Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

Exploring the World Economy
Leading the Korean Economy
The Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)

studies global economic issues to find solutions for the development of the Korean economy.

We contribute to the establishment of the nation’s international economic policies by reading the changing trends of global economic issues. Since its founding as a government-funded economic research institute in 1989, KIEP has been researching, studying and analyzing a wide variety of domestic and international economic issues, working to establish the international role played by the Korean economy and promote its standing in the global economy.

KIEP’s Mission

Main Function

- Research on international economic policies: Trade and commerce, international financial cooperation, international investment and regional studies
- Data research and analysis on international economic trends and policies in the global economy and key economic regions
- Outsourcing for global economy research
- Basic research on global regions
- Development of international economic policy measures
- Training experts on international economic affairs

National Role
History of Korea Institute for International Economic Policy

1989

1989. 08
KIEP (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy) Foundation established

1989. 12
KIEP re-established by Special Act (Foundation dissolved)

1990

1990. 01
KIEP begins operations,
Supervisory responsibility over US KEI transferred to KIEP

1992

1992. 01
Establishment of the Northern Regional Center
(Int'l Private Economic Council of Korea disbanded)

1994

1994. 01
Designated as the secretariat for Korea's Official pool of International Economists

1994. 12
Designated as the Korea APEC Study Center (International Economy Coordinating Committee)

1995

1995. 03
KIEP Beijing Office established

1997

1997. 01
Establishment of the Center for Northeast Asia Research and Development (CNARD)

2000

2000. 04
Regional Information Center abolished
Center for Regional Economic Studies & Research established

2002. 03
Establishment of the DDA Research Center

2003. 04
Center for Northeast Asia Research Development abolished
Center for Northeast Asian Cooperation established

2005. 12
Establishment of the SNU-KIEP EU Center

2008. 06
Center for Northeast Asian Cooperation abolished
Center for International Development Cooperation established

2010

2010. 02
China Regional and Provincial Research Group launched

2011. 03
Responsibility for KOPEC Secretariat services transferred to KIEP
(the incorporated association of the KOPEC disbanded and absorbed into KIEP)

2011. 08
Center for Regional Economic Studies & Research abolished
Center for Emerging Economies Research established

2012

2012. 02
Designated as a specialized research institution for international events by the instructions of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance
[Regulation on international event invitation and hosting]

2012. 03
Korea-China FTA Research Support Group launched

2013

2013. 04
East Asia FTA (EAFTA) Research Support Group launched

2014

2014. 01
The G20 Research Support Group launched

2015

2015. 06
Establishment of the Department of North East Asian Economies, and the Strategy Research Team

2018

2018. 04
The Center for Area Studies established.
[Chinese Economy Dept, Advanced Economies Dept, New Southern Policy Dept, New Northern Policy Dept expanded and reorganized.]

2020

2020. 07
Center for International Development Cooperation established
Main Research Topic

**International Macroeconomics & Finance Dept.**
- Current issues in international macroeconomics and finance
- Changes in the global economy, foreign exchange and capital markets
- Regional cooperation in foreign exchange/finance and reforms in international financial regimes

**Center for Area Studies**

**Chinese Economy Dept.**
- Current trends and issues in the Chinese economy
- Chinese provincial economy and industries
- Economic cooperations strategies between Korea and China

**New Southern Policy Dept.**
- Regional studies on the economies of SE Asia, Oceania and India/South Asia to support Korea’s New Southern Policy
- Plans to promote cooperation with emerging economies using soft power
- Emerging regions including Africa and Middle East

**Center for International Development Cooperation**
- Trends and policies of major countries in the area of international development cooperation and Korea’s ODA policies

**International Trade Dept.**
- Korean government policies in trade and commerce
- Analysis of the international trade regime at multinational level (e.g. WTO, APEC, OECD, G20)
- Strategies for promotion of regional trade agreements and assessment of their economic impacts
- New issues in trade and investment (e.g. digital trade, 4th industrial revolution)

**Advanced Economies Dept.**
- Advanced regional economies in America, the EU and Japan
- Economic Cooperation with East Asian nations

**New Northern Policy Dept.**
- Regional studies on the economies of Russia/Eurasia to support Korea’s New Northern Policy
- International economic relations of North Korea, international cooperation for regime change in North Korea and Korean Unification
2020 Main Research Projects

International Macroeconomics & Finance Dept.
- Structural Changes and Policy Directions in Korea’s Current Account Balance
- A Study on the Effects of Credit Expansion on Economic Growth and Financial Crisis
- Ten Years of International Macroeprudential Policies: Achievements and Improvement Plans
- Analysis of Determining Factors of Foreign Capital Movement in the Domestic Stock Market: Centered on Interest and Exchange Rates

International Trade Dept.
- The Effects of Trade Structure Shifts on Domestic Employment Structures and Policy Implications
- International Spread of Unilateral Trade Policies and Changes in Trade Structures
- Trade Law Issues and Economic Impact of New FTA Trade Rules: Centered on Environment and Labor Issues
- International Dialogue on Intellectual Property Issues and Their Effects
- The WTO Multilateral System in Structural Crisis: Korea’s New Response Measures for Multilateral Negotiation

Center for International Development Cooperation
- Rise in Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets Set by the International Community and Korea’s Response
- Analysis of Determining Factors of Foreign Capital Movement in the Domestic Stock Market: Centered on Interest and Exchange Rates
- The WTO Multilateral System in Structural Crisis: Korea’s New Response Measures for Multilateral Negotiation

Center for Area Studies

Chinese Economy Dept.
- Further Opening of Chinese Financial Markets and Sino-Korean Cooperation in the Area
- Changes in the Local Economies of China Following the Global Financial Crisis and Strategies to Advance into the Chinese Domestic Market

Advanced Economies Dept.
- Study on Progress of the 4th Industrial Revolution in Japan Based on Solutions to Social Challenges
- Future Development of the Pacific Alliance and MERCOSUR and the Implications
- Analysis of Competition Policies in the US and EU in the Era of Fusion and Convergence between Industries
- Analysis of Intra-Bloc Consolidation of EU Labor Markets and Policy Implications

New Southern Policy Dept.
- Opportunities for Cooperation between the Indo-Pacific Strategy and Korea’s New Southern Policy
- Analysis of Online Platform Market and Implications in New Southern Region
- Status of Development in India’s Start-Up Ecosystem and Policy Implications

New Northern Policy Dept.
- Plans to Promote Investment between Korea and Russia in the 4th Term of President Putin: Focusing on Manufacturing Sectors with High Added Value
- Recent Policy Changes in Major GCC Nations and Korea’s Strategic Response Measures
- Progress of Transition Economies in Southeast Asia and the Implications for North Korea

Center for International Development Cooperation
- Ten-Year Anniversary of Joining the OECD DAC: Achievements and Tasks Ahead
- Rise in Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets Set by the International Community and Korea’s Response
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Research Cooperation Projects

- Operation of the KIEP International Macroeconomic Model
- KIEP Trade and Commerce Model Development Project
- Monitoring and Operation of Mid-term and Long-Term trade Strategies
- Operation of the KIEP Beijing Office
- Comprehensive Chinese Studies
- Operation of China Regional and Provinicial Research Team
- Reinforcement of the East Asia Studies Network
- Operation of the Secretariat of the APEC Studies Consortium
- Supervision of the Asian Economic Panel and Publication of Academic Journal
- Establishment of Eurasia Knowledge Network
- Plan for Promoting the Northeast Asian Economic Community
- Operation of G20 Research Support Group
- Operation of the International Pool of Experts
- Promotion of Graduate Program for Area Studies (GPAS)
- Operation of Specialized Regional Information Websites (EMERiCs/CSF)
- IMD World Competitiveness
- KIEP Visiting Scholars Program
- KIEP Emerging Economies Pathfinder (KEEP) Project
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