

2013 OECD/IOPS GLOBAL FORUM ON PRIVATE PENSIONS
"ASIAN PENSIONS – LESSONS FOR THE WORLD"
5-6 NOVEMBER 2013, SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

INFORMATION NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Organization

The OECD/IOPS Global Forum organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS), Financial Services Commission of Korea (FSC), and Financial Supervisory Service of Korea (FSS) will be held on 5-6 November 2013 in Seoul, Korea.

Registration

Please note that participation is by invitation only. To register, please do so by filling out the registration form and send it by email to the contact person that appears at the end of the registration form.

Venue

The forum will be held at Westin Chosun Seoul Hotel.
<http://www.echosunhotel.com>
Address: 87, Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea (100-700)
Tel: +82 2 771 0500

Accommodation

A special accommodation rate has been negotiated with the **Westin Chosun Seoul** on a first come first serve basis. The negotiated rates offered for the OECD/IOPS event are as follows: standard room: EUR 214 EUR executive room: EUR 272 (taxes and service charges included). Each participant is responsible for the reservation and payment of his/her own accommodation. Please complete the attached reservation form and send directly to the hotel.

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Other hotels nearby the venue

Lotte Hotel Seoul
<http://www.lottehotelseoul.com/kr/>
30, Euljiro Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea (100-721)
Tel: +82 2 771 1000
Fax: +82 2 778 7229

The Plaza Hotel<http://www.hoteltheplaza.com>

119, Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea (100-864)

Name: Jinny Choi

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Tel: +82 2 310 7246

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Hotel President<http://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/>

188-3, Euljiro 1-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea (100-191)

Tel: +82 2 753 3131

Tel: +82 2 779 7111

Hotel JHill<http://www.jhill.kr>

33-1, Myeong-dong 2-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea (100-191)

Tel: +82 2 753 8900

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Social events**Lunch**

Lunch will be offered at the Global Forum venue on 6 November.

Evening

There will be a dinner on 5 November at the Diamond Hall, 22F, Plaza Hotel. The dinner will be hosted by the FSS and FSC of Korea. Attire: Business casual.

Dress code

Dress code during the conference will be business attire.

Working language

The conference and documentation will be in English.

Transportation from the AirportThe **Westin Chosun Seoul** Hotel is about a 1 hour and 10 minute drive from the Incheon International Airport (ICN). Approximate fares of regular taxi and deluxe taxi are respectively, KRW 50,000 (USD 45) and KRW 85,000 (USD 75), excluding toll gate fee.**KAL Limousine Bus Time table**

Airport	Route	First Bus	Last Bus	Fee
Incheon International Airport	The Westin Chosun Seoul - Incheon International Airport	05 : 03	18 : 38	₩15,000
	Incheon International Airport - The Westin Chosun Seoul	04 : 45	East 22 : 36 West 22 : 40	
	* (Bus Stop: East Direction 4B/West Direction 11A)			
Remarks	Every 20 min			

Bus Route

Incheon International Airport (ICN) – Koreana Hotel – Plaza Hotel – **The Westin Chosun Hotel** – Lotte Hotel – Koreana Hotel – KAL (Korean Air Head Office) - Lotte City – Seoul Garden (Best Western) - Incheon International Airport (ICN)

Visas

All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure.

The organisers are not responsible for any consequences whatsoever from a delegate failing to ensure that he or she has complied with the necessary passport and visa requirements.

Applications for visas should be submitted to the nearest Korean diplomatic or consular representative abroad.

If you require letters of invitation for visa purposes, please contact Mr. Hwang Jung-Hoon junghoon.hwang@fss.or.kr

Practical information



Weather in November

Lasting from September through November, the mild days of autumn make it the most pleasant time of the year. Although the temperature varies from day to night, the average temperature of November is about 8.7 degrees in celcius, or 47.7 degrees in Fahrenheit. The mountains, when blanketed with vivid golden and red autumnal leaves under the clear blue sky, are breathtaking.



Currency

The won (KRW) is the official currency of Korea. Banknotes are denominated in 1,000 won, 5,000 won, 10,000 won, and 50,000 won, and coins in 10 won, 50 won, 100 won, and 500 won. The major currencies as well as traveler's checks drawn on major banks can be easily converted into Korean won at the airport or local banks.



Credit Card

Foreign credit cards with VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, and JCB are accepted in most places. They can also be used for cash advances at local ATMs.



Tipping

Tipping is not a widely practiced custom in Korea, but many upscale hotels and restaurants do include a 10 percent service charge (in addition to the 10 percent VAT) for their services.



Value-Added Tax

The price of most goods and services include the 10 percent value-added tax, but some hotels, restaurants, and stores charge the 10 percent VAT separately. For Information on tax refund, please visit http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/SH/SH_EN_7_1_4.jsp.



Electrical Plug and Outlet

The standard plugs and outlets are Type C (Europlug) and Type F (Schuko). The standard voltage is 220 volts (60 Hz).



Time Zone

Korea Standard Time: GMT+9



Country and City Codes

Korea: 82

Seoul: 2



Tourist Information

For tourist information, sightseeing and attractions, please visit <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>.