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## **KOREA ROAD ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ROAD CENTER**

In July 2015, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) of the Republic of Korea established the Korea International Road Center (KIRC) at the Korea Road Association (KROAD) to support Korean companies in the road sector in obtaining greater opportunities in the overseas market and strengthen international cooperation.

The KIRC is actively involved in the activities of many international road associations, including the World Road Association (PIARC), Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia (REAAA), and International Road Federation (IRF). Additionally, it serves as a government liaison, as it promotes government-to-government (G2G) interaction by actively supporting the road conference held by the MOLIT. Currently, Korea conducts official road conferences with five countries, namely, the United States, China, Indonesia, Vietnam and Japan.

In conjunction with road conferences, the KIRC organizes the Knowledge and Experience Sharing Program for foreign government officials to share experiences and lessons from Korea's infrastructure development. To showcase Korea's latest technology and products to foreign buyers, the KIRC also organizes the Korean Pavilion and participates in major road industry exhibitions in diverse regions with renowned Korean companies.



## MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

The KIRC has cooperated with international road organizations, including the PIARC, REAAA, and IRF, to foster and facilitate global discussions and the sharing of knowledge on roads and road transport. To exchange road technology and build networks with road professionals worldwide, the KIRC actively hosts and attends international events and conferences such as the World Road Congress Seoul 2015. It also carries out various responsibilities and missions to make a significant contribution in the international road community. Currently, on behalf of the Republic of Korea, the president country of REAAA, the KIRC supports Dr. Sung-Hwan Kim, the 17th REAAA President, during his term ('21-'25) and to successfully host the 17th REAAA Conference in Korea 2025.



## INTERGOVERNMENTAL ROAD CONFERENCE

Since 1995, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea has held road conferences with partner countries to strengthen cooperation and promote mutual interests. As a government liaison, the KIRC promotes G2G interaction by actively supporting the road conferences and exchanging road-related policies and technical knowledge with five countries, namely, the United States, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Japan.

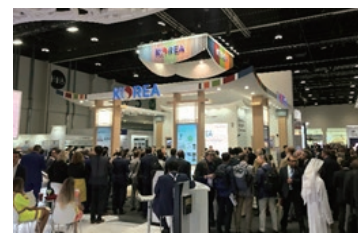


## KNOWLEDGE SHARING PROGRAM

The KIRC has been organizing the Knowledge and Experience Sharing Program to share Korea's experience in the field of infrastructure development with the invited foreign government officials. The program consists of a lecture, site visit, workshop, and interactive discussion and aims to discuss insights, issues, and challenges that arise in infrastructure development. Across several programs, the KIRC contributes to the participants' capacity building and strengthens its networks with partner countries. Please visit the KIRC website for more information



## BUSINESS MATCHING PROGRAM



The KIRC has been participating in various international road transport exhibitions and organizing the Business Matching Program to expand its international network. By inviting foreign buyers and government officials, the KIRC organizes a 1:1 business matching program based on the buyer's stated interests. The official invitation letter is sent only to the buyers registered on the online registration system, and, based on their provided information and stated interests, they will be paired with one of 175 member companies of the Korea Road Association and other qualified Korean companies.



# ROADS IN KOREA

Roads have contributed greatly to leading the national economy and improving the citizens' living environment and balanced regional development. With the opening of the Gyeongbu Expressway in the 1970s, Korea began to build expressways, national highways, and local roads, thereby delivering the advantages of transportation to remote mountainous regions, farming and fishing villages, and the hubs of logistics, like industrial complexes. This greatly boosted the national economy and made remarkable improvements to balanced regional development and the citizens' living environment.

## 1960

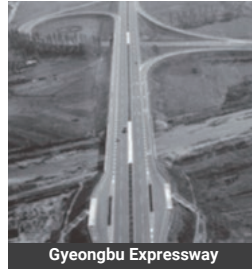


Samil Overpass

### Paving the main national highways

Constructing the road networks for rapid economic growth

## 1970



Gyeongbu Expressway

### Paving the national highways and constructing expressways throughout the nation

Emphasis on a balanced regional development

## 1980



88 Olympic Expressway

### Completion of the pavement of national highways and major local roads

Emphasis on improvement of the people's living environment

## 1990



Extension of the Gyeongbu Expressway

### Doubled expressway network and expanded national highways

Further broadened the main road network and eliminated inconveniences in transportation

## 2000



Gyeongchun National Highway

### Continued expansion of the main road network and increased connectivity

Maximized transportation efficiency and promoted balanced regional development

## 2010



The Second Yeongdong Expressway

### Development of sustainable roads & Improved efficiency for road investment

Reduction of CO2 through decongestion and diversification of capacity enhancing project

## 2020



New Daegu-Busan Expressway

### Innovated the transportation system and expanded wide-area transportation infrastructure

Enhanced convenience of transportation and strengthened the public utility of roads

# PARTNER COUNTRIES MAP



Continent	Nation	Partner
Asia	Korea	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
Asia	Korea	Korea Expressway Corporation
Asia	Viet Nam	Directorate of Roads for Viet Nam
Asia	China	Ministry of Transport
Asia	Indonesia	Ministry of Public Works and Housing
Asia	Indonesia	IRDA (Indonesian Road Development Association)
Asia	Japan	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
Asia	Japan	Japan Road Association
Asia	Malaysia	REAAA (Road Engineering Association of Asia and Australasia)
Asia	Malaysia	REAM (Road Engineering Association of Malaysia)
Asia	Malaysia	Malaysia Highway Authority
Asia	Australia	Australian Road Research Board
Asia	Philippines	REAP (Road Engineering Association of the Philippines)
Asia	Brunei	Public Works Department
Asia	New Zealand	New Zealand Transport Agency
Asia	Singapore	Land Transport Authority
Asia	Thailand	Road Association of Thailand
Europe	Switzerland	IRF Global (International Road Federation)
Europe	Germany	Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure
Europe	France	PIARC (World Road Association)
North America	United States	IRF (International Road Federation)
North America	United States	Federal Highway Administration



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