

5th ROK-US Joint Public-Private Economic Forum

December 16th (Thursday) 8:00am-12:00pm, Grand Hyatt Seoul (Grand Salon)

8:00am–8:30am

Opening Remarks

CHOI Jongmoon | 2nd Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Welcoming Remarks

Jose W. Fernandez | Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, U.S. Department of State

Keynote Speech

JOO Si-Bo | Chair of International Affairs Council, Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Charles Freeman | Senior Vice President, Asia, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

8:30am–10:00am

SESSION 1

People-to-people exchange in the STEM field

At the May 2021 summit, the two presidents agreed to further increase mutual investments and R&D cooperation on supply chains and emerging technologies. On this occasion, leading ROK companies announced significant investment plans to build semiconductor and EV battery plants in the US. The two countries are also exploring R&D cooperation in such areas as 6G, open-RAN, space, and bio and quantum technologies. A secure and sustainable environment for innovation and economic resilience requires greater interaction between experts and the public from both countries. In this session, we will discuss (1) Assessment of the current bilateral STEM exchange programs, (2) Proposals from the private sector for nurturing and expanding STEM talents in both countries through exchange programs, and (3) Possible administrative and legislative approaches to enhance people-to-people exchange in the STEM field.

❖ **Moderator:**

SHIN Eunjung | Head, Office of S&T Diplomatic Policy Research, Science and Technology Policy Institute, Republic of Korea

❖ **Korean Presenter:**

KANG Sangwook | Director General, Future Science HR Policy, Ministry of Science and ICT, Republic of Korea

❖ **U.S. Presenter:**

Reece Smyth | Office Director, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, U.S. Department of State

❖ **Korean Panelists:**

PARK Sunghyun | CEO, Rebellions Inc
MOON Sue | Professor, KAIST

❖ **U.S. Panelists:**

Invited | NSF
Jayoung Kim | Professor of Surgery, Medicine, and Biomedical
Sciences, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA

10:00am–10:15am

COFFEE BREAK

10:15am–11:45am

SESSION 2

Women’s Economic Empowerment (WEE)

The Moon-Biden Summit highlighted the importance of empowering women in the STEM field to propel secure and sustainable innovation and promote economic resilience. To this end, the two governments plan to adopt the 2nd Women’s Economic Empowerment Action Plan on the occasion of the 6th ROK-US SED. Panelists from the private sector are encouraged to (1) share business-wide best-practices in strengthening women’s economic empowerment and (2) suggest practical ways of operating the WEE network platform.

❖ **Moderator:**

LEE Miyon | Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic
of Korea

❖ **Korean Presenter:**

YOO Myung-Soon | CEO, Citibank Korea Inc.

❖ **U.S. Presenter:**

Henrietta Ukwu | MD, Chief Regulatory Officer, Novavax

❖ **Korean Panelists:**

KIM Yeonjea | Executive, IT Industry
KIM Eun Jin | CEO, Comedique International

❖ **U.S. Panelists:**

Beeta Ehdaie | Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State
Eliane Fiolet | Co-Founder & Editor, Ubergizmo

11:45am–12:00pm

Closing Remarks

JUNG Sung Chun | Senior Vice President, Korea Institute for International
Economic Policy