

Overseas Business Trip Application

(1) Summary of the Business Trip

- Purpose
 - For the compilation of the final report on the project, "Preliminary Study for the Promotion of Tailored Mutual Growth Public Project between Korea and Central Asia."
 - Discussion between chapter authors and reviewers on the chapters and their development
 - Discussion on the presentations and presenters at the Global Korea Forum based on the chapters in November, in particular, on how to develop ODA or EDCF projects based on the chapters
- Period: October 3, 2023 (Tuesday) ~ October 7 (Saturday), Arrive in Korea on October 8 (Sunday morning)
- Korea delegates: Prof. Cheol Liu and nine others (Details are attached.)

(2) Contracting Organization/Project Duration (Contract between Cheol Liu and NRC)

- National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Science (NRC) / December 1, 2022 ~ November 15, 2023

(3) Key Activities during the Trip

- The Uzbekistan government drafted the initial versions of each chapter of the final report, and experts from Korea have provided reviews. The reviewers provided their review comments on the initial draft of the chapters. The chapter authors revised their chapters according to the reviewers' comments and suggestions
- During the business trip, the chapter authors, reviewers, project manager, and other stakeholders discussed and developed the chapters together.
- Through this trip, the team did the following:
 - Verify the progress made in each chapter based on the reviews.
 - Discuss further development plans based on the initial reviews.
 - Discuss potential directions for future projects, whether through ODA or EDCF, and consult with operational personnel and decision-makers from the Uzbekistan government.

- Strengthen networking and mutual understanding with the Uzbekistan Embassy and KOICA for effective project development.
- Cheol Liu (KDIS), Project Manager, invited eight representatives from the Uzbekistan government to the Global Korea Forum (November 21-23). They will be asked to give presentations on the main theme: developing ODA/EDCF projects using our chapters as a foundation. Cheol will also invite officials from the Korean government responsible for ODA/EDCF as discussants of the Forum.

(4) Request by the Korean Delegation to the Uzbekistan Government

- The Korean delegation requests to the Uzbekistan government
 - They would like the Forum attendees to the chapter discussion meetings. For instance, when the Korean delegation collaborates with chapter authors to discuss writings by the Agency for Strategic Reforms (ASR), it would be highly beneficial if participants from ASR who will attend the Forum could also join these discussions.

(5) Contents and flow of each chapter discussion meeting

- For each chapter, we followed these steps:

Contents	Activities	Lead
Introduction	Introduce the participants from Uzbekistan and the Korean delegation	Korea: Cheol Liu Uzbekistan: Head of participants
Chapter review	Provide summaries of chapter reviews	Chapter reviewers
Author comments	Describe revisions made in the chapters based on previous reviews and outline future chapter development plans	Chapter authors
Development plan discussion	Discuss potential and limitations for further chapter development - Envision the final appearance of the chapter	Chapter reviewers and authors
Korea Global Forum discussion	Discuss details of the Global Korea Forum - attendees, presentations, and strategies for ODA/EDCF projects	Uzbek: Persons who will attend the Korea Global Forum and present Korea: Cheol Liu and the Korean delegation

- Chapter authors
 - Chapter 1: Cooperation, author - Mokhira Akhmedova
 - Chapter 2 and 4: Urbanization and Agriculture, author - Gayrat Tashmatov

- Chapter 3: Transport, authors - Jasur Agzamov and Javokhir Qosimov
- Chapter 5: Health, Author - Jamshed Yusupov
- Chapter 6: Development potentials of Uzbekistan from the perspectives of the international development organizations – Yoon Jik Cho and Minsung Kang
- Authors are well aware about your visit, also they are ready to coordinate meeting with respective Ministries on their directions.

(6) Timetable

Date	Main Agenda	Institutions to Visit & Contacts
Oct 3 (Tue)	Departure	
Oct 4 (Wed)	Morning - Discussion on chapters written by the Agency for Strategic Reforms - Discussion on chapter about health	Agency for Strategic Reforms - Azizov, Ibrahim, and Mohira (ASR) - Jamshed Yusupov (ASR)
	Afternoon - Discussion on chapter written by the MOEF - Discussion on chapter of transportation	Ministry of Economy and Finance - Temur and Rustambek (MOEF) Agency for Strategic Reforms - Azizov, Jasur Agzamov, Javokhir Qosimov
Oct 5 (Thu)	Discussion with KOICA	KOICA Head and Deputy Head
Oct 6 (Fri)	Morning - Discussion with the Labor (Mahallabay) Ministry	Ministry of Labor and Mahallabay - Muhtor (Mahallabay)
	Afternoon - Discussion on the chapter about Urban development and Agriculture	Agency for Strategic Reforms - Gayrat Tashmatov
Oct 7 (Sat)	Morning - Follow-up (meet relevant people and ministries)	The Korea Global Forum participants - ASR, MOEF, Labor Ministry and Korea delegation
	Afternoon - Return	

(7) Chapter Composition of the Final Report and Advisory Experts

Chapter	Title & Theme	Advisory Researchers
1	Development potential of Uzbekistan from the perspectives of the OECD and international organizations	Cho, Yoon Jik (Yonsei Univ.) Kang, Minsung (KDIS)

2	Examining the development potential in Uzbekistan and the necessity and validity of cooperation between the Korean government and Uzbekistan	Lee, Kangkoo (KDI)
3	The development of sustainable and livable cities	Rhee, Inbok (KDIS)
4	The development of efficient and integrated transport systems	Hwang, Soo-young (Export-Import Bank), Lee, Hunki (KTI)
5	Advancement of agricultural technologies and the promotion of sustainable farming practices	Yoon, Chungun (KDIS)
6	Enhancing public health and improving healthcare systems	Jeong Hye Jin (KOFIH)
7	Development and capacity building of the Uzbekistan Ministry of Economy and Finance	Xasan Redjaboyev (Harvard Univ.)
8	Efforts in Financial Support for Small Business Projects in Uzbekistan	Temirlan T. Moldogaziev (Indiana Univ.)

- Ms. Che Young Lee will accompany the Korean delegation to provide assistance.