slope, and direction
- Land information, etc.

Env. related

- Minerals
- Underground water
- Atmosphere
- Noise
- Oil leakage and pollution, etc.

## Official environmental status



ecosystem

water

soil quality/  
earth



환경부  
환경부



## 2. Changes in Registration of Cadastral Records



### ▣ Land Category [地目]

- ✓ Land categories are too small in number
  - Korea: 28, Japan 23, Taiwan 36, Germany 64
  - Insufficient functions to offer various land use policy-related information
- ✓ Lack of use of land category on cadastral records in parts such as imposing taxes, etc.
  - Tax imposing dept. surveys actual land use status
  - Cities and provinces survey land use separately when setting official appraisal prices; it is same for other appraisal and bank work
  - Impose fee for occupation and use for national/public land, and tax reduction for public land are not reflected
- ✓ Method of improvement
  - User-centered land classification system – Survey people of demand – Diversify land categories
  - Manage various statuses

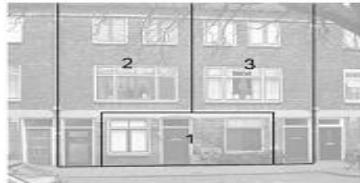
# 3. 3D Cadastre Registration



## ■ 3D cadastre registration

- ✓ Register 3D rights of lots ➔ Registration of 3D status
- 1<sup>st</sup> step: Register divided surface rights
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: Register partitioned ownership
- 3d step: Register real world (based on cadastre)
  - ❖ Resolve the mismatch between 3D cadastral map and 3D topographic map

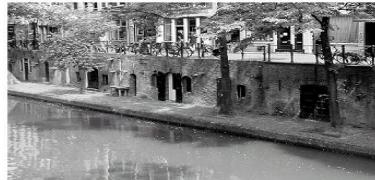
Multi-story housing



Building on parcel boundary or oblique section



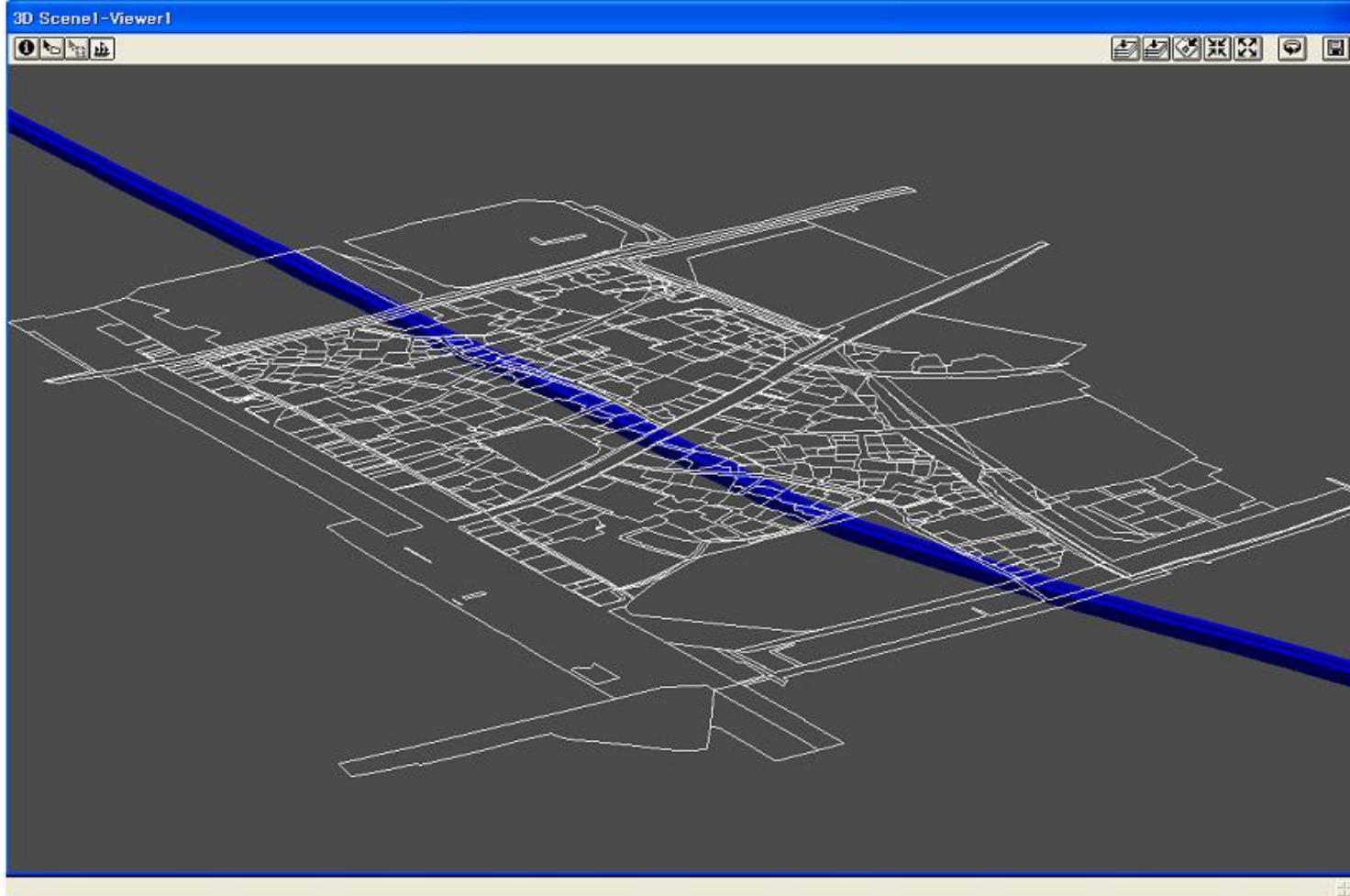
Building on & under road

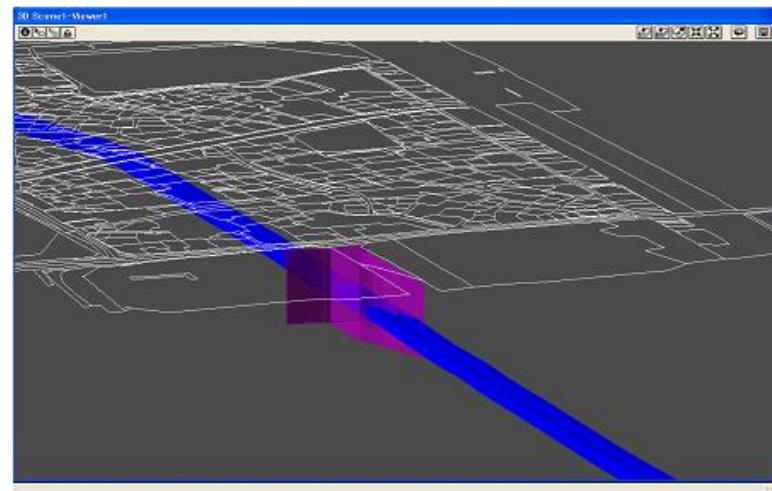
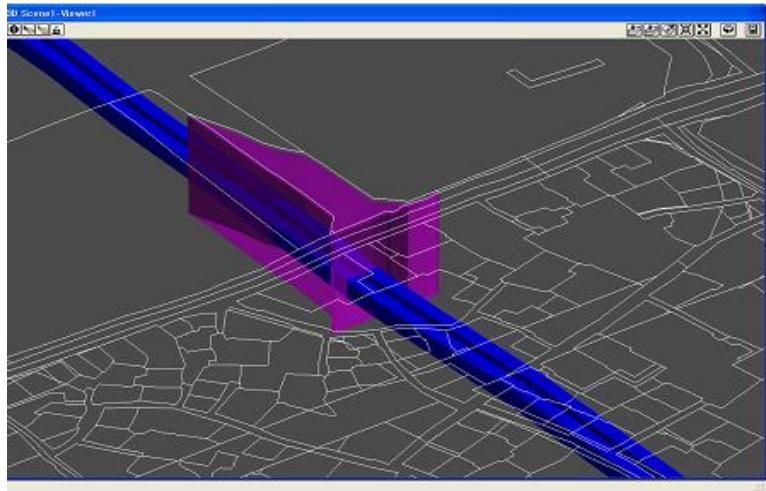
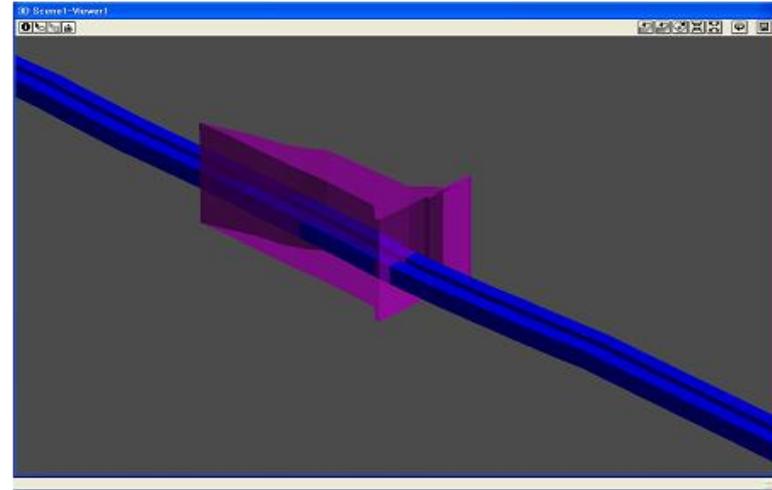
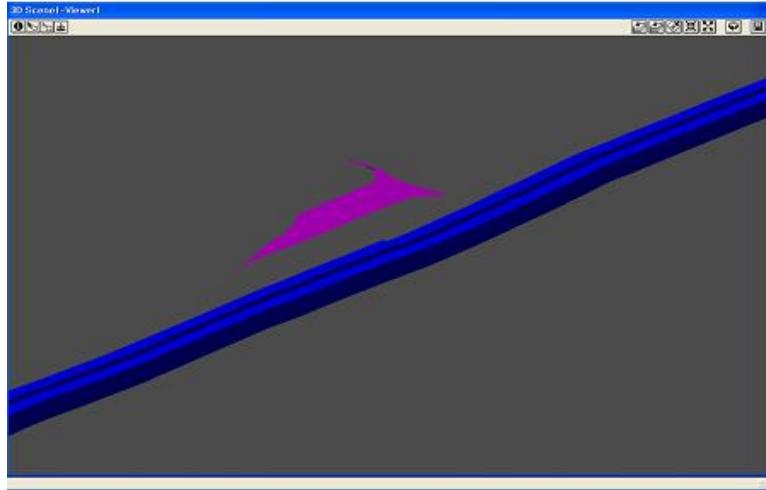


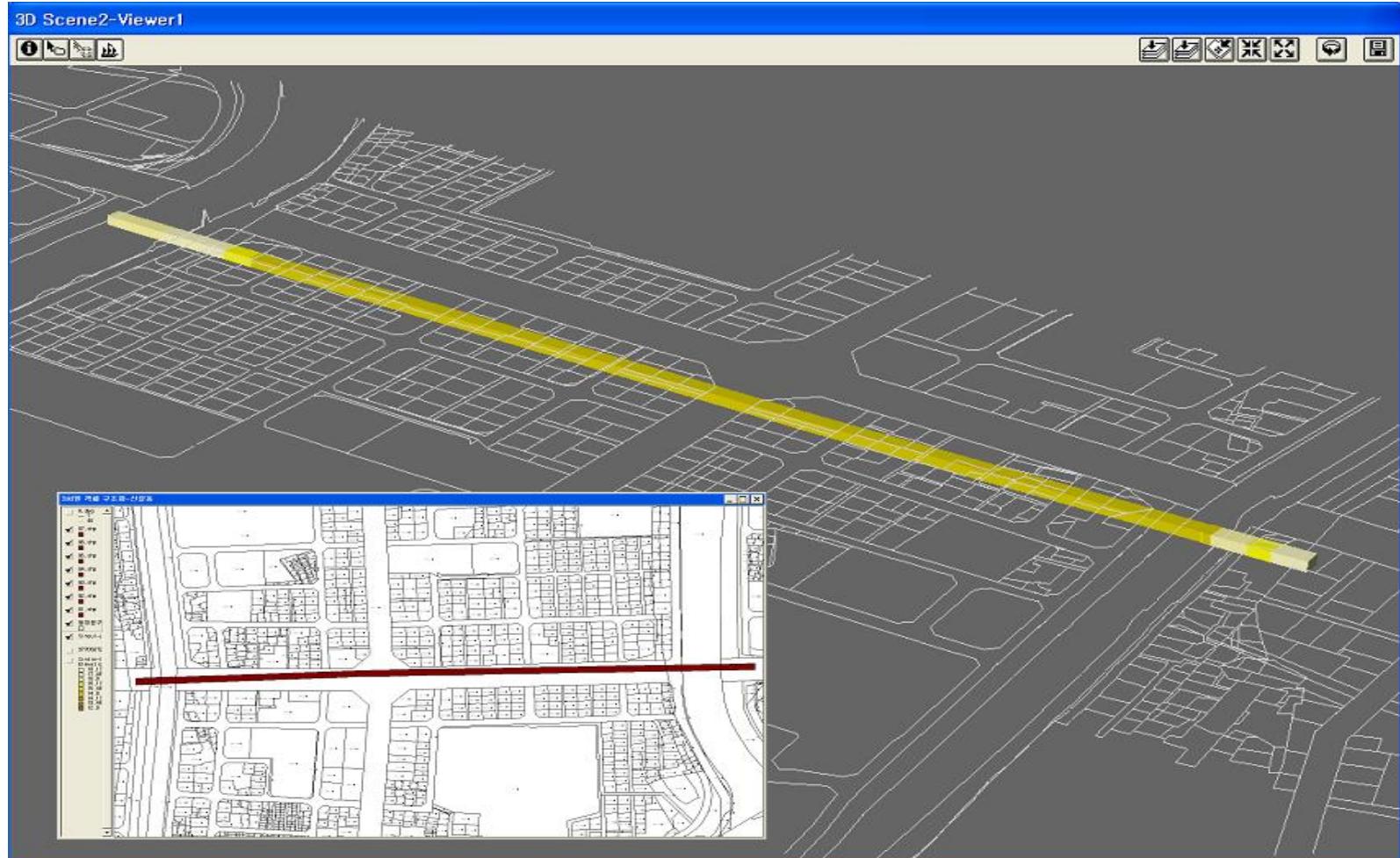
Overpass, tunnel, ground level railroad

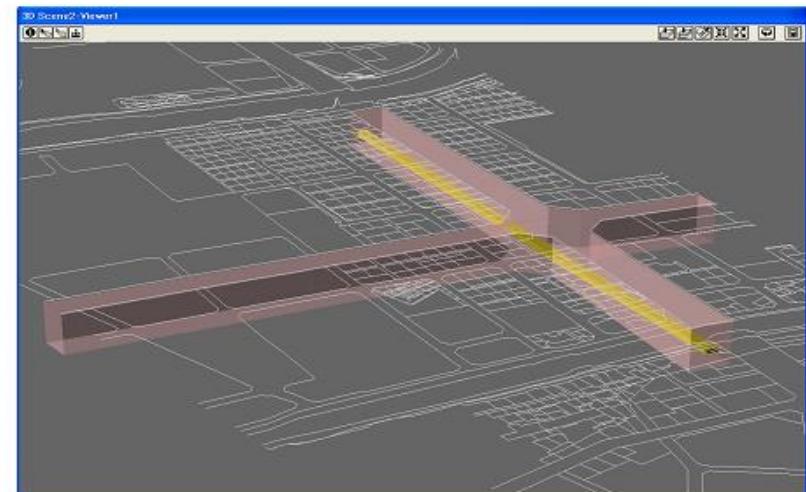
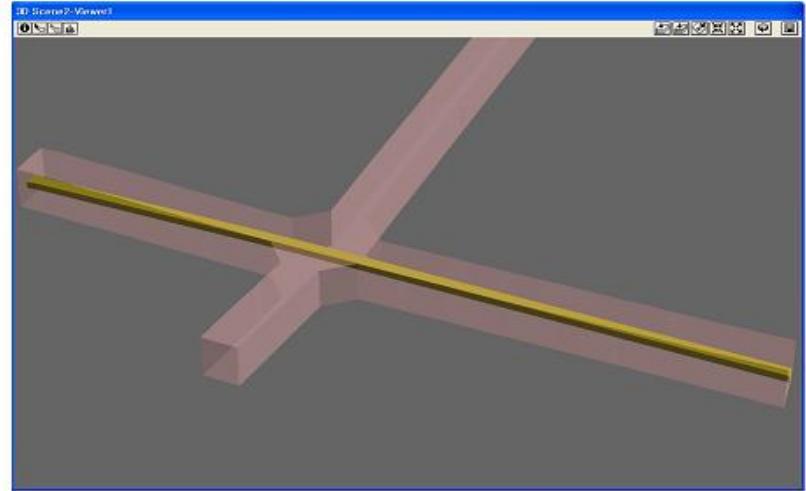
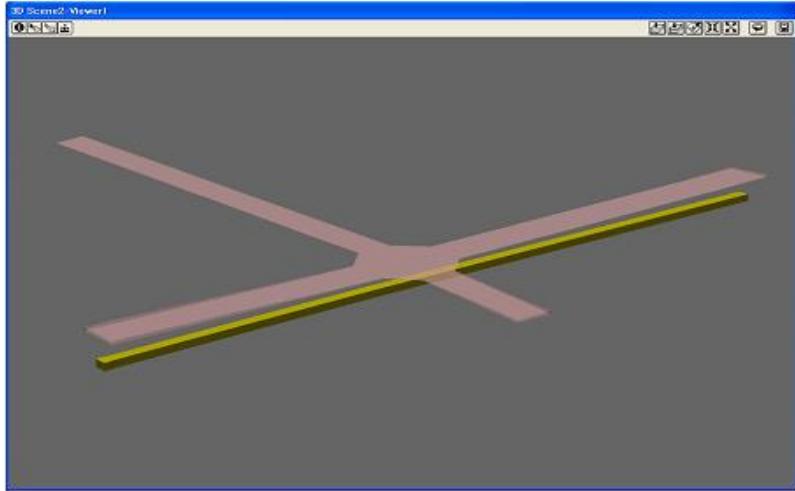


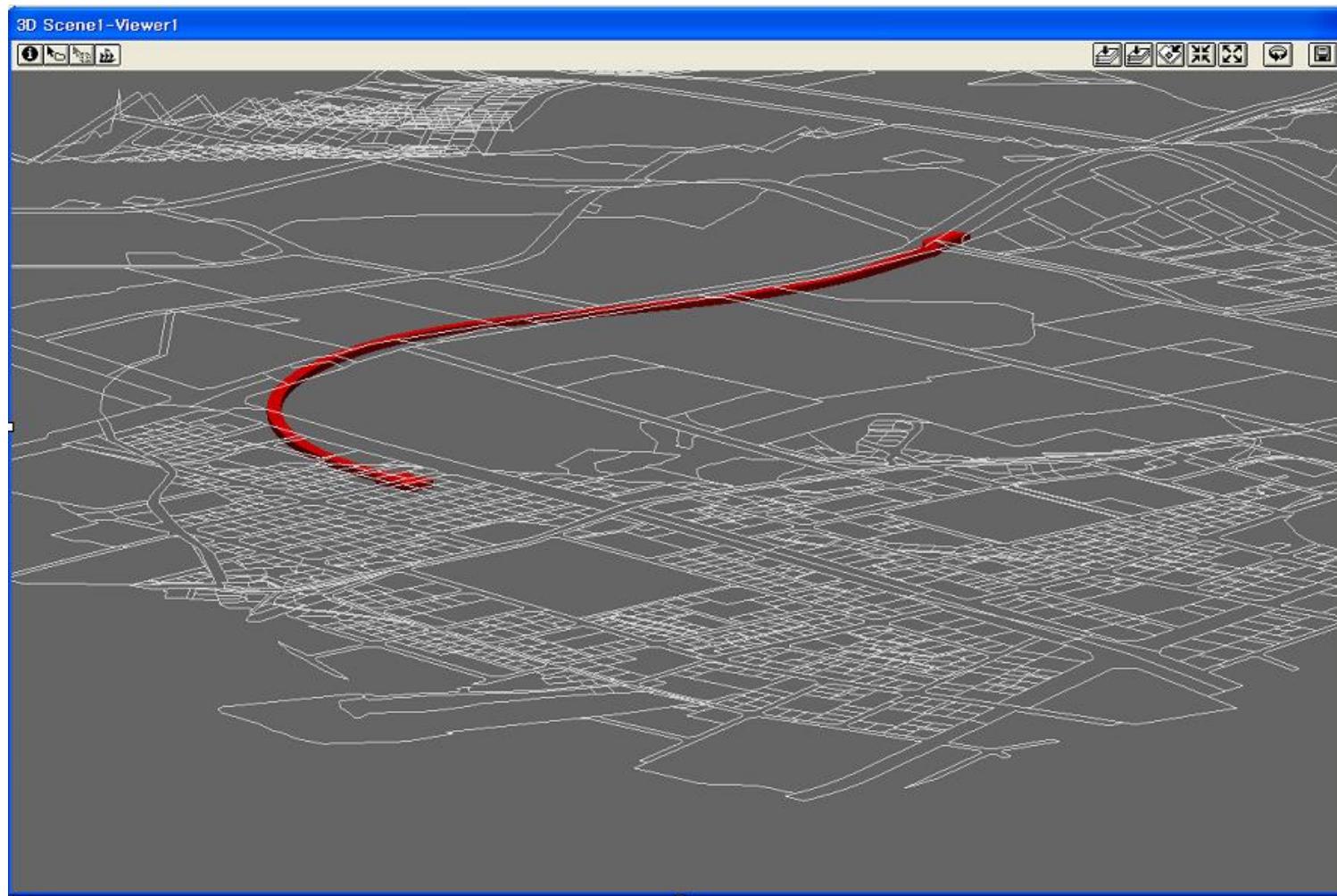


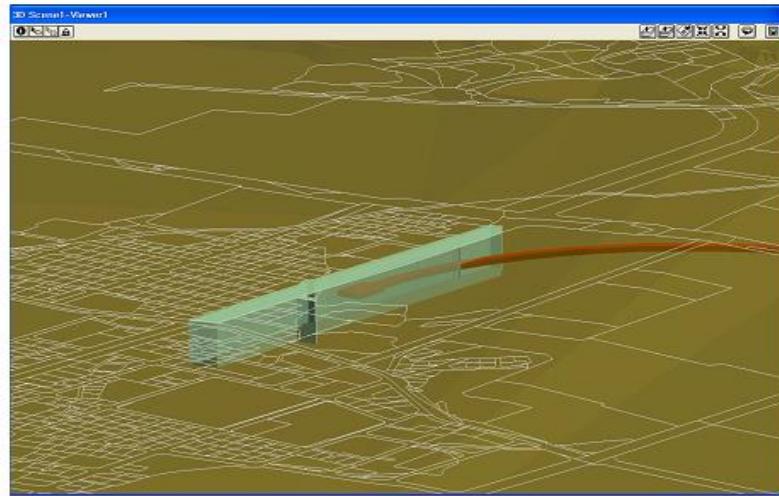
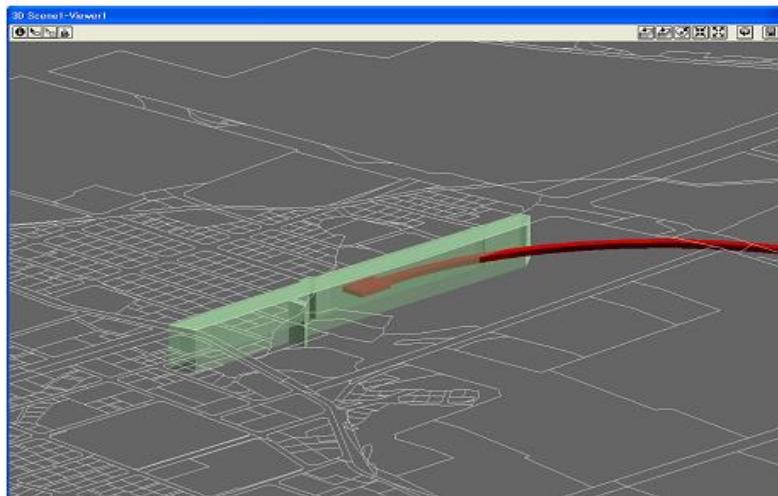
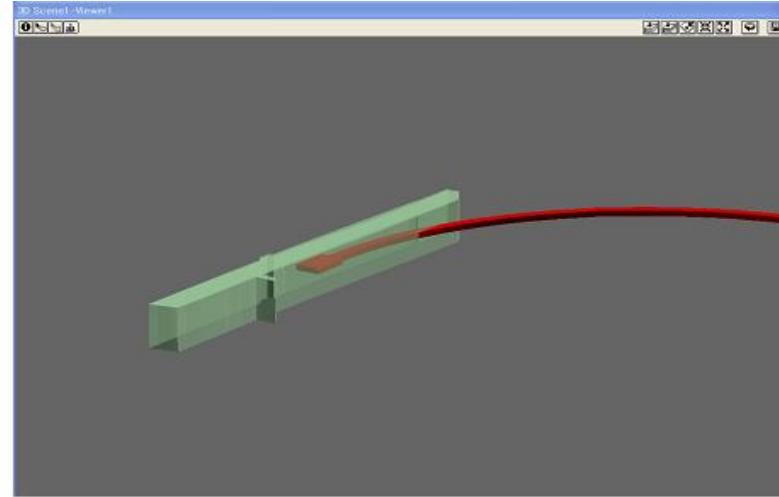
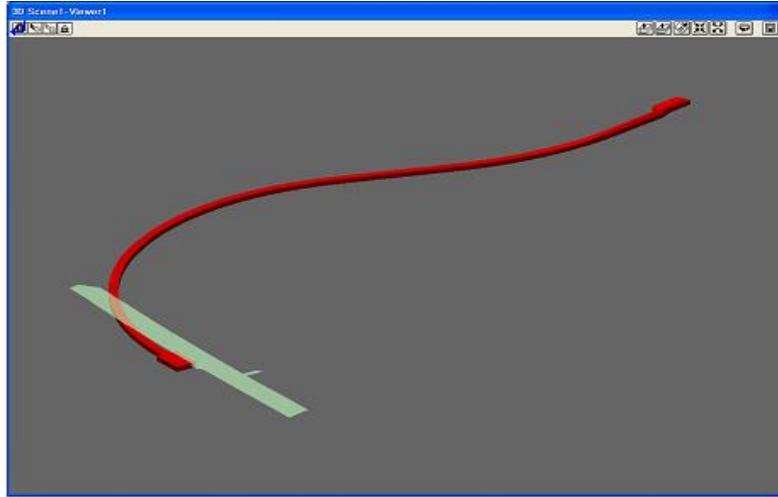












## 4. Adoption of Marine Cadastre

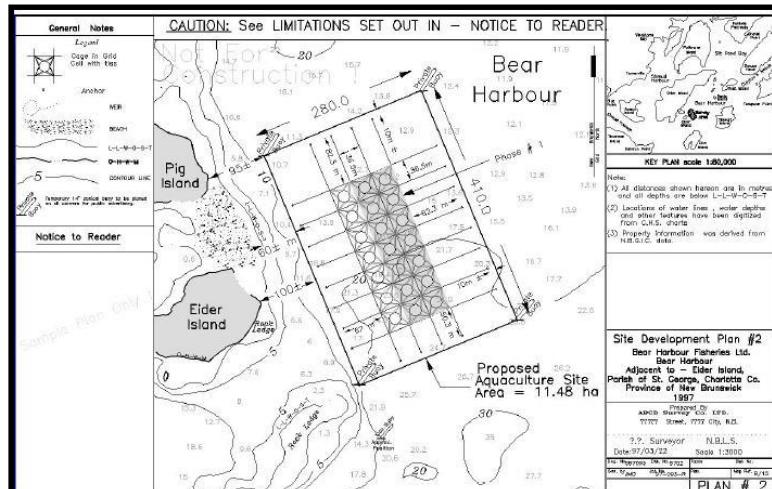
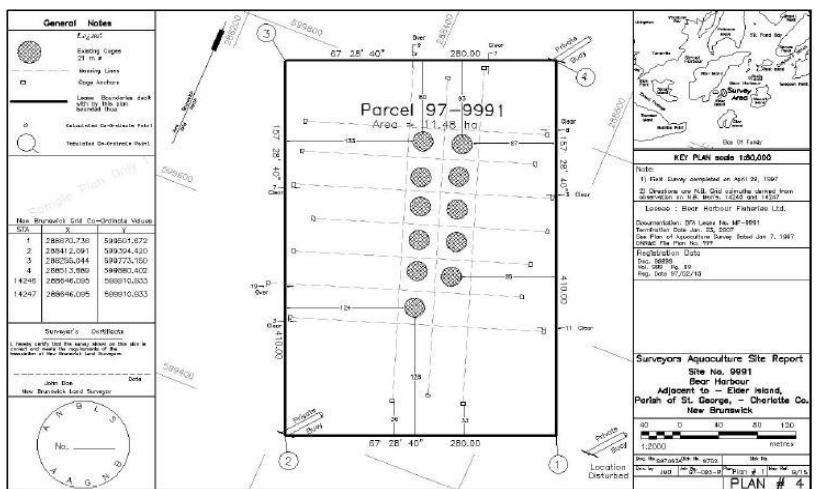
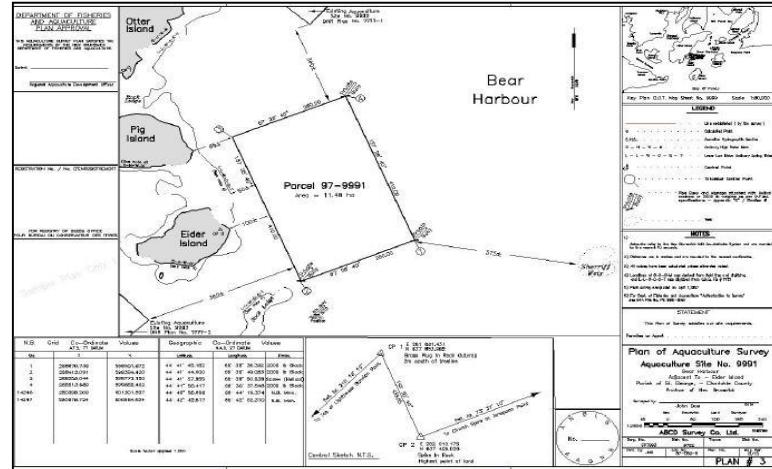


### ▣ Concept of marine cadastre

- ✓ Investigate and survey objects of rights regarding territorial waters to register and manage in cadastral records
- ✓ Division of roles between MOLIT and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries



**Marine Cadastre views information from a property rights perspective**





## 5. Establishing cadastral system as basic Infrastructure of land administration

Land ownership (Legal)

**Land Ownership**  
(juridical purpose for  
land registration)

**Land  
Administration**

**Land Value**  
(fiscal purpose for  
valuation & taxation)

**Land Use**  
(regulatory purpose for  
planning)

Land price (Financial)

Land use (Regulation)

Three key components of land (Dale and McLaughlin, 1999)



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