

## PM Hwang Kyo-anh presents productivity awards



ROK Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-anh delivering the address during the award ceremony. Photo: KPC

The 40th National Productivity Awards in the Republic of Korea (ROK) were presented by Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-anh in a program attended by over 800 people from government, public organizations, and the private sector in Seoul. Vice Minister for Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy Dr. Jeong Marn-ki and Korea Productivity Center (KPC) Chairman of Dr. Soon Jik Hong also attended the ceremony.

The annual awards are organized by the KPC to recognize organizations and individuals for their contributions to the national economy by establishing systematic management systems and conducting pioneering activities to improve productivity. The 2016 awards were given to 19 individuals and 44 companies, including Hanwha Corporation, Kiduck

Industry, Turbo Power Tech, KumHo Resort, and Korea South Power Corporation. Another key objective of the award is to enhance productivity and innovation through amicable labor-management cooperation. The awards share the best examples of raising awareness of productivity improvement and promote a national productivity mindset.

At the ceremony, Prime Minister Hwang called upon industries in the ROK to work toward catching up with global trends in Industry 4.0. He also urged them to merge manufacturing technology with ICT so that they could utilize and benefit from technological advances like artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things for driving economic growth in the ROK. 🌀