

## Datacraft Korea Fights against Effects of Catastrophic Oil Spill

In the early morning hours of 18 January, 19 volunteers from Datacraft Korea arrived on Korea's west coast of Taean Peninsula (3 hours from Datacraft office) to fight against Korea's worse oil spill.

It has been close to 50 days since 11,000 tons of oil spilled from a tanker. Experts had estimated that the cleaning process will take beyond 3 months to complete and at least 10 years for the ecosystem to return to its original state.

As a safety precaution, the Korean team wore white coloured protective gear (long rubber boots and gloves) and was assigned to the rocky side of Guryepo Beach to wash up the oil sludge plastered on the rocks and caves.

Although most of the rocks were cleaned by previous volunteers, the caves were still dirty; filled with poisonous, pungent smelly sludge. To make things worst, the oil sludge had seeped beneath the sand and in between rocks, making a tough job even tougher.

The Datacraft Korean volunteers worked alongside teams from other environment-volunteer groups. Apart from our Korean team, there were several hundreds volunteers who came from high schools and individuals. Despite the hard work and cold weather, our Korean Team was in good spirits.

Authorities concluded that more than 70% of Taean coast region has had its original condition restored due to huge efforts from the volunteers. They felt very proud to be part of this green effort in conserving the ecosystem. Special thanks to all the employees who participated in this activity and to Steve Cho, General Manager, and Francis Yip, Regional Director for sponsoring lunch and breakfast.

 <p>Map of Taean Peninsula; where the oil spill occurred</p>	 <p>All ready to go - Team Korea in white protective clothing and gloves</p>	 <p>In action: working hard to remove the oil sludge from the rocks</p>
 <p>Before-Oil sludge on rock</p>	 <p>After-Wow look it's cleaned!</p>	 <p>More cleaned rocks</p>



Serious about her task



Dirty & Poisonous



Not giving up



Taking a break



Smile!



In good spirits for the environment