

OKA commissioner delivers lecture on compatriot policy in Vietnam, encourages Korean small business owners

Attended seminar organized by World Assembly of Korean Associations, also visited Korean Town

Overseas Koreans Agency Commissioner Lee Sang-duk attended the World Assembly of Korean Associations (WAKA) Continental Capacity Building Sessions in Hanoi, Vietnam, on May 1.

At the seminar on May 2, Lee spoke about the core policies and directions of the OKA under the theme of “Overseas Compatriots Policy of Korea and Key Country Examples.” He elaborated on the overseas compatriot policies of major countries, such as Israel, China, Ireland and India, as well as the roles of government and private sector organizations in the management of overseas Korean affairs.

The event, which kicked off May 1, was the first capacity-building seminar for Korean associations overseas organized by WAKA through support from the OKA. The event was attended by the heads of major Vietnamese diaspora organizations, as well as the presidents of Korean Federations in Japan, Asia, the Americas, Europe, Canada, Oceania and Latin America.

“Korean communities around the world are rapidly changing towards third and fourth generations,” Lee said at the opening



OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk (C) poses for a photo with the continental presidents of WAKA at the World Assembly of Korean Associations Continental Capacity Building Sessions in Hanoi, Vietnam, on May 2.

ceremony on May 1. “It is more important than ever to strengthen the autonomy and capacity of local Korean associations as times change.”

Meanwhile, the commissioner visited Hanoi’s Korean neighborhood of My Dinh, where he toured the sites of Korean small businesses and listened to their issues.

OKA delivers World Korean Business Convention flag to Incheon, host city of 2026 convention

Commissioner Lee and Mayor Yoo reinforce their resolve to host event successfully at flag handover ceremony on May 22.

The Overseas Koreans Agency handed over the Hansanggi (韓商旗), the symbol of the World Korean Business Convention (WKBC), to Incheon metropolitan city (Mayor Yoo Jung-bok), the host of the 24th convention next year, at the Overseas Koreans Welcome Center on the 30th floor of Buyoung Tower in Songdo, Incheon, Korea, on May 22.

The steering committee of the WKBC decided to select Incheon as the host city for the 2026 event at the 23rd WKBC in Atlanta, U.S., on April 17.

At the handover ceremony, Commissioner Lee Sang-duk and Mayor Yoo Jung-bok congratulated Incheon on its bid to host the 2026 WKBC and strengthened their resolve to make the event a success. The two organizations also agreed to work closely together to prepare for a successful event in the future.

The WKBC is a global event that brings together Korean business



OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk (R) hands over the flag of the 24th World Korean Business Convention to Incheon Mayor Yoo Jung-bok at the Overseas Koreans Welcome Center in Songdo, Incheon, South Korea, on May 22.

leaders from around the world to explore business opportunities and strengthen connections with their home countries, and has been held annually since 2002.