# Korean Mo-99 Project and New Research Reactor Progress

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#### RI Production Infrastructures in Korea



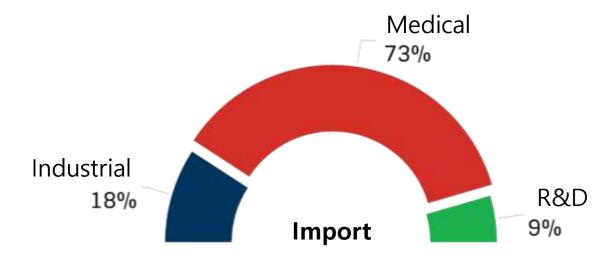


**Carbon ion radiotherapy** 

## Radioisotope Market

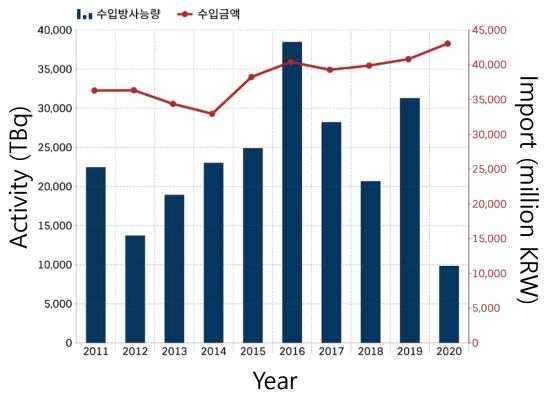
#### 01 RI Supply in Korea

- Korean reactor RIs depend on foreign supply (especially, since 2014 HANARO shutdown)
- Cyclotron isotopes are supplied by KAERI-ARTI, KIRAMS and Hospitals (F-18, TI-201, I-123, Ge-68 etc.)



#### 02 Mo-99/Tc-99m Supply in Korea

- Korean Mo-99 supply is 100% foreign origin
- There are few local Tc-99m manufacturers

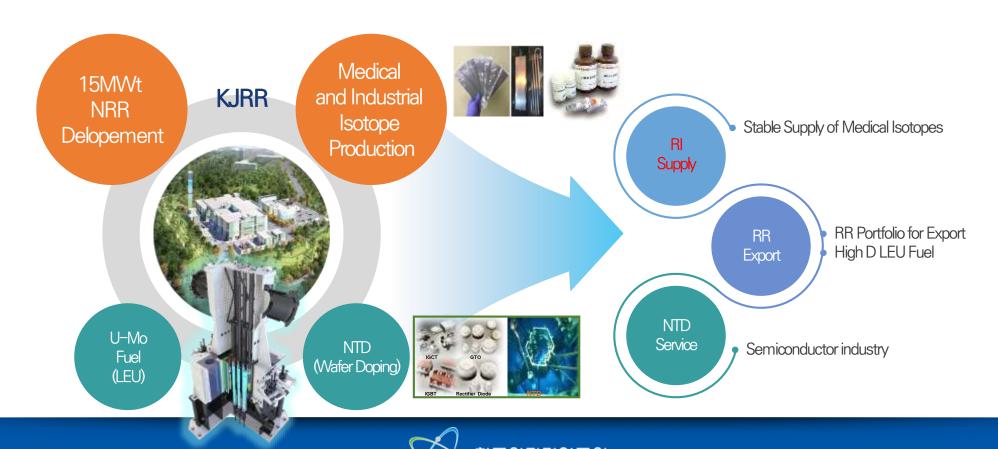




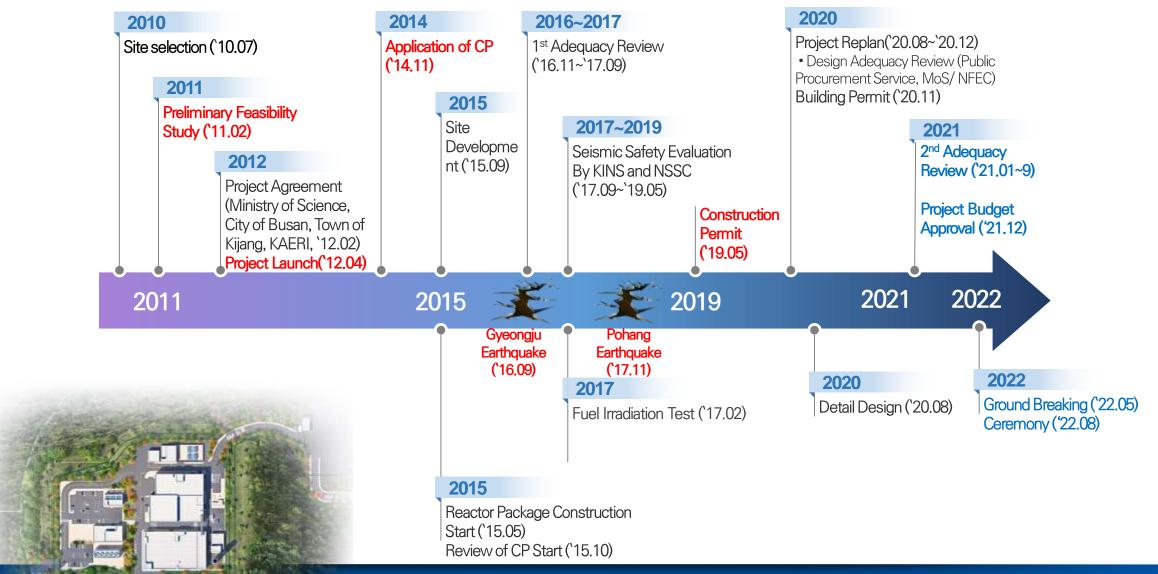
#### **KJRR Introduction**



- Stable supply of Mo-99 & RIs at home (Korea) and abroad
- Development of high performance of the LEU fuel
  - High density U-Mo fuel and fission moly target
- **▶** Development of the tech. and components for the next-G RR
  - Different design characteristics from HANARO

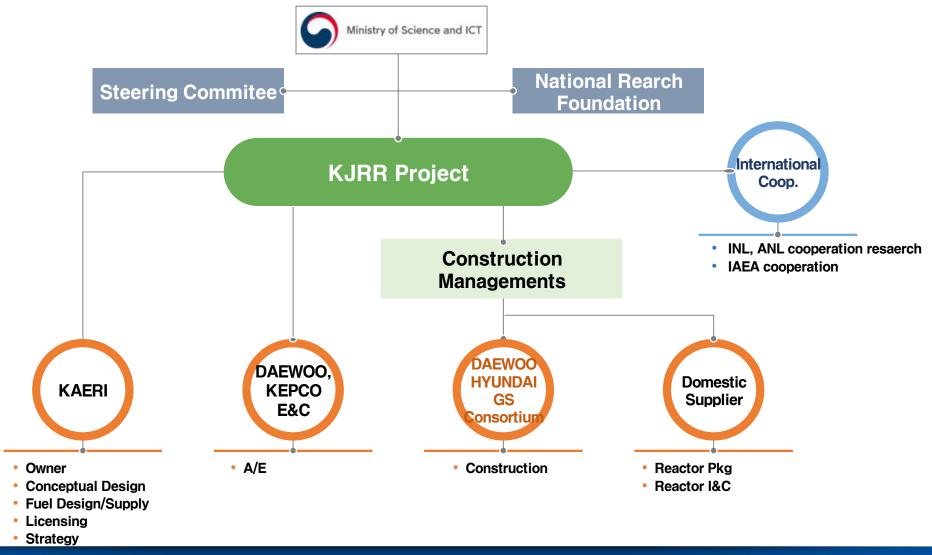


## **KJRR Progress**





## **Proejct Organization**





## **Site Overview 1**

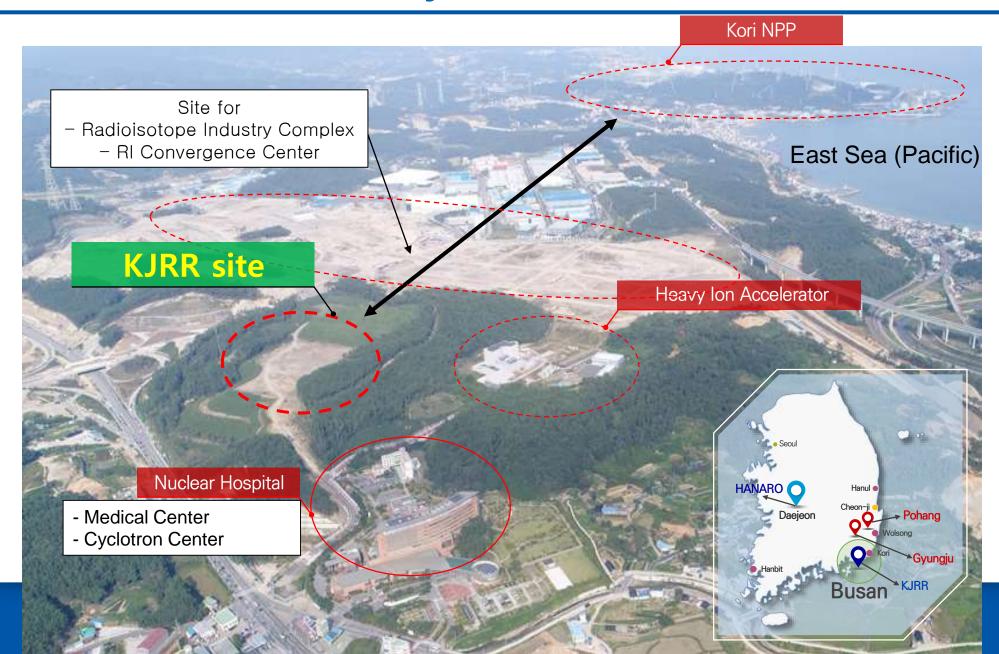




#### **Site Overview 2**



# **KJRR Site: Bird's Eye View**



# Main Building Ground Breaking (May 2022)







## **Ground Breaking & MOA Ceremony ('22.8)**



MOA Ceremony (Ministry of Science – City of Busan –Gijang County – Jangan Town – KAERI)



**Ground Breaking Ceremony** 



### **KJRR Construction Plan**



# **Summary**



KJRR (April 2027)

RI Application Research Center (Mid 2024)



