

OECD KOREA Policy Centre

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Bridging the gap between countries,
the OECD KOREA Policy Centre is committed
to the advancement of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Centre will establish a network
and lead the development of
knowledge-based industries in the region.



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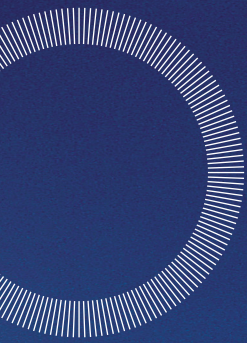
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Executive Secretary of OECD KOREA Policy Centre

Welcome Message

It is my sincere pleasure to introduce the OECD KOREA Policy Centre to all readers.

The OECD KOREA Policy Centre is an international organisation established under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Korean government and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The Centre has many objectives, and some of the main emphases can be found in the following areas; researching advanced standards and policies on taxation, fair competition, public governance, and social policy sectors in OECD member countries and disseminating research outcomes to public officials as well as to experts in the Asia-Pacific region.

In pursuit of this vision, the Centre organises numerous international symposia, seminars, workshops, and teaching-learning colloquia covering a full range of issues in each of the sectors. The Centre also operates policy forums, presented by experts at home and abroad. This provides a unique opportunity to exchange views and work towards better policies.

The OECD KOREA Policy Centre has a goal, to serve as a leading organisation in the region, promoting to spread advanced systems based on OECD standards. In light of this, we, at the Centre, will make efforts to contribute a great deal to the development of the region, by applying a wide range of expert skills, which have been honed through years of operation.

We look forward to your continued support.

Thank you.

Executive Secretary of the OECD KOREA Policy Centre



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Towards the Best
Practices



Mission and Strategy

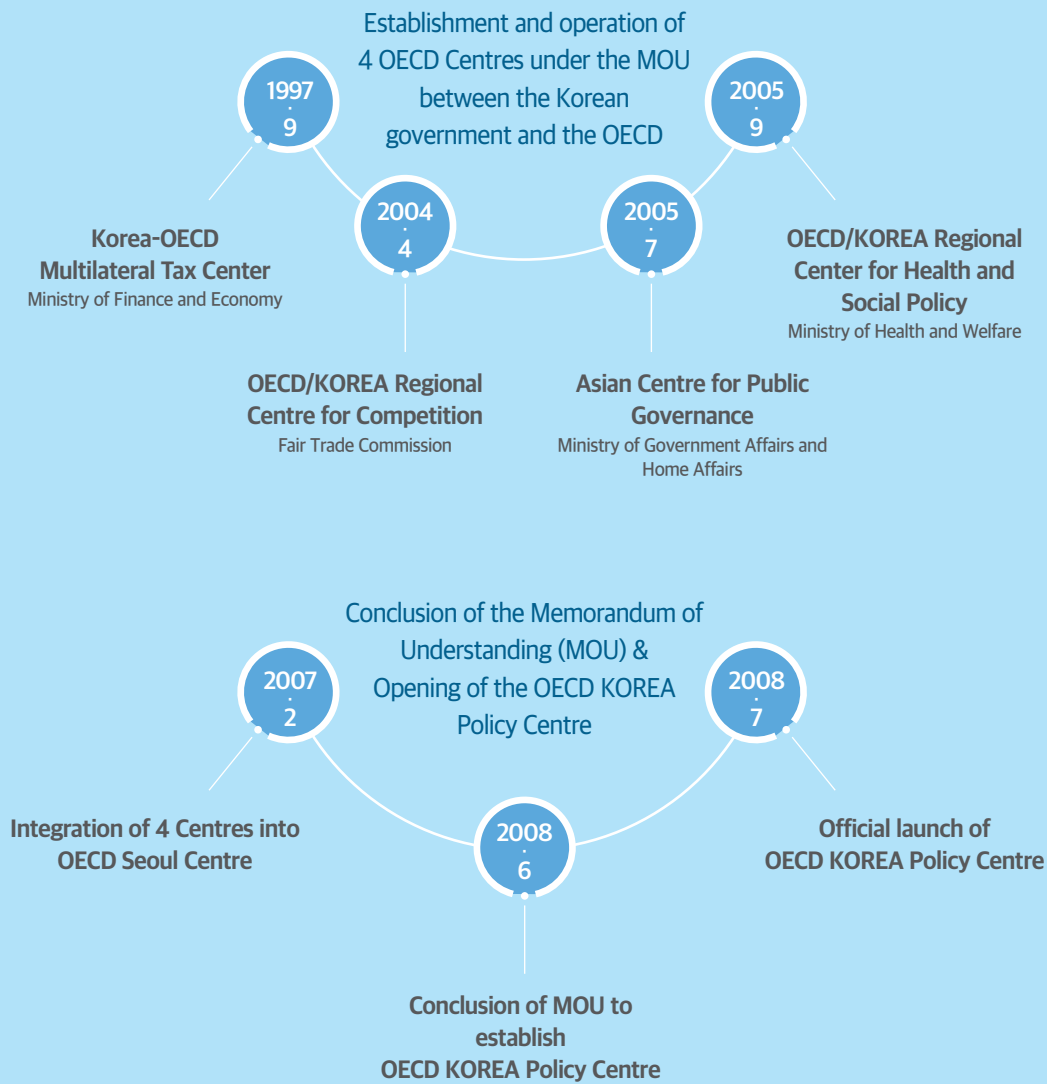
The OECD KOREA Policy Centre has been disseminating advanced policy and systems to the economies in the Asia-Pacific region in cooperation with the OECD.

- Hosting OECD international seminars and workshops to disseminate advanced policy and systems in the field of taxation, fair competition, public governance, and health & social policy
- Translating and publishing the latest achievements of the OECD
- Sharing OECD's recent policy trends
- Cooperating through a network of international experts



INTRODUCTION

History



Function

The OECD KOREA Policy Centre has been seeking ways to share information on advanced policies and experience with policy leaders including middle to high ranking public officials in the Asia-Pacific region.

In part of this, the Centre has been carrying out OECD meetings and seminars as well as consultancies on various issues in cooperation with the OECD. In this context, the Centre will put all efforts and skills available in order to develop and improve international networks for expansion of mutual cooperation between OECD member and non-member economies.

Organisation and Operation





Achievements of 2019

30 events inviting more than 1,600 public officials and relevant experts



- Tax Programme: 9 events for 350 tax officials
- Competition Programme: 6 events for 241 competition officials and judges
- Public Governance Programme: 7 events for 757 public officials
- Health and Social Policy Programme: 5 events for 231 officials and experts

Publication of research paper



- 「Study on the Introduction of Income Tax in the Republic of Vanuatu」, Consulting project on implementation and effects of income tax system in Vanuatu
- 「Asia-Pacific Competition Update」
- 「Understanding the Drivers of Trust in Government Institutions in Korea」
- 「A Study on the Effectiveness Indicators in Healthcare Based on the System of Health Accounts」, 「Implications of Population Ageing on Pharmaceutical Policy」, 「Family Data-Base in the Asia-Pacific Region: Validation and Conversion into the OECD Family DB for the year 2019」, and translation of OECD publications on health and social policies

Dissemination of better policies & systems



- Tax Programme disseminated tax information systems of Korea, such as hometax, cash receipt system, and electronic tax invoice, and shared its implementation experiences.
- Competition Programme provided a hub for competition officials from Asia-Pacific countries to exchange experiences and enhance their capacities in competition law and policy.
- Public Governance Programme shared OECD member countries' exemplary public sector innovation practices with regional partners.
- Health and Social Policy Programme conducted international training programmes and co-organised international conferences on health and public welfare with various institutes to strengthen the policy network.



Programmes for 2020

Development of more diversified and specialised programmes



- Tax Programme will provide capacity building programmes on the recent issues in the international taxation field along with regular OECD tax seminars and cooperation programmes.
- Competition Programme will hold workshops and seminars cooperating with competition authorities in the region to develop and implement effective competition law and policy.
- Public Governance Programme will host Asian Public Governance Forums on the themes of open government, public integrity and risk management.
- Health and Social Policy Programme will host expert meetings on health accounts, pharmaceutical policy, health care quality improvement, social policy, family policy, and pension policy.

Research activities



- OECD blended/e-learning programme to provide in-depth case studies for participants
- 「Competition Law in Asia-Pacific: A Guide to Selected Jurisdictions」 and 「Asia-Pacific Competition Update」
- Publication of OECD reports into Korean language to promote OECD policy recommendations
- Construction of family database, research on health accounts and pharmaceutical policy in the Asia-Pacific region

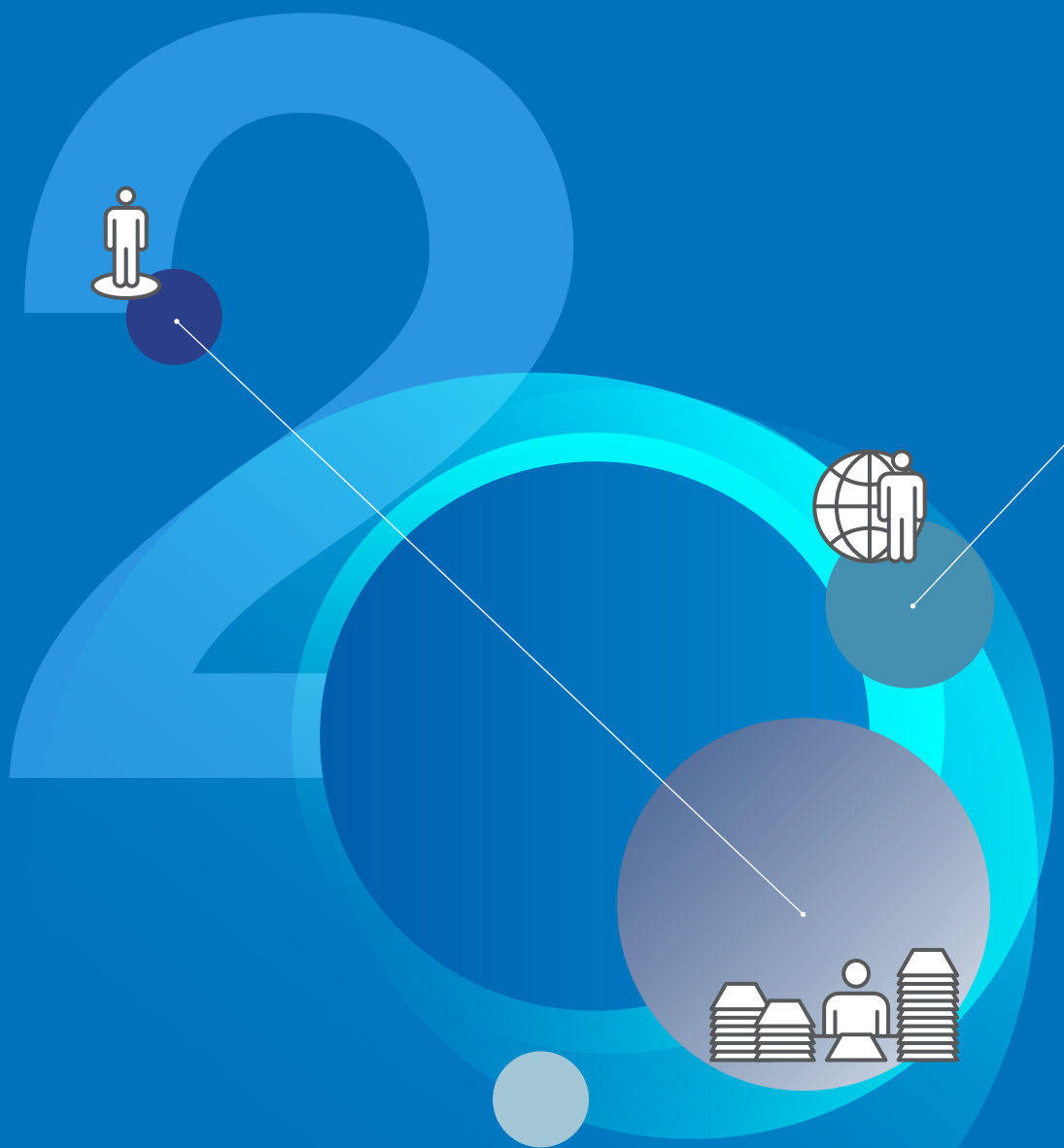
Network building and information sharing

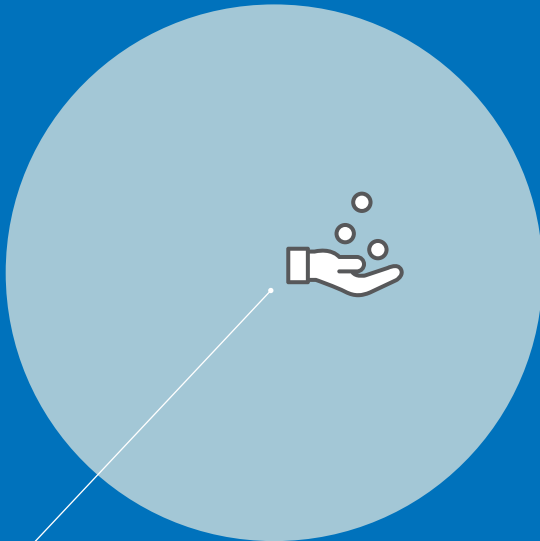


- Cooperation with international, regional and local organisation and related agencies as well as government, competent authorities and other stakeholders
- Social media use to enhance expert networking and share relevant documents
- Pursuing partnerships for comprehensive cooperation in public governance with government ministries and public institutions
- Expanding cooperation with international organisations such as ADB, ILO, WHO/WPRO, SEARO, and UNESCAP

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Major Achievements and Upcoming Programmes



Tax Programme

Competition Programme

Public Governance Programme

Health and Social Policy Programme

TAX Programme

The Tax Programme (Korea Tax Center, KTC) was established in order to disseminate advanced tax policies and policy experience to partner economies in the Asia-Pacific region in cooperation with the OECD.

The main missions of the Tax Programme are to provide partner economies with the opportunities to share their tax policies and administrative experiences on international taxation such as Transfer Pricing, Tax Treaties and Exchange of Information and to be more familiar with recent international tax trends such as Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.

It also hosts policy forums for tax experts at home and abroad as well as seminars on tax administration for developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region and conducts cooperative projects with regional tax organisations.



Key Performance

Since 1997, the Tax Programme has been annually hosting 6 to 7 regular OECD international tax seminars inviting more than 4,000 middle and high ranking tax officials from 50 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. As of today, the number of seminars held by the Tax Programme has reached 140.

OECD tax seminars carried by the Tax Programme have been highly evaluated by the OECD as well as by participants in terms of its awareness and participant-satisfaction. The Programme has been evaluated as one of the best OECD Tax Seminars & Events according to the OECD's Independent Evaluation Service.

The Programme has been trying to enhance understanding of Korea in order to strengthen neighborly relations with tax officials that participate in its seminars. In part of this effort, the Programme has been introducing various information on Korea's economic development, culture, and history as well as providing study visits to industrial and historical sites for all the participants.

The Programme has operated the KTC Family website that manages database concerning participants and experts' information and provides opportunities for tax officials and experts in the Asia-Pacific region to exchange information on advanced tax policies and experience.

In 2019, the Programme has conducted 2 bilateral programmes with emerging economies including Tanzania and Mongolia.

2019 OECD International Tax Seminar

Topic	Date	Venue
Tax Policy Analysis Workshop	11~16 MAR.	Seoul
The Revised Transfer Pricing Guidelines Workshop	15~20 APR.	Seoul
Comprehensive Tax Treaties	17~22 JUN.	Seoul
Tax Incentives - Promises and Pitfalls	23~28 SEP.	Seoul
Toolkit for Addressing Difficulties in Accessing Comparables Data for Transfer Pricing Analyses	21~26 OCT.	Seoul
Exchange of Information as a Tool to Combat Offshore Tax Evasion	18~23 NOV.	Seoul





2019 Cooperation Programme with Emerging Economies

Partners	Topic	Date	Venue	Participants
Tanzania Revenue Authority, Tanzania	Recent Issues on the International Taxation and administration	6~8 MAY.	Dar es Salaam	42
General Department of Taxation, Mongolia	Transfer Pricing Audits: Theory and Practices	20~22 AUG.	Ulaanbaatar	47

Asia-Pacific Regional Policy Network in the Asia-Pacific Region

- The Tax Programme co-hosted, in partnership with the OECD, Asian Development Bank, CATA, and PITAA, a regional conference targeting Pacific Island countries to disseminate advanced tax policies and best practices and introduce OECD/G20 BEPS project for efficient tax implementation.

Partners	Topic	Date	Venue	Participants
CATA, PITAA, ADB	Tax Avoidance and Evasion	3~7 JUN.	Nadi	40



Programmes for 2020



OECD Tax Seminar

Event	Date
MAP Workshop	17-22 FEB.
Risk Management: Effective use of CbC data and the OECD risk management tool	23-28 MAR.
Tax Treaty Negotiation	25-30 MAY.
Addressing the Tax Challenges of the Digitalisation of the Economy	21-26 SEP.
Auditing MNEs	26-31 NOV.

Cooperation Programme

- Bilateral programmes to consolidate relations with tax authorities in the emerging economies by providing seminars on advanced tax policies and best practices
- Gives participants more opportunities to learn about international tax rules through recent analyses and research on international tax trends of the OECD and its member countries
- Works as a hub that connects OECD member & non-member economies

Regional Tax Policy Network in the Asia-Pacific Region

- The Tax Programme will co-host meetings and seminars, including OECD/G20 BEPS project and digitalisation of economy, with regional tax organisations for further promoting regional cooperation. The Programme will also continue to act as a bridge between OECD member countries and emerging economies in the region. It will also offer technical assistance and capacity building programmes to support the implementation process of the newly introduced concepts or tax trends.
- The Programme will continue working with international and regional organisations such as ADB, World Bank, CATA and PITAA to organise customised conferences based on partner economies' needs supporting emerging economies in the region to catch up with the OECD guideline.
- The Programme will continue to maintain and enhance the network with country representatives by utilising the Knowledge Sharing Platform.



Improvement in Activities

- Research on current issues regarding international taxation delivering up-to-date information
- Consulting projects on implementation and development of tax systems for emerging economies
- OECD blended-learning and e-learning programmes to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of tax implementation and administration



Competition Programme

The function of the Competition Programme is to disseminate OECD member states' competition law and policy to government officials and judges who deal with competition law cases in the Asia-Pacific region.

For this, the Competition Programme holds international competition workshops/seminars, carries out research on competition law enforcement trends, and issues newsletters.



Key Performance



Competition Law Workshop/Seminar

The Competition Programme has been making efforts to promote capacity building programmes on competition law and policy in the region. Since 2004, it has been contributing to the dissemination of best practices of the OECD by hosting 92 workshops/seminars and inviting 2,784 participants.

| Competition Law Workshop/Seminar by Year |

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Workshops	2	6	5	6	7	5	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	5	6	92
Participants	23	106	103	132	206	107	172	191	170	230	182	205	205	282	219	241	2,784

The Competition Programme holds competition law workshops/seminars, providing opportunities for competition officials in the region to share their experience and knowledge for an effective competition law enforcement.

The Programme has been providing capacity building activities on the topics of cartel prosecution, bid rigging & public procurement, merger analysis and abuse of dominance since 2004. The specific types of workshops and seminars are as follows: in-country workshops to ensure an active participation of local officials since 2005; sector specific workshops to focus on competition issues in particular sectors such as ICT, financial and IP since 2010; seminars for judges to explore competition law theory and cases from 2011; and bilateral seminars for competition authorities in the region to meet the needs of target jurisdictions since 2017.

In 2019, the Programme hosted 6 workshops/seminars including a bilateral seminar in Thailand that has recently revised the law, a joint event with Japan Fair Trade Commission covering competition issues of digitalisation to strengthen cooperation on capacity building programmes in the region and a seminar for judges in cooperation with the Supreme Court of Thailand, inviting 241 participants in total.



| Competition Law Workshops/Seminars in 2019 |

Topic	Date	Venue	Co-hosts	Participants
Competition Rules in the Transport Sector	26~28 MAR.	Korea	·	26
Management of Competition Authority and Competition Law Fundamentals	27~28 MAY	Thailand	OTCC	84
Main Challenges in Adjudicating Competition Law Cases	27~28 MAY	OTCC	Supreme Court of Thailand	48
Vertical Restraints	27~28 MAY	Mongolia	AFCCP	42
Competition Issues of Digitalization	16~18 OCT.	Japan	JFTC	24
Investigative Techniques for Cartels	12~14 NOV.	Korea	·	17



「Competition Law in Asia-Pacific: A Guide to Selected Jurisdictions」

- Overviews of competition laws, policies, and institutional settings of 22 jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region



「Asia-Pacific Competition Update」

- Describes the work of the Programme, the work of the OECD, as well as news, case studies and reports from competition authorities in the Asia-Pacific region (2 editions issued in 2019)



Introductory Video

- Contains the achievements of the Programme, types of activities, interviews from heads of competition authorities to working level investigators in the region to encourage active participation to the Programme

Programmes for 2020



Competition Law Workshop/Seminar

The Competition Programme will continuously improve and develop its educational programmes so as to strengthen capacity building on enforcement of competition law.

- Sector specific workshop to provide in-depth study on competition law issues in the specific sector
- Bilateral seminar to provide contents that are best tailored to the needs of target country's current status of the competition law
- Seminar for judges to enhance understanding of legal and economic theories unique in competition law
- In-country event to encourage more participation of hosting and neighbouring jurisdictions by covering interesting topics of the jurisdictions



| Competition Law Workshop/Seminar in 2020 |

Topic*	Date*	Venue	Co-hosts
Economics of Abuse of Dominance and on Merger Control	MAR.	Philippines	PCC
Bilateral Seminar for SAMR (Topic TBD)	APR.	China	SAMR
Merger Control	MAY	Korea	.
Young Competition Agencies' Workshop	SEP.	Myanmar	MmCC
10th Competition Law Seminar for Asia-Pacific Judges with ASEAN	OCT.	Philippines	Supreme Court of Philippines
Sector Specific Workshop Competition and SOEs / Financial / Digital Markets(TBD)	NOV.	Korea	.

* Topics and dates are subject to change after consultation with cooperating authorities.



Publication on Competition Policies

- 「Competition Law in Asia-Pacific: A Guide to Selected Jurisdictions」
- 「Asia-Pacific Competition Update」

Public Governance Programme

The role of the Public Governance Programme is to share OECD member states' policy experiences with the Asia-Pacific region in order to improve efficiency of their public sector. For this, it regularly holds international forums, provides capacity building programmes for public officials, and promotes joint activities in research



Key Performance



Asian Public Governance (APG) Forums

- Organised international meetings in cooperation with relevant institutions in order to share recent OECD research and experiences on the topics of common interests among the Asia-Pacific countries as a knowledge sharing platform
- Strengthened a cooperation network by co-organising events with domestic and foreign institutions

| Performance in 2019 |

Field	Co-hosts	Date	Location	Participants
Government Innovation	OECD, OPDC	2~3 MAR.	Thailand(Bangkok)	150
Regulatory Policy	OECD	24~25 JUN.	Korea(Seoul)	50
Human Resource Management	OECD, NSG, NHI	31 OCT.~1 NOV.	Korea(Seoul)	300
Public Integrity	OECD, ADB, Government of Vietnam, UNDP, UK Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan	3~6 DEC.	Vietnam(Ha Noi)	150
Gender Equality	OECD, National University of Malaysia	12~13 DEC.	Malaysia(Bangi)	50



Capacity Building Programmes for Government Officials

- Assisted the capacity development of public officials from the countries in the Asia-Pacific region through customised programmes which include lectures on Korean development experiences and study visits
- Contributed to the improvement of public policies and building a cross-border policy network

| Performance in 2019 |

Authorities	Topic	Date	Location	Participants
Cambodian Ministry of Civil Service	Human Resource Development	8~13 APR.	Korea(Seoul)	17
Uzbekistan Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Public Innovation	24~25 SEP.	Uzbekistan (Tashkent)	40





Translation of the OECD Publications

- Disseminate OECD publications into Korean language for the promotion of OECD's policy recommendation and research outcome

| Performance in 2019 |

Field	Title
Governance	Understanding the Drivers of Trust in Government Institutions in Korea



Building Policy Network

- In close collaboration with the OECD's Public Governance Directorate (GOV) and government agencies from the region, the Public Governance Programme has supported the work of the OECD as a bridge between member countries and emerging economies in the region.

| Established Networks in 2019 |

Authorities	Areas of Cooperation
Office of the Public Sector Development Commission, Thailand	Public Innovation
Ministry of Civil Service, Cambodia	Human Resource Development
Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Public Innovation
National University of Malaysia	Gender Equality



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Asian Public Governance (APG) Forums

Topic	Co-hosts	Date(TBC)	Location
Risk Management	OECD	MAR.	TBC
Open Government	OECD, PIPC (Personal Information Protection Commission)	JUN.	Korea
Public Integrity (Procurement)	OECD, ADB, PPS (Public Procurement Service)	SEP.	TBC
Government Innovation	OECD	NOV.	Korea



Capacity Building Programmes for Government Officials

Topic/Areas	Date(TBC)	Location	Participants
e-Government	First half	TBC	10-20
Human Resource Development	Second half	Korea	10-20



Research and Translation of the OECD Publications

Field	Topic
Governance	Government at a Glance 2019



Strengthening Policy Network

- The Public Governance Programme will continue to act as a bridge between OECD member countries and emerging economies in the region by disseminating experiences and research outcomes of the OECD through close cooperation with relevant international organisations and institutions.



Health and Social Policy Programme

The Health and Social Policy Programme was established in 2005 in order to support capacity building of health and social policies in the Asia-Pacific region in cooperation with the OECD. The main fields of the Programme include health, social and pension policies. It disseminates OECD's policies, trends, and indexes by hosting international meetings to provide opportunities for experts to share policy experience between countries and providing training courses to introduce Korean policies.

In addition, the Programme translates and distributes the OECD's publications including the "At a Glance" series on Health/Society/Pension on the latest trends. Also, various research projects on health and social policies have been conducted.



Key Performance



International Experts Meetings on Health/Social/Pension Policy

- Hosted international meetings with experts and government officials from the Asia-Pacific region to provide platforms for disseminating OECD's policies and indexes, and sharing policy experience among countries.

| Performance in 2019 |

Title	Date /Venue	Countries /Participants	Theme
The 15th Experts Meeting on Health Accounts in Asia and the Pacific Region	26~28 MAR. Seoul	27 countries /85 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on health accounts activities at WHO and OECD - Improving data quality in health accounts - Primary care and private sector expenditure - Using health accounts for evidence-based policy development
The 14th Pension Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	13~14 JUN. Seoul	15 countries /34 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent trend on pension policy in OECD countries - Trends on change and plans of additional expansion in pension coverage
The 6th Meeting on Access to Medicines under Universal Health Coverage in Asia and the Pacific Region	24~25 SEP. Manila	21 countries /65 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to medicines : A changing agenda regionally and globally - Opportunities for getting better value and better coverage - Options for improving price transparency - Strategies to address challenges as individual countries and collaboratively - Ways forward on collaboration via this network
The 14th Social Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	29~30 OCT. Seoul	10 countries /24 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of OECD's research on global social expenditure trend and ADB's overview of current social assistance policies in Asian countries. - Overview on social assistance policy of countries in Asia-Pacific region - Introduction on Korean social assistance policy
The 4th Family Policy Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	31 OCT. Seoul	9 countries /23 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update family database in OECD countries and review of Korea family policy - Updating family database and low fertility and family policy in Korea



International Training Programme

- The Health and Social Policy Programme expanded its international training programmes to cover a wide range of topics such as health and social issues since the launch of the first international training course on social health insurance in 2012. In 2013, two training courses on social health insurance and community based support service for persons with disabilities were held, and the first training course on public pension was conducted in 2014.



| Performance in 2019 |

Course	Date /Venue	Countries /Participants	Contents
The 6th Training Course on Public Pension in Asia and the Pacific Region	17~22 JUN./ Seoul	13 countries/ 21 persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation and expansion of pension system - Coverage, contributions, and benefits - Fund operations, ICT systems and social security agreement



Research and Publication

- Country reports on health accounts and social expenditures to strengthen capabilities of statistical production and policy development of non-OECD countries in the Asia-Pacific region: 18 Green Papers and 2 Orange Papers related to each country's health accounts and 4 Blue Papers on social expenditures since 2007
- Translation and dissemination of OECD's main publications including "At a Glance" series on Health / Society / Pension and "How's Life?" series.
- Studies on health/pension/social policies to provide the Asia-Pacific countries with support for policy making

| Performance in 2019 |

Field	Title
Translation of OECD Publication	Health at a Glance A/P 2018
	Pensions at a Glance OECD 2017
	Society at a Glance A/P 2019
Research	Family Data-Base in the Asia-Pacific Region: Validation and Conversion into the OECD Family DB for the year 2019
	A Study on the Effectiveness Indicators in Healthcare Based on the System of Health Accounts
	Implications of Population Ageing on Pharmaceutical Policy



Strengthening Policy Network

- The Health and Social Policy Programme has put effort in developing and expanding the network of domestic and foreign experts by co-organising and supporting conferences with international organisations (WHO, ILO, ADB, UNESCAP, WHO WPRO/SEARO), relevant ministries and research associations.
- Co-hosted the 'Joint Conference on Social Policy' with the Korea Social Security Association and 20 other institutions



Programmes for 2020



Outline

The Programme will continuously improve its work to meet growing demands for policy cooperation, and to disseminate advanced policies in the social and health policy field through holding the international meetings regularly.

Strengthening Cooperation	Capacity Building	Disseminating Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experts Meeting (6) - Training Programme (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research (2) (Health and Family policy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translation of OECD publications (3) - Strengthening international and domestic Policy Network

Projects and Plans

Strategy		Title	Date/Venue
Strengthening Cooperation	Experts Meeting	The 16th Experts Meeting on Health Accounts in Asia and the Pacific Region	APR./Indonesia
		The 15th Pension Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	JUN./Seoul
		The 7th Meeting on Access to Medicines under Universal Health Coverage in Asia and the Pacific Region	SEP./TBD
		The 15th Social Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	OCT./Seoul
		The 5th Family Policy Experts Meeting in Asia and the Pacific Region	OCT./Seoul
		The 8th Consultation on Health Care Quality Improvement Network in Asia and the Pacific Region	NOV./TBD
	Training Programme	The 7th International Training Programme on Public Pension in Asia and the Pacific Region	JUN./Seoul
Capacity Building	Research	A Study on the System of Health Accounts	Year-round
		A Study on Pharmaceutical Policy	Year-round
Disseminating Outcomes	Translation	Health at a Glance OECD 2019	Second half
		Pensions at a Glance OECD 2019	First half
		Society at a Glance OECD 2019	First half



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