

GEO Blue Planet 6th Symposium



6th Symposium | 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2023 | Seoul, Republic of Korea

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



Venue & Accommodation

>> SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The event will take place at [the The Ambassador Seoul - A Pullman Hotel](#) 287, Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul

- The 1st, 2nd Day events will take place at the GRAND BALLROOM (2F).
- The 3rd Day events will take place at the NAMSAN ROOM (19F).

>> To Venue by Public Transportation



BUS

Jangchung Culture and Sports Center

> Bus Stop: Dongguk Univ.

Green (local line): 7212

Blue (main line): 144, 301, 420

> Bus Stop: Toegyero 5-ga

Blue (main line): 104, 105, 421, 463, 507

Circular Bus: 01



SUBWAY

> Subway Line No.3 Dongguk Univ. Station Exit 1 or Exit 6 (5 minutes by walk)

> Subway Line No.4 Chungmuro Station Exit 1 (5 minutes by walk)

> Subway Line No.5 Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station Exit 6 (20 minutes by walk)



VALET SERVICE

Valet Service - KRW 25,000

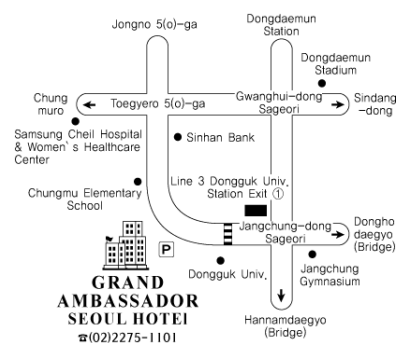
Complimentary Valet service is provided if you have a platinum-class or higher affiliated credit card.

* For more information, please contact the door desk. +82 (2) 2270 3265



TAXI

10 minutes from Seoul Station to the Hotel



>> ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Participants are advised to secure their own accommodation reservations and will be responsible for the payment of hotel accommodation and any incidental expenses (such as telephone calls, laundry, and room service) incurred for the duration of their stay.

Name	Address and Contact Details	Distance from Venue	Room Rate
FIVE STAR HOTELS			
Ambassador Seoul Pullman	287, Dongho-ro 17-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-2275-1101 amb@ambahotel.com https://www.ambatel.com/theambassador/seoul/en/main.do	Symposium Venue	From US\$312
Westin Josun Hotel	106, Sogong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-771-0500 rsvn@wetinjosun.com https://www.josunhotel.com/intro.do	2.5 km	From US\$371
Lotte Hotel Seoul	30, Euljiro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-771-1000 Rsv.hotel.seoul@lotte.net https://www.lottehotel.com/global/en.html	2.5 km	From US\$454
Grand Hyatt Hotel	322, Sowol-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-797-1234 Seoul.grand@hyatt.com https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/south-korea/grand-hyatt-seoul/selrs	2.8 Km	From US\$560

Name	Address and Contact Details	Distance from Venue	Room Rate
FOUR STAR HOTELS			
Nine Tree Premier Hotel Myeongdong	28, Mareunnae-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-6967-0999 Reservetion2@ninetreehotel.com https://www.ninetreehotels.com/nth2/?lang=en	1.4 Km	From US\$263
Hotel PJ	71, Mareunnae-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-2280-7000 room@hotelpj.co.kr https://www.hotelpj.co.kr/view/index.do?SS_SVC_LANG_CODE=ENG	1 Km	From US\$191
Hotel President	16, Euljiro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-753-3131 marketing@hotelpresident.co.kr http://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/eng/main/	2.5	From US\$195
Sotetsu Hotels the Splaisir Seoul Myeong-dong	15, Namdaemun-ro 5-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-722-0900 info@mypage.sotetsu-hotels.com https://sotetsu-hotels.com/en/splaisir/myeong-dong/	2.4 km	From US\$200

Name	Address and Contact Details	Distance from Venue	Room Rate
THREE STAR HOTELS			
Nine Tree Hotel	51, Mareunnae-ro 10-gil , Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-750-0999 reservation1@ninetreehotel.com https://www.ninetreehotels.com/nth1/index.php	1.7 km	From US\$181
The Shilla Stay Seodaemun	76, Chungjeong-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-3702-8000 Shilla.reserve@samsung.com https://www.shillastay.com/seodaemun/index.do	3.8 Km	From US\$120
TWO STAR HOTELS			
HOTEL THE DESIGNERS	306, Toegye-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea +82 02-2271-3501 hotelddm@gmail.com https://www.designershotel.co.kr/en/	774m	From US\$71
HOTEL SKYPARK Dongdaemun 1	335, Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 82+ 20-2264-2200 rsvn_d1@skyparkhotel.com https://www.skyparkhotel.com/html/main.asp	610m	From US\$ 154
HOTEL CRETO	53, Myeongdong 8ga-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 82+ 02-740-4500 reservation@hotelcreto.com http://www.hotelcreto.com/english.html	1.8Km	From US\$ 149
HOTEL VENUE G	117, Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea 82+ 02-2223-6500 info@hotelvenueg.co.kr http://www.hotelvenueg.co.kr/	2.1Km	From US\$ 151



From the Airport to Venue

Incheon International Airport

CAR	When using a car, go straight from the Incheon International Airport Expressway → 88 Olympic-daero → Dongho Bridge → Jangchung-dong Rotary (approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes / 56km)
SUBWAY	When using the subway, take the train from Incheon International Airport Station to AREX Seoul Station → transfer from Seoul Station to Chungmuro Line 4 → transfer from Chungmuro Station to Dongguk University Entrance Line 3 → get off at Dongguk University Station.
LIMOUSINE BUS	When using the limousine bus, No. 6702 K limousine bus The bus stop. 1st Passenger Terminal (1st floor) - 3B, 4A. 2nd Passenger Terminal (B1st Floor Transportation Center) - 17, 18, 19 Bus tickets can be purchased at the K limousine bus information desk at the airport. (1 hour and 30 minutes / Bus fare: 18,000 won)
TAXI	If you use a taxi, it is 56km away and costs about 100,000 won. There may be changes in cost depending on the road situation. (It takes about an hour and a half)

Gimpo International Airport

CAR	When using a car, go straight from Gimpo Airport → 88 Olympic-daero → Dongho Bridge → Jangchung-dong Rotary (approximately 50 minutes / 32km)
SUBWAY	When using the subway, get off at Gimpo Airport Station Line 5 → get off at Dongdaemun History and Culture Park Station → 15 minutes walk at Exit 6 (about 4,000 won for taxi) (about 1 hour and 30 minutes)
LIMOUSINE BUS	When using the limousine bus, No.6021 The bus stop. The 4th stop for domestic flights. International bus stop 6. It's a 15-minute walk after getting off Toegy 6-ga. (About 60 minutes/ Bus fare: 7,500 won)
TAXI	If you use a taxi, it costs about 50,000 won for a distance of 32km. There may be change s in cost depending on the road situation. (It takes about an hour)

For more information?

K Airport Limousine Site : <http://klimousine.com/eng/main/>



Korean Currency & Exchange Info

Korea's official monetary unit is the 'Won (₩)'.

> Traveler's Check

Traveler's checks can be exchanged for cash at banks or exchange booths.

A number of stores still accept the checks instead cash. Nonetheless, the forms of credit cards and debit cards have become a more preferred means of payment by travelers.

> Credit Card

Most of the businesses in Korea widely use and accept payment by credit cards, including at major hotels, department stores, and general shops. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and other credit cards can be used; however, check the service availability before making purchases as some stores may not provide this service.

> Money Exchange

When you need to exchange your foreign currency into Korean won, visit a bank or authorized exchange service center. Banks are generally open 09:00-16:00 on weekdays. Please be aware that money exchange of old currency may not be accepted at certain locations. Make sure to check if banks or authorized exchange service centers accept old currency beforehand.

> Currency Converter

www.xe.com/currencyconverter (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Swedish, Arabic)

>>Incheon International Airport

Upon arrival, inbound travelers can easily convert their money into the local currency at bank branches and money exchangers located within the airport. The hours and locations vary by bank, so we recommend checking in advance; the standard hours of money exchangers are 06:00-21:00 but some locations may operate until 22:00 or 24:00.

* Incheon International Airport bank page:

<https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/svc/getFacilityMain.do> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Shinhan Bank – Incheon International Airport Branch

- **Services provided:** General banking, currency exchange, traveler's checks, etc.
- **Operating hours :** Passenger Terminal 1 & 2: 09:00-16:00 (Closed weekends & public holidays)
- **Locations :**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: B1F, Transportation Center East Wing
 - Passenger Terminal 2: B1, West Wing
- **Inquiries**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: +82-32-743-5100 (Korean, English, Japanese)
 - Passenger Terminal 2: +82-32-226-5100 (Korean, English, Japanese)
- **Website:** <https://www.shinhan.com/en/index.jsp#300000000000> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

KEB Hana Bank – Incheon International Airport Branch

- **Services provided:** General banking, currency exchange, traveler's checks, etc.
 - **Operating hours:** Passenger Terminal 1 & 2: 09:00-16:00 (Closed weekends & public holidays)
 - **Locations:**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: BF 1, West Wing
 - Passenger Terminal 2: BF 1, East Wing
 - **Inquiries:**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: +82-32-743-2220 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
 - Passenger Terminal 2: +82-32-875-1111 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)
- +) Availability of language assistance depends on staff work schedule.
- **Website:** https://www.kebhana.com/easyone_index_en.html (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese)

Woori Bank – Incheon International Airport Branch

- **Services provided:** General banking, currency exchange, traveler's checks, etc.
 - **Operating hours:**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: Weekdays 09:00-16:00 / Weekends 07:00-21:00 (currency exchange only)
- +) Operating hours vary by branch.
- Passenger Terminal 2: 09:00-16:00 (Closed weekends & public holidays)
 - **Locations:**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: 1F, East Wing
 - Passenger Terminal 2: 1F, East Wing
 - **Inquiries:**
 - Passenger Terminal 1: +82-32-743-1050 (Korean, English)
 - Passenger Terminal 2: +82-32-743-2050 (Korean, English)
- +) Availability of language assistance depends on staff work schedule.
- **Website:** <https://spot.wooribank.com/pot/Dream?withyou=en>
(Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Mongolian)

Gimpo International Airport

Upon arrival or before departure, travelers may exchange their currency and take care of other banking needs at the booths available at the airport. The hours and locations vary by bank, so we recommend checking in advance; the standard hours of money exchangers are 06:00-19:30 but some locations may operate until 21:30 or 23:30.

* Gimpo International Airport bank page:

<https://www.airport.co.kr/gimpoeng/index.do> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Shinhan Bank – Gimpo International Airport Branch

Services provided: General banking, currency exchange, traveler's checks, etc.

Operating hours: 09:00-16:00 (Closed weekends & public holidays)

Location: Domestic Terminal 1F, located on the right of Arrival Gate

Inquiries: +82-2-2662-1342 (Korean, English)

Website: <https://www.shinhan.com/en/index.jsp#300000000000> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Woori Bank – Gimpo International Airport Branch

Services provided: General banking, currency exchange, traveler's checks, etc.

Operating hours: 09:00-16:00 (Closed weekends & public holidays)

Location: International Terminal 1F, located on the left of Arrival Gate

Inquiries: +82-2-2667-0236 (Korean only)

Website: <https://spot.wooribank.com/pot/Dream?withyou=en>

(Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Mongolian)



Tourism

Information on Korea's tourism is available at <https://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>



Travelling to Korea

>> VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Korea must have a valid passport or legal travel documents, and must check beforehand entry visa requirements, by [clicking here](#). On the website, you can select the nationality of your passport below for more information.

The passport expiration date must be more than Six (6) months from date of departure.

1. Check for visa requirement based on the nationality of your passport
2. If a visa is required, you must apply for a visa based on the purpose of your visit
3. Entrants with a visa waiver must apply for K-ETA and receive approval 72 hours before departure

Nationalities subject to visa

If your country of nationality is not exempt from the visa requirement, please apply for a visa.

• STEP 1) Visa Issuance

Refer to the sources below links for more information.

[Hi Korea \(Korean, English, Chinese\)](#)

• STEP 2) Enter information on Q-CODE

- 1) Before arrival, access Q-Code and submit passport, entry and duration of stay, vaccination record, testing, and health status information
- 2) Double check information and submit to receive a QR code
- 3) Show QR code upon arrival

* Website: <https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/cpassportal/biz/befatstmnt/main.do?lang=en>

* This is an option, not a requirement. However, if you input the quarantine information in the system (Q-CODE) and receive a QR-Code before your departure, prompt quarantine services will be provided.

Visa waived (free) Countries

Visitors can enter Korea by registering for K-ETA (electronic travel authorization).

From April 1, 2023, until December 31, 2024, 22 countries/regions are temporarily exempted from K-ETA application. However, if you wish to benefit from K-ETA application, such as skipping the entry form, you can apply for K-ETA and the fee will be charged. Countries and regions eligible for exemption: Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Taiwan, Denmark, Germany, Macau, USA (including Guam), Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Singapore, UK, Austria, Italy, Japan, Canada, Poland, France, Finland, Australia, Hong Kong

• STEP 1) Register for K-ETA

K-ETA has been in place since September 1, 2021, and allows visa-free entry. Without K-ETA, travelers cannot board planes or ships heading to Korea.

* Be aware of fake agency sites with similar names to the official Korean government site charging high fees. Always make sure to use the official website.

[K-ETA website \(Korean, English, Chinese, French, Espanol, Japanese, Thai, Malaysian\)](#)

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Call & Phone Rental

>> International Calls

① How to make an international call to Korea

If necessary, dial the number of an international phone call carrier from your country, then dial 82 (country code for Korea), followed by the area code (excluding the first number 0).

Finally, dial the phone number you wish to call.

② How to make an international call from Korea

First, dial any of the international call company numbers listed below, and then the country code, area code and finally the number you are calling.

* International Phone Call Carriers: 001, 002, 005, 008, etc.

* Pre-paid Phone Cards: Pre-paid phone cards are available at convenience stores and major supermarkets

>> Mobile Phone Rentals and Roaming Service

Korea's major airports, including Incheon, Gimpo, Gimhae and Jeju International Airports, have roaming centers, operated by local network service providers. Visitors can get their mobile devices connected for roaming here after a simple registration process. In addition to roaming services, SIM Card purchase, Wi-Fi egg rentals and even smart phone rentals are available. More information about the fees, location of roaming centers and other details can be found on the service provider's official website.

Roaming services of major network carriers

- Kt Roaming Center website (Korean, English, Chinese, Vietnamese)

<https://roaming.kt.com/ib/eng/main.asp>

- SK TELECOM Roaming Center website (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

<http://www.skroaming.com/>

- LG U+ Roaming Center website (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

<https://www.lguplus.com/ib-roaming/pc/eng>

>> SIM Card Purchase (Korea SIM card)

Travelers can purchase a SIM card to insert in their personal cell phone device to enjoy unlimited data or receive a personal number while traveling in Korea. These prepaid SIM cards usually cost less than roaming services and offer unlimited data for a period of 5, 10 or 30 days.

The SIM cards can be purchased at CU and 7-Eleven convenience stores at Incheon International Airport and Korea SIM Card's official website. Although they can also be found at certain CU and 7-Eleven branch stores in Seoul and Busan, visitors are recommended to make a purchase in advance via online or at the airport.

Prepaid eSIM can be easily purchased and received online. The digital eSIM works by installing a prepaid data plan by scanning the provided QR code. The eSIM can be purchased on their website and you will receive an eSIM plan by e-mail, all without the hassle of visiting an offline store.

SIM Card Retail Locations

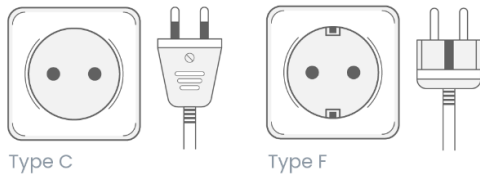
- **Convenience stores (airport, downtown, etc.):** Incheon International Airport (7-Eleven, CU) and limited 7-Eleven branch stores (Myeong-dong, Dongdaemun, Jongno, & Haeundae)
- **Korea SIM Card & eSIM website:** www.krsim.net (English, Chinese)
- **eSIM Korea:** Prepaid eSIM can be easily purchased and received online. The digital eSIM works by installing a prepaid data plan by scanning the provided QR code. The eSIM can be purchased on their website and you will receive an eSIM plan by e-mail, all without the hassle of visiting an offline store.

Internet

Internet service is often provided in public places such as airports, train stations, and bus terminals in Korea. PC rooms and internet cafes are also great places to go and they are mostly open 24 hours.

Electricity and Voltage

The standard voltage in Korea is **220 volts at 60 Hertz**, and the outlet has two round holes. Korea uses power outlets and **plugs of types C & F** as illustrated in the image on the left:



If you do not have a multi-voltage travel adapter, you may ask to borrow or purchase one from your hotel's front desk. You can also find them at the airport, retail stores, major duty-free shops, and even convenience stores.