

Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

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Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) is a non-profit, independent organization founded in 1974. It is dedicated to promoting advanced studies by supporting doctoral students to study abroad at world-renowned universities and by enriching academic development in Asia.



“A nation’s future depends on the development of global leaders.”

CHEY Jong-hyon
Founder, Former SK Group Chairman

Chairman's Message



Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) was established in 1974 by CHEY Jong-hyon, former Chairman of the SK Group, based on the philosophy that 'a nation's future depends on the development of global leaders.'

Since its inception, KFAS has continuously endeavored to foster advanced studies and research with the belief that developing human capital is the key to social progress. Like a human being that grows and matures, KFAS has been growing along with its sponsor, the SK Group. The SK Group has increased its sales from 100 million to 100 billion dollars since 1974, becoming the largest energy and communications corporation in Korea.

We, at KFAS, seek to expand the scope of our contributions through academic programs with a broader perspective. Focusing on Asia, where high-quality education is less available than in Western countries, we aim to constantly expand academic networks centered on major Asian universities to accelerate the exchange of scholarship and knowledge across the region. We hope that our efforts can serve as a catalyst in fostering social, economic, and cultural development in Asia. By doing so, KFAS will play a critical role as the heart of SK Group's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Chairman **CHEY Tae-won** (Chairman of SK Group)

President's Message

As one of the leading non-profit academic and scholarship organizations in the country, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) has made remarkable contributions in expanding the pool of intellectual leaders. During the last four decades, KFAS has brought up more than 570 brilliant minds to earn PhDs from world-class universities through its overseas scholarship program.

Given the fact that Asian countries have traditionally lacked academic exchange among themselves, we have sought to promote scholarly interactions by providing various forms of fellowships and academic support since 2000. Under the International Scholar Exchange Fellowship program, we have invited approximately 700 scholars from China and other Asian countries to further their academic research in Korea. Also, we have established 17 Asia Research Centers operating at leading universities in China, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Laos, while MOUs have been signed with universities in Indonesia and Iraq. On top of these endeavors, we annually co-host major international academic conferences, such as the Beijing Forum and Shanghai Forum with Peking University and Fudan University, respectively.

In further pursuing our honored legacy, we are ready to contribute to opening a new era of knowledge sharing. We plan to hold new types of academic programs, both online and offline, for a broader global audience. I invite you to join us in sharing our vision and shaping our common future.

President **PARK In-kook** (Former Ambassador to the United Nations)



Timeline

1970s

1974

KFAS founded by CHEY Jong-hyon, late Chairman of SK Group Scholarship Program initiated in the field of social science

1976

First cohort of Chinese Classics Program students selected

1977

First cohort of Study Abroad Fellowship students selected via open competition

1978

First cohort of Undergraduate Program students selected

1980s

1982

Study Abroad Program expanded to the field of natural sciences

1985

Renewal of the Korean Studies Program at the University of Chicago's Center for East Asian Studies, supported by KFAS

1990s

1990

First cohort of Classical East Asian Studies students for Graduate Student Program selected

1997

First cohort of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science students for Graduate Student Program selected

1998

CHEY Tae-won of SK Group inaugurated as Chairman of KFAS Board of Trustees

2000s

2000

International Scholar Exchange Fellowship Program launched

2002

Asia Research Centers (ARCs) established at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fudan University, Communication University of China, Liaoning University, Chulalongkorn University, Vietnam National University Hanoi, National University of Mongolia, Yangon University, National University of Laos

2003

ARC established at Renmin University of China
Asia Communication and Media Forum launched

2004

ARC established at Nankai University
Beijing Forum launched

2005

ARC established at Royal Academy of Cambodia
Forums launched: Shanghai Forum, Northeast Asia Forum, International Conference on Southeast Asian Cultural Values, International Forum on Confucianism

2006

ARC established at Yanbian University

2007

ARC established at Beijing Foreign Studies University

2008

Tumen River Academic Forum launched

2010s

2011

ARC established at Zhejiang University
MOU signed with the University of Baghdad

2012

Study Abroad Program expanded to the field of China studies
Korea-China LEADership Exchange Program initiated
International Conference on Northeast Asian Cooperation and Integration launched

2013

MOU signed with Universitas Indonesia
"Understanding China" conferences and lectures launched
Special lecture by Nobel Peace Laureate Muhammad Yunus held

Mission

KFAS is committed to **supporting talented and motivated students** in fully realizing their academic potential so they can maximize their contributions to the development and prosperity of our society.

KFAS is dedicated to **fostering future generations of leaders** in meeting current and future challenges.

KFAS aims to **establish knowledge networks** that promote academic as well as social advancements, ultimately improving the quality of human life.

Key Activities

Scholarship Programs

- International Scholarship Programs
- Domestic Scholarship Programs



International Academic Programs

- Asia Research Centers (ARCs)
- International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF)



International Forums

- Beijing Forum
- Shanghai Forum
- Other Major Forums



Scholarship Programs

International Scholarship Programs | Domestic Scholarship Programs



Achievements (as of October 2013)

• Ph.D. Awardees and Candidates

Institutions	Ph.D. Awardees	Ph.D. Candidates
Harvard University	72	18
Stanford University	68	34
University of Chicago	41	17
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	37	11
University of California, Berkeley	34	26
University of Michigan	33	10
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	25	6
Yale University	22	9
Princeton University	20	4
University of Pennsylvania	21	9
California Institute of Technology	15	0
Columbia University	10	4
Others	210	38
TOTAL	608	186

• Careers of Our Graduates

Professors	424
Other professions	184

Ph.D. Awardees

608

Ph.D. Candidates

186

Study Abroad Scholarship

The program supports talented Korean students to pursue their doctorate degrees at top universities abroad so they could become leaders in their fields, ultimately contributing to social advancement.

Study in China Scholarship

Established in 2012, the scholarship supports outstanding Korean PhD candidates studying at top Chinese institutions to become China experts.

Korea-China LEADership Exchange

The Korea-China LEADership Exchange Program provides special lectures and field trips to select college students in the two countries in order to further a deeper understanding of both cultures.

Undergraduate Student Program

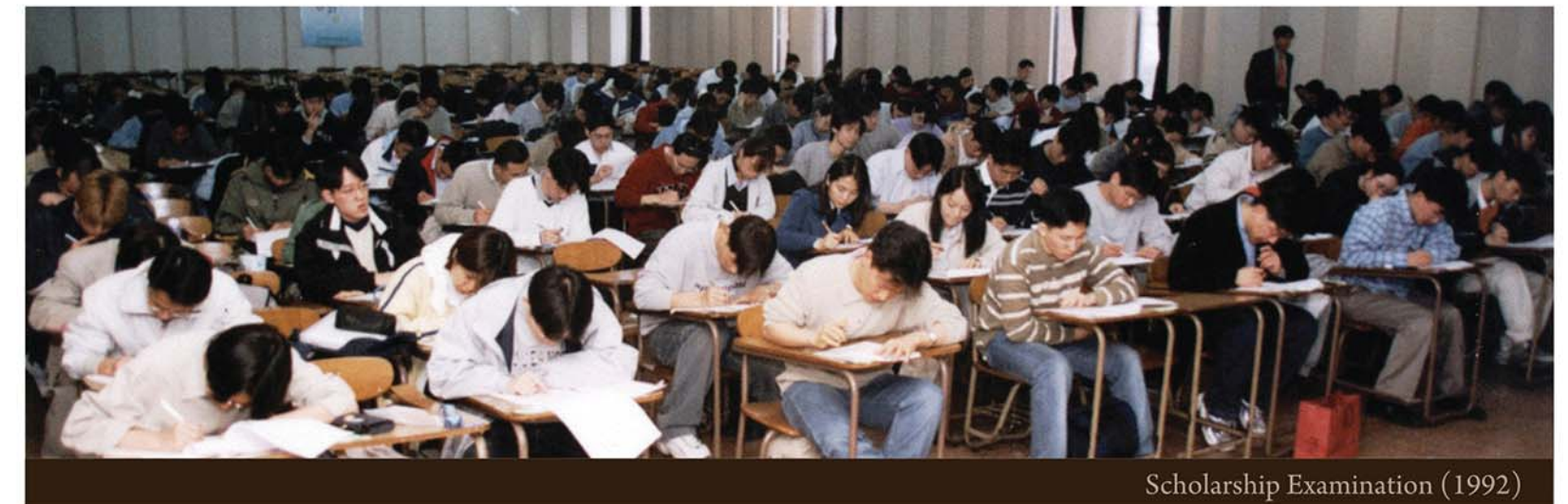
The program supports undergraduate students who show great academic potential and strong social commitment to becoming leaders of global society.

Chinese Classics Program

The Chinese Classics Program is for college students who aim to enhance their proficiency in classical Chinese texts and literature.

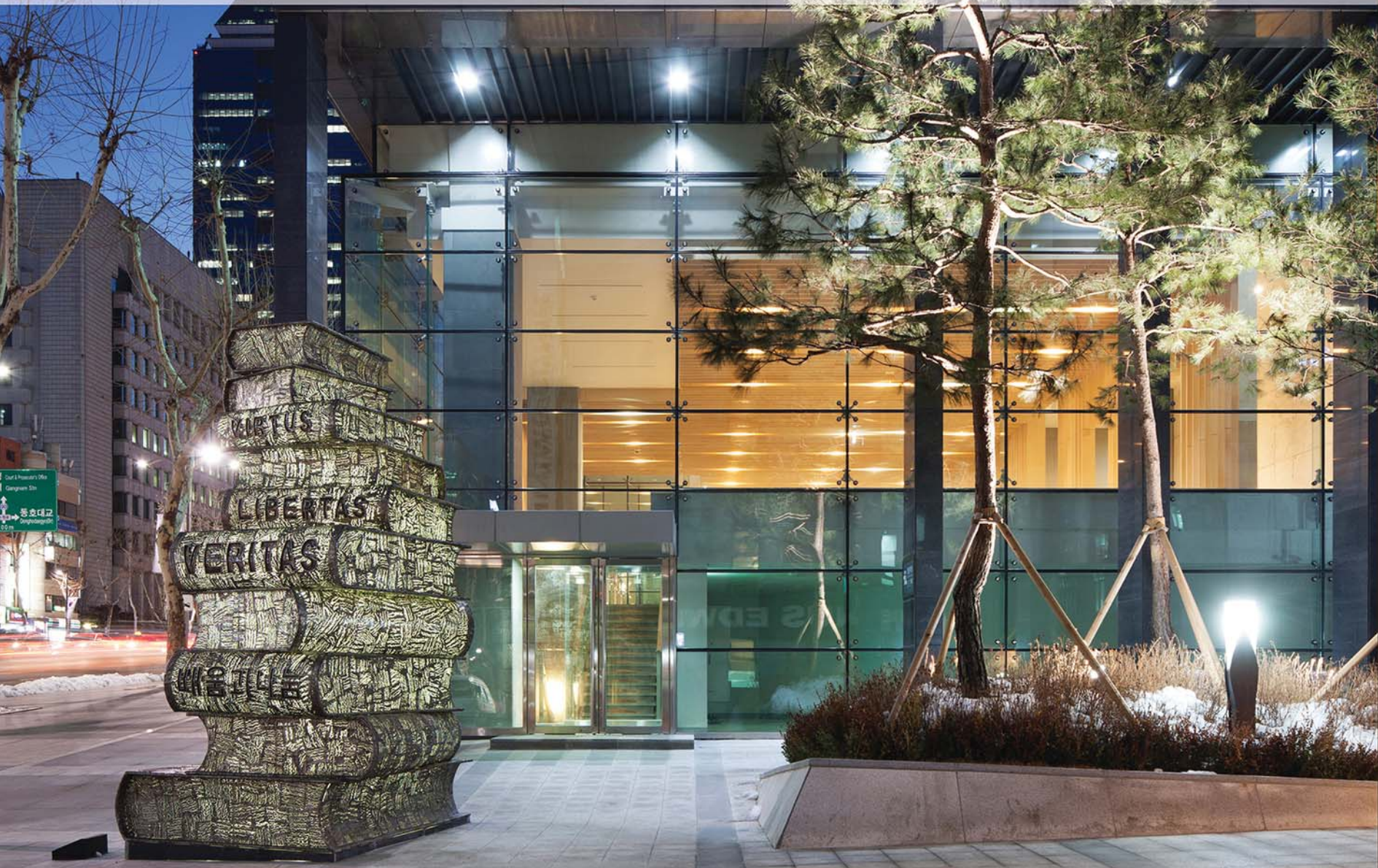
Graduate Student Scholarships

- Classical East Asian Studies Graduate Student Program
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Graduate Student Program



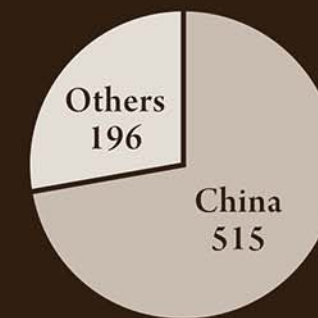
International Academic Programs

International Scholar Exchange Fellowship | Asia Research Centers



International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF)

As Asia does not have an extensive academic network of its own, KFAS launched a research fellowship program for Asian scholars in 2000 called International Scholar Exchange Fellowship (ISEF). The program invites approximately 50 Asian scholars to Korea from various countries, including China, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Russia every year for mid/long-term projects. During their research period, the fellows collaborate with prestigious universities and research institutions in Korea to undertake research. Since September 2000, a total of **711** professors and researchers from over **110** institutions have conducted research in Korea through this fellowship.



ISEF scholars invited
(as of September 2013)

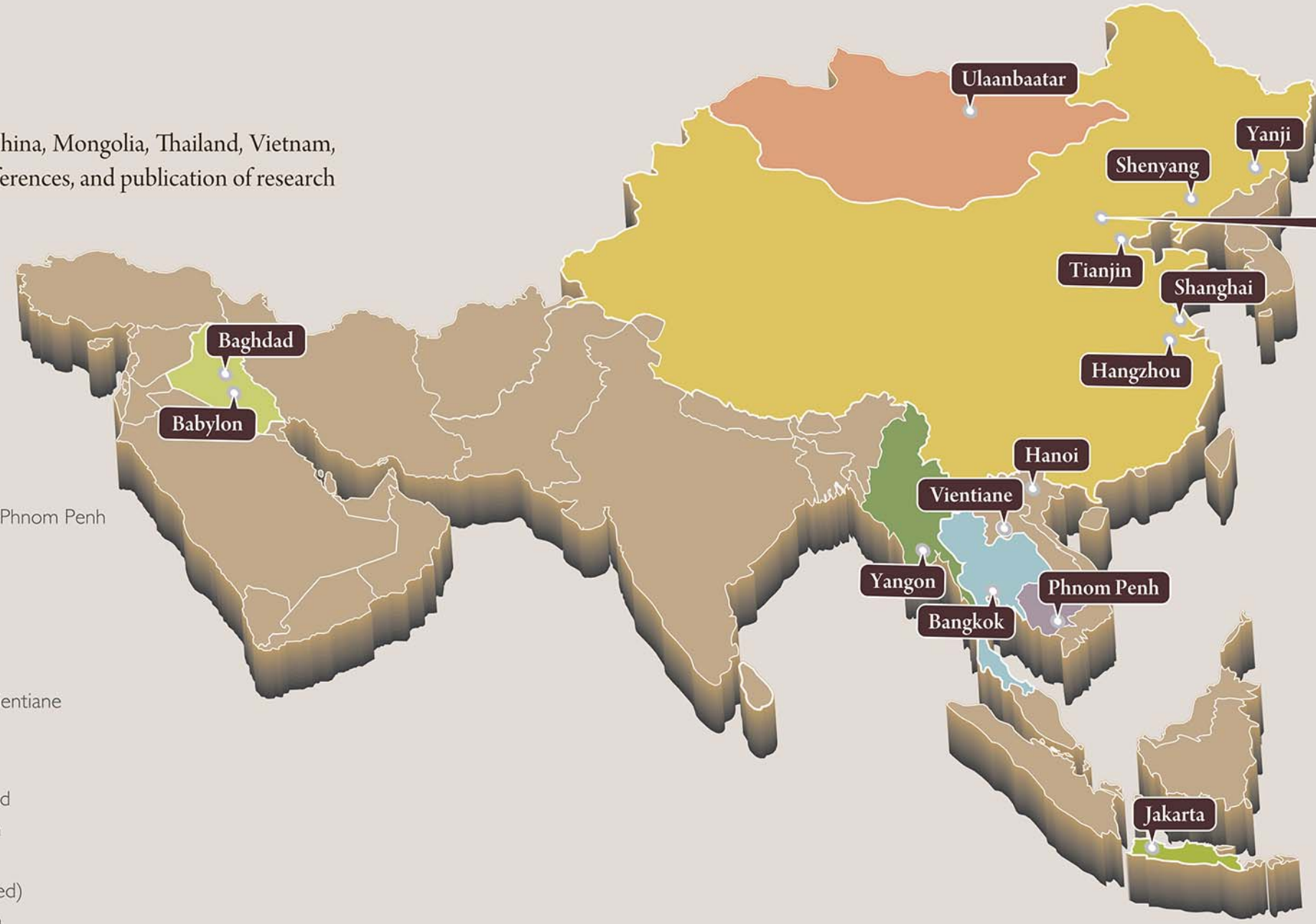
Asia Research Centers (ARCs)

We have established **17** Asia Research Centers at leading academic institutions in China, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Laos to provide support for research projects, academic conferences, and publication of research findings in their own countries.

Location of Asia Research Centers

- **China**
 Peking University, Beijing
 Tsinghua University, Beijing
 Fudan University, Shanghai
 Zhejiang University, Hangzhou
 Nankai University, Tianjin
 Renmin University of China, Beijing
 Communication University of China, Beijing
 Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing
 Liaoning University, Shenyang
 Yanbian University, Yanji
 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
- **Mongolia**
 National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar
- **Thailand**
 Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

- **Vietnam**
 Vietnam National University Hanoi, Hanoi
- **Cambodia**
 Royal Academy of Cambodia, Phnom Penh
- **Myanmar**
 Yangon University, Yangon
- **Laos**
 National University of Laos, Vientiane
- **Iraq (MOU signed)**
 University of Baghdad, Baghdad
 University of Babylon, Babylon
- **Indonesia (MOU to be signed)**
 University of Indonesia, Jakarta



- Beijing
 - Tsinghua University
 - Peking University
 - Renmin University of China
 - Beijing Foreign Studies University
 - Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
 - Communication University of China

International Forums

Beijing Forum | Shanghai Forum | Other Major Forums

We annually co-host the Beijing Forum and Shanghai Forum with Peking University and Fudan University, respectively.



Top row : Michael Spence / Tony Blair / Shaukat Aziz / Kevin Rudd / Liu Yandong

Middle row : James Steinberg / Roger Myerson / James Mirrlees / Lee Kuan Yew / George H.W. Bush

Bottom row : Chung Un-chan / A. P. J. Abdul Kalam / Tang Jiaxuan / Han Zheng / Han Qide

Beijing Forum

We annually co-host the Beijing Forum with Peking University under the overarching theme, “*The Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All*”, focusing on humanities and social sciences.

- **2012** Challenges and Opportunities: New Thinking in New Reality
Presentations: **437**
- **2011** Tradition and Modernity, Transition and Transformation
Presentations: 307
- **2010** Commitments and Responsibilities for a Better World
Presentations: 248
- **2009** Looking beyond the Crisis to a Harmonious Future
Presentations: 244
- **2008** Universal Values and the Development Trend of Civilization
Presentations: 213
- **2007** Diversity in the Development of Human Civilizations
Presentations: 354
- **2006** Reflections on the Civilization Mode of Humankind
Presentations: 352
- **2005** Asia's Opportunities and Developments in Globalization
Presentations: 125
- **2004** The Harmony and Prosperity of Civilizations
Presentations: 266



Shanghai Forum

We annually co-host the Shanghai Forum with Fudan University under the overarching theme, “*Economic Globalization and the Choice of Asia*”, focusing on economics, finance, trade, energy, and the environment.

- **2013** Asia's Wisdom: Seeking Harmonious Development in Diversity
Presentations: **376**
- **2012** Strategies for 2011-2020
Presentations: 277
- **2011** Market, Government and Global Governance
Presentations: 193
- **2010** Reflect, Recover, Restructure
Presentations: 175
- **2009** Crises, Cooperation and Development
Presentations: 189
- **2008** Transition, Growth and Welfare
Presentations: 194
- **2007** Energy, Currency and Common Markets
Presentations: 196
- **2005** Economic Globalization and the Choice of Asia
Presentations: 174



Other Major Forums

Asia Communication and Media Forum

Since 2003, KFAS has annually co-hosted Asia Communication and Media Forum with the Asia Media Research Center in the fields of journalism, communication, media industries, new technologies, digital content, and related policies.



Communication University of China

International Forum on Confucianism

The International Forum on Confucianism has been annually co-hosted by KFAS and Renmin University of China since 2004, dealing with critical issues in Confucianism.



Renmin University of China

Tumen River Academic Forum

KFAS and Yanbian University began co-hosting the Tumen River Academic Forum in 2008, inviting scholars and experts from China, the two Koreas, Japan, Russia, and the United States to discuss regional issues such as development of the Tumen River area.



Yanbian University

Northeast Asia Forum

Since 2005, KFAS and Liaoning University have annually co-hosted the Northeast Asia Forum in Shenyang, China, focusing on building peace and promoting economic growth in the region.



Liaoning University

Hanoi Forum on Information-Communication Technology

Hanoi Forum on Information-Communication Technology (ICT) has been annually co-hosted by KFAS and Vietnam National University Hanoi since 2007, aiming to share the latest development and experiences in the field of ICT.



Vietnam National University, Hanoi

International Conference on Southeast Asian Cultural Values

KFAS and the Asia Research Center at the Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC) launched the International Conference on Southeast Asian Cultural Values together in 2005, dealing with important cultural issues in Southeast Asia.

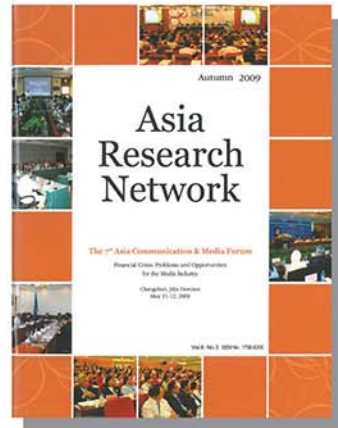


Royal Academy of Cambodia

Publications

Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies publishes two magazines, *Asia Research Network* and *KFAS Newsletter*, to circulate information on its various programs as well as the research projects and academic conferences that are co-hosted by KFAS and other institutions in the region.

* In addition to publications in hard copy, e-versions can be accessed at <http://kfas.or.kr>.



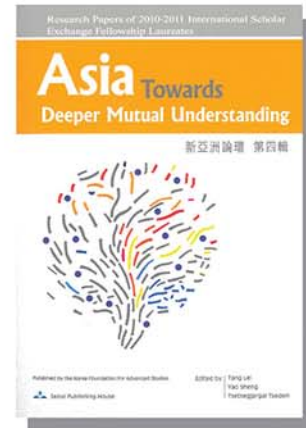
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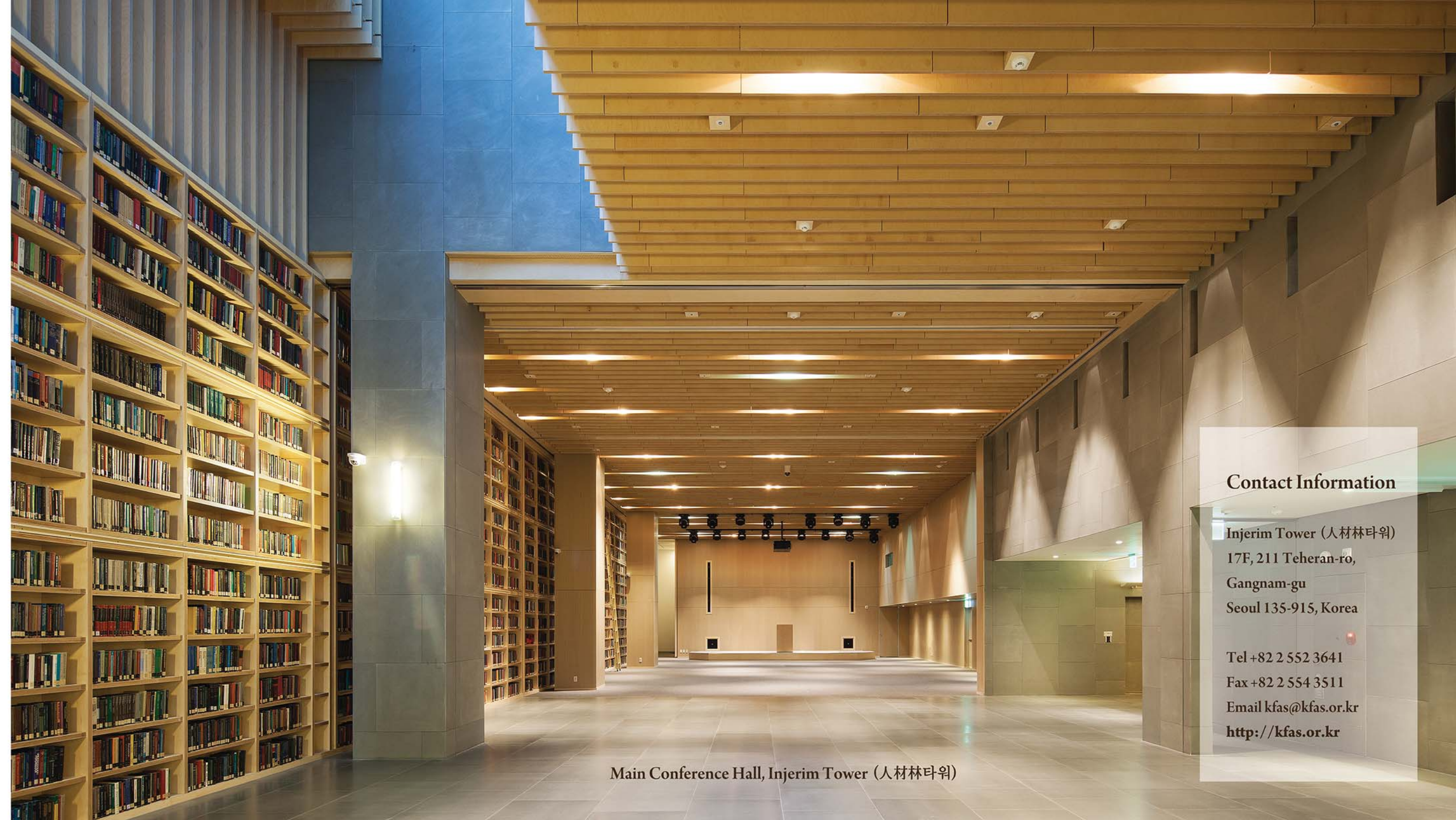
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