Case Study

Gangnam Station

New phase of digital signage advertisement

Overview

Digital Signage, which is called the fourth medium after TV, Internet, and mobile, is emerging as a new communication medium in the digital era. Little wonder then that the market has been enjoying a period of explosive growth. Indeed, Korean digital signage market is showing an annual average growth rate of 23% (ETRI, Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute), and was worth an estimated 2.55 trillion won as of the year 2016 (Ministry of Science and ICT). Now, we meet diverse digital signage in many parts of our daily lives from subway station to bus stop to elevator.

As digital signage has come into popular use, a great deal of attention is being paid to various solutions to deliver content in a differentiated way. Among those solutions, "Samsung SMART Signage," which KT has adopted and installed in the transfer passageway of Gangnam Station, is particularly eye-catching as it shows interesting and vivid advertisements across two screens seamlessly.

Technology Highlights

- FHD display provides a powerful visual experience
- Slim bezel increases screen immersion
- PIP(Picture-in-Picture) function allows simultaneous playback of two screens

Customer Needs

Gangnam Station has one of the largest floating populations of any station in Seoul. But, walk the streets and the first thing you may notice is the fierce advertising war going on using digital signage. To win, companies need the ability to make real-time updates to digital signage products, content and solutions.

About Gangnam Station (on Sinbundang Line)

Gangnam Station is a subway station in the Gangnam District of Seoul, South Korea. This station serves as a crucial transfer point between Line 2 and buses to all over Seoul and southern Gyeonggi Province. It became the northern terminus of the Shinbundang Line on October 29, 2011.
KT considered the spacial characteristics of the transfer passageway, where people pass through fast, to choose a product that has the widest viewing angle. This is why KT adopted “Samsung SMART Signage.” A total of 134 “Samsung SMART Signages” installed on the four sides of square pillars simultaneously display content, naturally exposing advertisements to passers-by. Plus, the signages are installed 150mm higher than the previous products that were installed at around 1,500mm from the ground, allowing people to look at the whole screen at a glance. Advertisements that play simultaneously on the screen help engage people. “As advertisements are simultaneously played on brighter and clear displays, they always catch my eye on my way to work,” said an office worker who passes through the transfer passageway on her daily commute.

Solution

High-definition display and PIP technology helps catch the eyes of busy people in the city

Among many other digital signages in the passageway of Gangnam Station, “Samsung SMART Signage” in the transfer passageway stands out thanks to its strong display. The slim bezels that increase the immersion level and high-definition display that delivers realistic images make people stop walking and watch. The PIP (Picture In Picture) technology applied to “Samsung SMART Signage” takes the visual pleasure to another level. Unlike other products that deliver static pictures only, “Samsung SMART Signage” provides a sub-screen that plays videos inside the screen, delivering realistic content.

Eye-level screens and simultaneous transmission of images on the 4 screens maximizes the advertising effects

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Result

Everyone pays attention to Samsung SMART Signage for digital signage marketing

Samsung SMART Signage supports various convenience features to help overcome the poor conditions of the subway transfer passageway. With a pivot feature that allows for the rotation of the screen in the portrait or landscape position, you can install the screen in portrait position, which is suited for the square pillar. In addition, the screens are suited for long-time use, even in the underground space, thanks to the strong durability that makes it possible for them to be used for 16 straight hours a day. It is cost effective as well. With “Samsung SMART Signage,” you can reduce the TCO because it is equipped with essential features as digital signage with reduced errors along with economical installation costs and greater energy efficiency. “Many advertisers are satisfied with “Samsung SMART Signage,” to which we can apply the latest solutions, because it helps to deliver advertisements in a differentiated way,” said an official from KT, who manages content for the “Samsung SMART Signage” in Gangnam Station of Sinbundang Line.