The 2026 CIFC Knowledge Exchange Initiative

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CIFC is a public-private partnership established in 2013 by the Financial Services Commission (FSC) of Korea. CIFC is dedicated to fostering global financial stability and mutual growth by building bridges between the Korean financial industry and our global partner countries.

The **CIFC Knowledge Exchange Initiative (KEI)** is an invitational capacity-building program designed to deepen financial relationships and policy understanding between Korea and partner countries through specialized lectures, networking events, and institutional study visits. The first training session of 2026 KEI program took place in April, 2026.

The second training session of 2026 KEI program is scheduled for October 18 (Sun) – 24 (Sat), 2026. It will accommodate **12 spots** for mid-level officials joining on a **self-funded basis**, ensuring a broad and inclusive professional network. We welcome qualified **applicants** from all countries.

Self-funded participants must be officially nominated by the head of their respective organizations. Furthermore, candidates are required to have at least 10 years of professional expertise with current responsibilities that align with the specific themes of the 2026 KEI. CIFC provides program benefits including **round-trip airport pick-up shuttle service**, access to all lectures and cultural activities, as well as **official meals, daily allowance,** and **group transportation** for all institutional visits. However, self-funded participants are responsible for their own flight arrangements and accommodation.

Please note that to be considered specifically for this second training session in October, appointed candidates must submit a completed **application form, a curriculum vitae (CV) with a photo, and a copy of their passport** in PDF format to cifc@kif.re.kr by **August 14, 2026.** CIFC will individually contact shortlisted participants by August 25, 2026.

Program Overview

The KEI training session will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea. To ensure effective global communication and collaborative learning, the entire program will be conducted in English. This invitation is specifically for the candidates participating in the **second training session of 2026 KEI via the self-funded track.**

- **Period:** October 18 (Sun) – 24 (Sat), 2026
- **Theme:** Financial Infrastructure (Payment systems, capital markets, and infrastructures for credit information, rating, and guarantees)

Program Structure

While we are open to incorporating participants' ideas and suggestions on the lecture topics and study visits, we plan to organize the KEI in three parts.

- **Common Course:** The common course is attended by all participants, features lectures by KIF research fellows on global financial trends as well as Korea's financial development experience and its key implications.
- **Sector-specific Course:** The delegation will attend lectures by experts from relevant Korean financial institutions (CIFC member experts).
- **Collaborative Learning (CL)**: Participants will engage in peer discussions following each lecture to share their perspectives and country-specific insights. At the end of the program, each group will present key discussion findings and learning outcomes at the Financial Cooperation Seminar.

KEI Support & Benefits

- Meals: Official meals specified in the program schedule.
- Per Diem: Daily allowance (including meals) provided during the KEI period (Excluding days of arrival and departure).
- Cultural Activities: Local cultural tours and experiences organized by CIFC.
- Visa: CIFC will provide the necessary documentation for visa applications.

Note: Visa issuance fees are the responsibility of the applicant.

- Airport Transfers: Group shuttle service for arrival and departure, operated on a fixed schedule. (Individual transportation will not be provided.)

- Transportation: Vehicles provided for all official institutional visits.

Note: Expenses or services not listed above (e.g., personal travel, extra nights) are not supported by CIFC

Application Guidelines of the Second Training Session

To participate in the second training session of the 2026 CIFC KEI, please submit the following documents by August 14, 2026. **All applicants must be officially nominated by the head of their organization.** CIFC will individually contact shortlisted participants by August 25, 2026.

Required Documents (PDF format)

- Completed Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) with a professional photo
- Copy of Passport
- Submission: Email to cifc@kif.re.kr

Contact Details

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Tentative Schedule of the 2nd Training Session (October 18 (Sun) – 24 (Sat), 2026)

Date	Time	Program	
Oct 18 (Sun)	08:00–19:00	Arrival at Incheon	
Oct 19 (Mon)	10:00–10:30	**Opening Ceremony & Orientation** CL Group Assignment & Leader Selection	
	10:30–12:00	Introduction to Korea's Financial Industry Development Experience	KIF (Korea Institute of Finance)
	12:00–13:00	Welcome Luncheon	
	13:00-14:30	[Common] Financial Digitalization in Korea: Policy Framework and Infrastructure	KIF (Korea Institute of Finance)
	15:00-16:30	[Common] Making a Difference, Financial Sector Development in East Asia and the Pacific	World Bank
Oct 20 (Tue)	10:00–11:30	Introduction to KFTC and Korea's Retail Payment Systems	KFTC
		Introduction to Korea's Advanced Credit Reporting System	KCIS
	14:00–15:30	Evolution of Korea's Credit Information System: From Infrastructure Building to Digital Transformation	NICE
	16:00–16:30	CL Group Discussion	
Oct 21 (Wed)	9:00-10:30	Introduction to Korea Exchange and Development Experience of the Korean Capital Market	KRX
	10:00–11:30	Introduction to Korea's Securities Finance Corp. and Investor Deposit System	KSFC
	14:00–15:30	Introduction to Korea's NPL Resolution Framework and the Role of Asset Management Companies	KAMCO
	16:00–16:30	CL Group Discussion	
Oct 22 (Thu)	10:00–11:30	Fostering Tech Enterprises using Innovative Financial Instruments	KOTEC
	14:00–15:30	The Guarantee Insurance Industry and Its Contribution to Korea's Economic Growth	SGI Seoul Guarantee
	16:00–16:30	CL Group Discussion	
Oct 23 (Fri)	10:00–13:30	**Financial Cooperation Seminar & Completion Ceremony**	
	14:00–20:00	Cultural Exploration	
Oct 24 (Sat)	08:00–19:00	Departure from Incheon	

2026 KEI Course List

Category	Course Title
Common Courses	Introduction to Korea’s Economic and Financial Industry Development Experience
	Current Status of Financial Infrastructure and Digital Finance Policies in Korea
	World Bank Seoul Office EAP Projects & Case Studies
Sector-specific Course	Introduction to KFTC and Korea’s Retail Payment Systems
	Introduction to Korea's Advanced Credit Reporting System
	Evolution of Korea's Credit Information System: From Infrastructure Building to Digital Transformation
	Introduction to Korea Exchange (KRX) and Development Experience of the Korean Capital Market
	Introduction to Korea Securities Finance Corp. (KSFC) and Investor Deposit System
	Introduction to Korea’s NPL Resolution Framework and the Role of Asset Management Companies (AMC)
	Fostering Tech Enterprises using Innovative Financial Instruments
	SGI Seoul Guarantee: The Guarantee Insurance Industry and Its Contribution to Korea's Economic Growth

Participating Institutions from Korea

Financial Services Commission (FSC)

FSC is a government agency with statutory authority over financial policy and regulatory supervision. The FSC's functional responsibilities are shared among the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and subordinate bureaus.

World Bank (WB)

The World Bank is a prominent international financial institution dedicated to reducing poverty and promoting shared prosperity by providing financial and technical assistance to developing countries, with a strong focus on advancing digital financial inclusion and robust financial infrastructure globally.

Korea Institute of Finance (KIF)

KIF was founded to provide expert analysis for the development of Korea's financial sector and financial policy through systematic research and analysis of domestic and international financial systems, policy options, and the management of domestic and international financial institutions.

Korea Financial Telecommunications & Clearings Institute (KFTC)

KFTC provides an intermediary service to enable fund settlement and information exchange between financial institutions and customers through Financial Information Network, Financial Information Systems, the Checks Clearing System and the Giro System.

Korea Technology Finance Corporation (KOTEC)

As a state-run institution, KOTEC provides financial support to the innovative SMEs in the form of credit guarantee and equity investment based on the technology evaluation for the development of the national economy.

Korea Exchange (KRX)

As a sole exchange of Korea, KRX is in charge of opening and operating the KOSPI, KOSDAQ, KONEX and derivatives markets. KRX efforts to establish an orderly capital market and achieve sustainable growth through effective and stable systems and infrastructure.

Korea Asset Management Corporation (KAMCO)

Established in 1962, KAMCO purchases and resolves financial institutions' NPLs, restructures corporations, supports financial defaulters' credit recovery, manages and develops state-owned properties, and collects overdue taxes in order to contribute to the development of financial industry and national economy.

Korea Securities Finance Corporation (KSFC)

KSFC is the sole securities finance company in Korea that provides financial investment companies with an array of financial products and services, including securities-backed loans and investors' deposit management; it also provides SBL intermediation, corporate bond administration, and ESOP management to contribute to the growth and stability of the capital market.

Korea Credit Information Services (KCIS)

KCIS is the public credit registry (PCR) in Korea that manages credit, insurance, and technology information all under one roof, centralizing and managing data from public agencies and about 4,000 financial institutions, including banks, insurers, credit card companies, securities firms, financial companies and credit cooperatives.

NICE Information Service (NICE)

NICE Information Service is a unique company which provides the entire line of services for credit assessment and risk management from Consumer CB, Corporate CB, Asset Management, Debt-Collection to Big Data service, under the mission "By networking all the information in the world, we will enable everyone to use it for the utmost value."

Seoul Guarantee Insurance (SGI)

Established in 1969, Seoul Guarantee Insurance has supplied a diverse range of guarantee and credit insurance services that have paved the way for the development of Korea's economy and the lives of individuals for more than 52 years. Rated A+ by Standard & Poor's and AA- by Fitch, SGI is a leading guarantee insurer with a global presence in the US, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and the UAE.