

ACTION PLAN
FOR
THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND THE GREEN GROWTH ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as Korea) and the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as Denmark) established diplomatic relations in 1959, and since then, both countries have developed and expanded bilateral cooperation in diverse areas. In 2011, the bilateral relationship was upgraded to the Strategic Partnership and Green Growth Alliance.

Drawing on the above-mentioned achievements and on many common values, Korea and Denmark decided to adopt the following joint action plan on the occasion of the summit meeting in Seoul between President Park Geun-hye of Korea, and Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen of Denmark on 25 October 2016. The action plan lays out future objectives for bilateral cooperation and joint activities between Korea and Denmark.

I. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

Since 1902, when the Korean Empire and the Kingdom of Denmark concluded a 'Friendship, Trade and Sea Trade Treaty', Korea and Denmark have shared a long history of political and security cooperation. In 1951, Denmark was one of the first countries which supported Korea by sending its hospital ship "Jutlandia" during the Korean War. The Danish contribution was followed by the establishment of official diplomatic relations in 1959. Based on common values, the bilateral cooperation between Korea and Denmark has never been as close and diverse as it is today. Through regular high-level visits, political consultations, parliamentary partnerships and foreign and security policy cooperation, both governments will continue to work together to establish even deeper cooperation between the two countries.

1. OBJECTIVE: Development of bilateral relations through high level visits.

1.1. Korea and Denmark will promote high-level political exchanges on government and local government level.

2. OBJECTIVE: Development of bilateral relations through political consultations.

2.1. Korea and Denmark will continue consultations at various levels between the two foreign ministries and/or other ministries. Consultations will take place in Korea, Denmark or in third countries in the margins of international meetings.

2.2. Korea and Denmark will commence the preparations of the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Korea and Denmark in 2019, including cooperation in cultural exchange and tourism.

3. OBJECTIVE: Enhanced parliamentary partnership.

3.1. Korea and Denmark will facilitate increased exchanges, visits and dialogue between the National Assembly of Korea and the Danish Parliament (Folketing).

4. OBJECTIVE: A denuclearised and reunified Korean Peninsula in a politically stable region.

4.1. Korea and Denmark will continue joint efforts to make North Korea abandon all nuclear weapons, existing nuclear programs and ballistic missile programs in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner and immediately cease all related activities as required by the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

4.2. Korea and Denmark will continue dialogue on Korea's Trust-Building process and the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula.

4.3. Korea and Denmark will cooperate on improving the human rights situation in North Korea and addressing humanitarian issues.

4.4. Korea and Denmark will share experiences on regional multilateral cooperation in support of the multilateral process promoted by Korea's Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative (NAPCI).

4.5. Denmark will continue active participation in the United Nations Command (UNC) Korea.

II. ECONOMIC, TRADE AND INDUSTRY COOPERATION

Korea and Denmark are influenced by similar economic environments and global challenges such as technological developments, urbanisation and a rising ageing population, the relative rise in purchasing power of emerging economies and climate change. Against this backdrop, there are many areas which have enormous potential for the expansion of trade and investment between Korea and Denmark, including science and technology, creative economy and innovation, food and agriculture, maritime affairs and green shipping, health and welfare, defence industry and infrastructural projects.

a. Trade and Investment

5. OBJECTIVE: Promotion of trade and investment in both countries and better use of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

5.1. Korea and Denmark will continue efforts to promote the EU-Korea FTA in both countries, considering that the knowledge and use of the FTA has contributed to the expansion of bilateral trade and investment between Korea and Denmark.

5.2. Korea and Denmark will further promote bilateral investment, noting that investment is the key to creating jobs and growth.

5.3. Korea and Denmark will cooperate about the future priorities and new trade policy issues in the WTO.

b. Science and Technology

6. OBJECTIVE: Strengthened cooperation within research and development.

6.1. Korea and Denmark will hold biennial Joint Committee Meetings between the Korean Ministry for Science, ICT and Future Planning and the Danish Ministry for Higher Education and Science.

6.2. Korea and Denmark will constitute an evaluation committee for joint Danish-Korean research funding (2014-2016).

6.3. Korea and Denmark will explore the possibility of joint research and development at the Joint Committee.

6.4. Korea and Denmark will facilitate cooperation among Korean and Danish research institutions.

7. OBJECTIVE: Strengthened cooperation within higher education.

7.1. Korea and Denmark will follow up on the Memorandum of Understanding of 10 May 2016 on scholarships for talented and motivated students in Denmark and Korea.

7.2. Korea and Denmark will encourage the exchange of professors to promote language and culture in each other's countries.

7.3. Korea and Denmark will continue efforts to strengthen cooperation on higher education between Korea and Denmark.

c. Creative Economy and Innovation

8. OBJECTIVE: Improved conditions for small and medium sized enterprises (SME)'s and start-ups in Korea and Denmark.

8.1. Korea and Denmark will continue the activities agreed on in the MoU between the Korean Small and Medium Business Administration and the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science on entrepreneurship and technology based SME development.

8.2. Korea and Denmark will promote cooperation between the Korean Creative Economy Centres and Innovation Centre Denmark in Korea on: Sharing information and experience related to entrepreneurship and start-ups, including initiating joint seminars with start-ups in Korea and Denmark.

8.3. Korea and Denmark will exchange knowledge regarding industry 4.0 – integrating smart technology in production.

9. OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation within industrial design.

9.1. Korea and Denmark will hold regular meetings in the Joint Industrial Cooperation Committee with participation of high-level officials.

9.2. Korea and Denmark will jointly organize business events such as seminars, forums and exhibitions to promote better use of design in the product development of SMEs, start-ups as well as export businesses.

9.3. Korea and Denmark will establish initiatives to support collaboration on design-led business between Korea and Denmark.

d. Food and Agriculture

10.OBJECTIVE: Cooperation on organic food between national authorities in Korea (National Agricultural Products Quality Management Service) and Denmark (Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and the Danish AgriFish Agency).

10.1. Korea and Denmark will cooperate on training and inspection practices of Korean and Danish inspectors and supervising staff.

10.2. Korea and Denmark will share and exchange knowledge, information and experiences regarding organic food certification.

11.OBJECTIVE: Increased food tourism.

11.1. Korea and Denmark will exchange food experts, including chefs and journalists.

12.OBJECTIVE: Export of Danish beef to Korea.

12.1. Korea will conduct an import risk analysis for Danish beef in accordance with Korean rules and regulations.

e. Maritime Affairs and Green Shipping

13.OBJECTIVE: Supporting and developing cooperation in the maritime sector.

13.1. Korea and Denmark will follow up on the Memorandum of Understanding (2012) and the Letter of Intent (2015) on Cooperation on Maritime Issues.

13.2. Korea and Denmark will promote annual Danish participation in 'Offshore Korea' and/or 'Kormarine' and Korean participation in 'Danish Maritime Days' with the aim of knowledge sharing and networking.

13.3. Korea and Denmark will continue cooperation on initiatives within e-Navigation (services, standards and infrastructure), including the Asian-Pacific version of the international conference 'e-Navigation Underway' in 2016.

13.4. Korea and Denmark will share experiences and knowledge with regards to port state control and training of professional maritime skills.

14.OBJECTIVE: Promotion of development of green ships.

14.1. Korea and Denmark will share and exchange knowledge, for example through seminars, joint research or technical cooperation.

14.2. Korea and Denmark will establish a Green Ships Expert Committee with participation of representatives from Korea and Denmark to encourage the above activities.

f. Health, Welfare and Medical Services

15.OBJECTIVE: Increased health cooperation.

15.1. Korea and Denmark will exchange information and experience in the following fields of health, including as appropriate:

15.2. Korea and Denmark will hold annual meetings in the Health Liaison Group.

15.3. The Korean Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service (HIRA) and the Danish Medicines Agency (DKMA) will sign a memorandum of understanding to cooperate within areas such as health insurance, quality assessment and pricing of medicines.

15.4. Korea and Denmark will arrange joint seminars on health care design with a view to facilitate systematic cooperation between Korean and Danish stakeholders.

15.5. Korea and Denmark will cooperate on initiatives related to the ageing population and e-health.

g. Defence Industry

16.OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation within the defence industry.

16.1. Korea and Denmark will hold annual meetings in the Joint Committee for Defence Industrial Cooperation.

16.2. Korea and Denmark will continue to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of the Defence Industry and Logistics Support.

16.3. Korea and Denmark will facilitate joint industrial business solutions within the defence industry.

h. Infrastructure

17.OBJECTIVE: Facilitate future exchanges and business opportunities.

17.1. Korea and Denmark will promote cooperation for the establishment of a direct flight connection between Seoul and Copenhagen.

17.2. Korea and Denmark will promote exchanges and joint ventures among businesses within engineering, procurement and construction.

i. Korea, Greenland and the Faroe Islands

18.OBJECTIVE: Increase in trade between Korea and Greenland and the Faroe Islands respectively.

18.1. Korea and Denmark will facilitate cooperation to promote trade and investment.

III. GREEN GROWTH ALLIANCE

Climate change and the scarcity of resources are among the greatest challenges of our time. Korea and Denmark launched the Green Growth Alliance in 2011, which was the first alliance of its kind. Based on the Alliance, both countries have supported the establishment and development of the Global Green Growth Institute and Global Green Growth Forum, located in Seoul and Copenhagen respectively. As Korea and Denmark are among 195 countries that adopted the historic Paris Agreement in 2015, both countries will continue to further develop the Alliance and the transition to a low carbon economy, and their subsequent activities will not only contribute to unlocking new markets and jobs, but also evoking responsibility for our planet and future generations in the global arena.

a. Climate Change and Environment

19.OBJECTIVE: To limit the increase in global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.

19.1. Korea and Denmark will closely cooperate in the UNFCCC-track to limit the increase in global average temperature.

19.2. Korea and Denmark will explore the possibility of hosting joint climate events in connection to UNFCCC-conferences.

19.3 Korea and Denmark will cooperate in enhancing the role of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support developing countries addressing climate change.

20.OBJECTIVE: Strengthened cooperation within environment.

20.1. Korea and Denmark will share and exchange knowledge in the field of environmental protection focusing on the following areas:

- air pollution control in urban areas
- water management systems, technologies and planning
- water and material efficiency in industries and buildings
- waste management systems and planning

- waste prevention, including green procurement, environmental management systems

b. Green Growth and Energy

21. OBJECTIVE: Strengthened cooperation within green growth and renewable energy.

21.1. Korea and Denmark will hold annual meetings in the Green Growth Alliance with representation at the ministerial level from Korea and Denmark.

21.2. A high-level Korean official will participate in the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), possibly with a business delegation and participants from Korean academia.

21.3. A high-level Danish official will participate in GGGI-Summits.

21.4. Korea and Denmark will establish partnerships within green growth and renewable energy between relevant stakeholders.

21.5. Korea and Denmark intend to work together to further develop Mission Innovation in a way that fulfills the objective of reducing the cost of clean energy, while providing maximum benefit to both countries.

IV. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION

Working together, Korea and Denmark will strengthen the internationalisation of the cultural lives of both countries. The two countries will seek to develop and renew their arts and culture while at the same time further cultural export and intercultural dialogue. By continuously sharing knowledge, the two countries will aim to formulate institutions and artists and the best preconditions to further develop people to people contact and cultural cooperation between Korea and Denmark as well as close cooperation in the preparations for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang and for the 2019 Korean-Danish 60th anniversary year of diplomatic relations.

22.OBJECTIVE: Strengthened cultural cooperation including establishment of strong and lasting professional networks and partnerships.

22.1. Korea and Denmark will promote cultural exchange cooperation to commemorate the 2019 Korea-Denmark 60th anniversary year of diplomatic relations.

22.2. Korea and Denmark will share knowledge within cultural heritage.

23.OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation within the lifestyle sector.

23.1. Korea and Denmark will organize promotional events in relation to design and lifestyle products in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, including department stores.

23.2. Korea and Denmark will enhance networking and partnerships within fashion and design through seminars etc.

24.OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation within sports.

24.1. Korea and Denmark will promote activities related to the 2018 Winter Olympics.

25.OBJECTIVE: Increased people-to-people contact.

25.1. Korea and Denmark will encourage joint social media campaigns, for example on subjects related to lifestyle, cooking or sports.

V. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

With regard to multilateral mechanisms, Korea and Denmark have maintained a strong partnership particularly in the United Nations, ASEM, EU and others, and noting the potential of the Arctic region, both countries held the Ministerial-level consultation in 2015. With a shared view on well-functioning, just and ruled-based multilateral systems for global peace and security, Korea and Denmark will continue and develop a multilateral partnership by supporting various multilateral systems. In addition, since Korea has become an active donor in development assistance and Denmark maintains a long tradition in development cooperation policy, both countries will share experiences and explore new approaches to development cooperation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and strengthen normative cooperation within the United Nations, the Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

a. Multilateral Partnership

26.OBJECTIVE: Continued cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights.

26.1. Korea and Denmark will continue to work together to strengthening the universality of human rights, including the human rights issues in North Korea, through the United Nations.

26.2. Korea and Denmark will share knowledge through active participation in human rights related events in the respective countries.

26.3. Korea and Denmark will facilitate further cooperation between National Human Rights Institutions in Korea and Denmark.

27.OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation within the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

27.1. Korea and Denmark will continue joint efforts to support IMO as the central international organization for shipping industry regulations and strengthen bilateral cooperation.

27.2. Korea and Denmark will continue joint efforts to promote quality shipping on fair and equal terms, effective regulation, reduction of administrative burdens and streamlining of IMO.

b. Arctic Partnership

28.OBJECTIVE: Increased knowledge sharing on Arctic affairs.

28.1. Korea and Denmark will hold biennial senior officials' consultations including consultations between Arctic Ambassadors.

28.2. Korea and Denmark will promote and facilitate Arctic research cooperation.

c. Development Cooperation Policy Partnership

29.OBJECTIVE: Strengthened development cooperation.

29.1. Korea and Denmark will continue to work together on normative development cooperation within the UN system to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

29.2. Korea and Denmark will continue to share knowledge through participation in conferences, seminars, workshops, and other events dealing with issues related to development cooperation including within the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) and the OECD.

VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION

Cooperation between local governments can increase the amount of people-to-people contact and the exchange of knowledge. Through building networks among local governments, Korea and Denmark can expand opportunities to further strengthen friendships among its peoples and cooperation in various fields.

30. OBJECTIVE: Increased cooperation between Korean and Danish local governments and cities.

30.1. Korea and Denmark will promote closer cooperation among local governments and cities in Korea and Denmark.