

Regional Digital Financial Services Security Clinic for Asia Pacific Region (24-25 April 2024) Seoul, Republic of Korea



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Event Venue

The events will be held at the address below:

• Hotel Koreana

135, Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Jung-Gu, 04519 Seoul, South Korea

Passport and Visa Requirements

All visitors require valid passports to travel to Korea and visa regulations vary according to nationality and country of origin. Delegates will be informed to check for information on visas at their respective Korea Embassy or High Commission before traveling. Visa applications for the country can be done.

A C-3 visa is a short-term visitor's visa, which is used for sightseeing or doing business in South Korea. In order for foreigners to apply for a C-3 visa, they may be able to apply at the Korean Embassy in their respective countries or online. Usually, the required documents include passports, application forms, photos, and supporting documents. In most cases, the information is posted on the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea. However, it is recommended that you visit the Korean Embassy's website in the country where you want to apply for a C-3 visa or directly contact the embassy, as application methods and website addresses may vary from country to country.

1. Countries and regions exempted from the Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA)

- Asia (5)
 - Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Macau
- Americas (2)
 - o United States (including Guam), Canada
- Europe (13)
 - United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Austria
- Oceania (2)

• New Zealand, Australia

2. <u>Countries and regions subject to electronic travel authorization (K-ETA) issuance</u>

• Asia (12)

 Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Thailand, Turkiye, Bahrain, Brunei, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait

• The Americas (30)

- Guatemala, Grenada, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Barbados, Bahamas, Venezuela, Brazil, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Haiti, Entigabada, El Salvador, Uruguay, Jamaica, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Peru, Guyana, Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Ecuador
- Europe (28)
 - Greece, Latvia, Russia, Romania, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Malta, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Slovakia, Iceland, Ireland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Portugal, Hungary, Monaco, Montenegro, Vatican, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, San Marino, Andorra, Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia
- Oceania (11)
 - Nauru, New Caledonia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Palau, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu
- Africa (8)
 - o Lesotho, Morocco, Tunisia, South Africa, Mauritius, Seychelles, Eswatini, Botswana

A visa supporting letter/invitation can be issued upon request to assist the delegates in obtaining necessary visas from their respective countries and on-arrival visas (if applicable). Please refer to Annex 1. Request for letters of invitation for visa should be received by 4th April 2024.

Hotel Accommodation

Delegates are kindly requested to choose their own accommodation bookings and the list of recommended hotels located near the meeting venue. **See Annex 2 for the list of recommended hotels.**

Guidelines for incoming international participants

<u>SECURITY</u>

Seoul is generally considered a safe city, with police patrolling major tourist attractions and residential areas regularly. For transportation, infrastructure use, and inconvenience in Seoul, contact 002 without an area code to get information. They provide with various language services just in case. Other emergency situations can be reported to 119 and 112 for accidents. However, usually, you can get enough information from the hotel's concierge service.

TRANSPORT

Incheon International Airport offers a variety of public transportation services to downtown Seoul. People can use Korean Air (KAL) limousines, airport buses and smart taxis.

1. KAL (Korean Airline) Limousine service

Location: Near Gate 4 on 1st floor of Terminal 1 Operating hours: 06:00 to 22:00 Phone number: 82-2-2667-0386

*Ticketing limousines running to downtown Seoul (hotels)

2. Airport bus

Location: Near Gate 9 on the 1st floor of Terminal 1 (24 hours)

Near Gate 4 on the 1st floor of Terminal 1 (06:00 to 22:00)

*Ticketing Airport bus for downtown Seoul and other areas

3. Seoul Smart Taxi

Location #1: Near Gate 8 on the 1st floor of Terminal 1

Operating hours: 07:00 to 23:00

Telephone number: 82-32-743-2357

Location #2: Near Gate 4 on 1st floor of Terminal 1

Operating hours: 07:00 to 22:00

Telephone number: 82-32-743-2359

*Booking taxis for foreigners only.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

ITU requests all participants to ensure medical and travel insurance covering the whole period of the event during their stay in Korea. Neither ITU nor the host FNSV will be able to meet any expenses relating to injury, accident, or medical treatment of the participant.

Other Information

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: A BRIEF COUNTRY PROFILE

Korea

• Location: Korea is located on the Korean Peninsula in East Asia. It is bordered by North Korea to the north, China to the northwest, the East China Sea to the southwest, and Japan to the southeast.

- **Capital**: The capital of South Korea is Seoul. Seoul is the largest city in the country and serves as the cultural, economic, and political center.
- Language: Korean is the official language of Korea. However, many people also speak English, so basic English expressions can help with communication.
- **Culture**: Korea boasts a rich cultural heritage spanning thousands of years. Korean culture is renowned for its unique traditional foods, clothing, art, music, and dance.
- **Food**: Korean cuisine is diverse and delicious, featuring staples like kimchi, bulgogi, bibimbap, tteokbokki, and ramyeon. Koreans also enjoy eating a variety of side dishes, known as "banchan," alongside their meals.
- **Tourist Attractions**: Korea boasts beautiful natural landscapes and historical landmarks. Popular tourist destinations include Seokguram in Gyeongju, Hallasan on Jeju Island, Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, and Namsan Tower.
- **Etiquette**: Korea places a high value on etiquette, and it's important to show respect to others. Using polite language, especially with elders or strangers, is considered good manners.

Seoul- The capital and largest city of South Korea

- **Geographic Location of Seoul**: Seoul, the capital and largest city of South Korea, is situated in the central part of the Korean Peninsula. It is bisected by the Han River, with Bukhansan Mountain located to the east.
- **Culture and History**: Seoul boasts thousands of years of history and tradition. It is home to various historical landmarks, such as palaces, temples, and museums. Additionally, Seoul is renowned for its modern architecture and vibrant entertainment industry.
- **Public Transportation**: Seoul has a clean and efficient public transportation system. The subway network covers not only the city but also the surrounding metropolitan area, while buses operate numerous routes throughout the city.
- **Shopping and Dining**: Seoul offers a wide range of shopping destinations and culinary delights. Visitors can explore large shopping malls, traditional markets, and street food vendors to purchase diverse goods and sample delicious cuisine.
- **Recreation and Cultural Activities**: Seoul provides numerous recreational and cultural activities for visitors to enjoy, including parks, art galleries, theaters, cafes, and clubs as well as the 'Korea House' which remained as a traditional Korean style of housing. The city is also known for hosting various festivals and events throughout the year.
- **Safety and Security**: Seoul is generally considered a safe city, with police patrolling major tourist attractions and residential areas regularly.

<u>WEATHER</u>

Seoul's typical April weather offers a generally warm spring climate. However, early April may still have cool temperatures, gradually warming as the month progresses.

- 1. **Temperature**: In April, Seoul experiences temperatures ranging from around 10 to 20 degrees Celsius, with occasional days reaching above 20 degrees Celsius. Mornings and evenings can still be chilly, so it's advisable to have a light jacket handy.
- 2. **Precipitation**: April is one of the months with frequent rainfall in Seoul. There can be occasional showers or consecutive days of rain, so carrying an umbrella is essential.
- 3. **Cherry Blossoms**: April in Seoul is renowned for its cherry blossoms. As the cherry blossoms bloom, the entire city transforms into a beautiful floral landscape, attracting numerous tourists who come to admire the blossoms.
- 4. **Wind**: In Seoul people can experience strong winds in spring, which can make the weather feel cooler. It's advisable to dress warmly or carry a light jacket when going out.

April in Seoul offers pleasant weather and the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms. However, it's important to be prepared for sudden weather changes.

COMMUNICATION

- 1. **Country Code**: A country code is a numerical prefix that must be dialed before the full national phone number to make a call to another country. South Korea's country code is +82.
- 2. Local SIM Cards: If you're traveling to South Korea and plan to use your phone extensively for calls, texts, and data, getting a local SIM card can be a convenient and cost-effective option.
- 3. Where to Get Local SIM Cards: Local SIM cards are available for purchase at various locations such as airports, convenience stores, and mobile network provider shops. However, outside of airports, they are typically sold only at designated locations, so it is recommended to purchase or pick up your SIM card at the airport. We recommend searching for "Korea SIM Card," making a reservation, and either picking up the SIM card at the airport or activating an eSIM. Major mobile network providers in South Korea include SK Telecom, KT (Korea Telecom), and LG U+.
- 4. Costs: The cost of a local SIM card in South Korea can vary depending on the mobile network provider and the type of plan you choose. Generally, prepaid SIM cards with data plans are available for purchase. Prices can range from around 10,000 KRW to 30,000 KRW (approximately \$8 to \$25 USD), and they usually include a certain amount of data, talk time, and validity period.
- 5. **Data Plans and Add-ons**: South Korea is known for its fast and reliable internet connectivity, so data plans offered with local SIM cards tend to be generous. You can typically choose from various data packages based on your usage needs. Additionally, some SIM cards may offer add-ons for international calls or additional data at an extra cost.
- 6. **Registration Requirements**: In South Korea, you'll need to register your SIM card with your passport information. This is usually done at the point of purchase, and it's a legal requirement for all SIM card users in the country.
- 7. **Coverage**: South Korea has extensive mobile network coverage, even in remote areas. However, it's always a good idea to check the coverage map of your chosen mobile network provider to ensure coverage in the areas you plan to visit.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:

Public Transportation (Buses and Subways):

- 1. The subway system in Seoul is well-known for its extensive network and fast service, providing access not only within the city but also to the surrounding metropolitan areas.
- 2. Bus fares are 1,500 won(\$1.1~1.2), and subway fares start at 1,400(\$1.05) won, with an additional 100 won added based on the distance traveled.
- 3. Transfers between buses and subways are allowed when using a rechargeable transportation card. To pay for bus and subway fares, you need to purchase and recharge a transportation card. Cash is required for recharging, so it's recommended to have some cash on hand for this purpose.
- 4. While single-use transportation cards are available for purchase at subway stations, it's advisable for foreigners to purchase and recharge transportation cards specifically designed for foreigners at the airport.
- 5. Note that some subway trains, such as airport express trains or ITX trains, may share platforms with regular subway trains but have higher fares. Also, be cautious as express buses (usually red in color and have higher fares) may share bus stops with regular buses.

Taxi Fares:

- 1. Taxis are a widely used and convenient mode of transportation in Seoul.
- 2. Taxi fares are calculated based on distance and time, with starting fares typically around 4,800 won(\$3.6). In case of premium taxi 7,000 won(\$5.23)
- 3. The two main types of taxis are standard city taxis and more upscale premium taxis.

Taxi fares increase with distance, and additional charges may apply for late-night rides or picking up multiple passengers.

LANGUAGE

In Seoul, South Korea, the primary and official language spoken is Korean. Here's some general information about the languages spoken in Seoul:

- 1. Korean (한국어): Korean is the official language of South Korea and is spoken by the vast majority of the population in Seoul. It is the primary language used in government, education, media, and daily communications.
- 2. **English**: English is widely taught as a second language in South Korea, including Seoul. Many younger generations, especially those who have received formal education, can understand and speak English to varying degrees. In areas frequented by tourists or in businesses catering to international visitors, you can often find English-speaking staff.
- 3. **Chinese (중국어)**: Due to cultural and economic ties with China, some signs and information in tourist areas may also be available in Chinese.
- 4. **Other Languages**: While Korean is the dominant language, Seoul being a global city, you may encounter people who speak other languages, especially in areas with significant expatriate populations. Languages such as Japanese and various Southeast Asian languages might be spoken in communities or businesses catering to specific ethnic groups.

Overall, while Korean is the primary language spoken in Seoul, you can often find English speakers, especially in tourist areas and establishments that cater to international visitors. It's always helpful to learn some basic Korean phrases for communication, but you can generally get by with English in most situations

TIME ZONE

- 1. **Time Offset**: South Korea Standard Time (KST) is 9 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+9). This means that when it is midnight (00:00) UTC, it is 9:00 AM (09:00) in South Korea.
- 2. **Daylight Saving Time**: South Korea does not observe Daylight Saving Time (DST). Therefore, the time offset remains consistent throughout the year.
- 3. **Uniform Time Zone**: South Korea operates on a single time zone across the entire country. This simplifies scheduling and coordination for businesses, transportation, and communication throughout the nation.
- 4. **Time Zone Boundaries**: South Korea is located entirely within the UTC+9 time zone, so there are no internal differences in time within the country.
- 5. **International Date Line**: South Korea is located to the east of the International Date Line (IDL), which means that it is ahead of countries located to the west of the IDL in terms of calendar date.

Overall, South Korea Standard Time (KST) provides a consistent and uniform time reference for the entire country, helping to streamline daily activities and communication both domestically and internationally.

BANKS & CURRENCY

- 1. Local Currency: The local currency in South Korea is the South Korean Won (KRW), abbreviated as ₩. It is issued by the Bank of Korea and comes in both coins and banknotes. Banknotes are available in denominations of ₩1,000, ₩5,000, ₩10,000, and ₩50,000, while coins are available in denominations of ₩10, ₩50, ₩100, and ₩500.
- 2. Where to Exchange Money:

- **Banks**: Banks in South Korea offer currency exchange services. They are typically the safest and most reliable option for exchanging money. Major banks such as KEB Hana Bank, Shinhan Bank, Woori Bank, and KB Kookmin Bank have branches throughout Seoul and at airports.
- **Currency Exchange Counters**: Currency exchange counters can be found at airports, major transportation hubs (such as train stations and bus terminals), tourist areas, and commercial districts. These counters usually offer competitive exchange rates and convenient hours of operation.
- **ATMs**: Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are widely available throughout Seoul, and many accept international debit and credit cards. You can withdraw Korean Won directly from ATMs using your foreign debit or credit card. However, be aware that your bank may charge fees for international transactions.
- **Currency Exchange Apps**: Some mobile apps offer currency exchange services, allowing you to exchange money digitally. However, be cautious when using these services, as exchange rates and fees may vary.
- 3. Things to Consider:
 - **Exchange Rates**: Exchange rates may vary between different providers, so it's advisable to compare rates before exchanging money.
 - **Fees**: Be aware of any fees or commissions charged by banks or currency exchange counters for exchanging money.
 - **Identification**: You may be required to present a valid passport or other identification when exchanging currency at banks or exchange counters.

Overall, exchanging money in Seoul is convenient, with various options available including banks, currency exchange counters, ATMs, and digital currency exchange services. It's recommended to exchange money at reputable establishments to ensure fair rates and avoid scams.

<u>ELECTRICITY</u>

In South Korea, the standard voltage is 220 volts at a frequency of 60 hertz (Hz). The electric sockets used in South Korea are Type C and Type F sockets. Here's some general information about electric sockets in South Korea:

1. Socket Types:

- Type C sockets: These are the standard Europlug sockets with two round pins.
- Type F sockets: These are similar to Type C sockets but with the addition of two groun ding clips on the sides.

2. Plug Types:

- Most electrical devices in South Korea use plugs with two round pins (Type C) or plug s with two round pins and two grounding clips (Type F).
- Travelers from countries using other plug types (e.g., Type A, Type B, Type G) may ne ed a plug adapter to use their devices in South Korea.

3. Electricity Output:

- South Korea's electricity output is 220 volts at a frequency of 60 hertz (Hz).
- The standard current for residential and commercial electrical systems in South Korea is typically around 15 amps.



When traveling to South Korea, it's advisable to carry a universal adapter if your devices have plugs that are not compatible with South Korean sockets. Additionally, some high-powered devices such as hair dryers or laptops may require a voltage converter to safely operate on South Korea's electrical system.

FOCAL POINTS

For any further information you may require or if you need a personal invitation letter or official document for your travel clearances, please contact:

ITU Focal Point:	FNSV Coordinator:
Name: Vijay Mauree	Name: NEOH YI JING
Job Title: Programme Coordinator, TSB	Job Title: Manager
	Organization: Marketing and Communications
Email: dfssecuritylab@itu.int	
	Email: <u>yjneoh@fnsvalue.co.kr</u>
	Mobile: 010-3073-4944
	(For Attendance, participation, visa support letter, and request for airport pick-ups)

Annex 1

Letter of Invitation for Visa request

Visa approval may take time. Please send your request as soon as possible. The deadline for sending is 4th April 2024

Please use CAPITAL letters

Surname:	
First Name:	
Gender:	
Position:	
Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Nationality:	
Passport number:	
Date of issue:	
Place of issue:	
Date of expiry:	
Country & city where you will	
obtain the visa:	
Date of birth:	
Place of birth:	
Date of arrival:	
Date of departure:	

All requests for a letter of invitation for visa purposes must be addressed to:

(Jonghun Park, <u>fnsvalue@fnsvalue.co.kr</u>), bearing the words "Letter of visa support" as subject and should be sent by 7th March 2024.

Note: the email should also include as attachments the present form duly completed specifying the name as written in the passport, date of birth, passport number, dates of issue, and expiry of the passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested, scanned copy of the passport.

Annex 2: List of Recommended Hotels

No.	Name of Hotel	Grad ing	Distance from Venue (walk)	Website	Email	Contact Person	Contact No	Type of Room	Cost per night (USD)
1.	Koreana Hotel	4	0m	https://www.koreanahot el.com/en/	reservation@koreana hotel.com		02-2171-7000	Standard Queen Room	157
2.	Westin Josun Seoul Hotel	5	800m 15min	https://www.marriott.co m/en-us/hotels/selwi- the-westin-josun- seoul/overview/?scid=f2a e0541-1279-4f24-b197- a979c79310b0	EMAIL@WESTINCHOS UN.CO.KR		+82-80-3170404	Deluxe King Room	319
3.	Lotte Hotel Seoul	5	750m 13 min	https://www.lottehotel.c om/seoul- hotel/ko.html?utm_sourc e=google&utm_medium= cpc&utm_campaign=lotte hotel seoul locallocal al wayson PC brand korea korean&utm_content=b rand none none&gad_so urce=1&gclid=EAIaIQobC hMIrs- c_oKqhAMVGcRMAh3bk ArREAAYASAAEgJNqfD_B wE	<u>rsv.hotel.seoul@lotte.</u> <u>net</u>		+82-2-771-1000	Grand Deluxe Double Room	320
4.	THE PLAZA Seoul, Autograph Collection	5	600m 12 min	https://www.marriott.co m/en-us/hotels/selak- the-plaza-seoul- autograph- collection/overview/?scid	<u>theplaza@hotelthepla</u> <u>za.com</u>		+82 2-771-2200	Deluxe Twin, Guest room, 2 Twin/Single Bed(s)	333

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5.	Le Méridien Seoul	5	1,200m	https://www.marriott.co		+82 2-2184-	Deluxe Double	364
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6.	Four Seasons Hotel	5	400m	https://www.fourseasons	reservations.sko@four	+82 (2) 6388-	Deluxe King	515
	Seoul		9 min	.com/seoul/?utm_source	seasons.com	5000	Room	
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				rganicsearch&utm_camp				
				aign=tor-sko-hre-mid-				
				seo-na&utm content=na-				
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7.	LOTTE City Hotel	4	1,500m	https://www.lottehotel.c	rsv.city.mdong@lotte.	+82-2-6112-	Standard	139
	Myeongdong		27min	om/myeongdong-	net	1000	Double Room	
				<u>city/en.html</u>				
8.	Four Points by Sheraton	4	1,400m	https://www.marriott.co	fourpoints@seoulmye	+82 2-64666000	Superior room	164
	Josun, Seoul		24min	m/en-us/hotels/selfd-	ongdong.com		with a double	
	Myeongdong			four-points-josun-seoul-			bed and city	
				myeongdong/overview/			view	
9.	Four Points by Sheraton	4	2,200m	https://www.marriott.co		+82 2-60707000	Superior	155
	Josun, Seoul Station		40min	<u>m/en-us/hotels/selfp-</u>			Double, Guest	
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				station/overview/?scid=f			Double, High	
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				<u>b197-a979c79310b0</u>				
10.	Hotel President	4	600m	https://www.hotelpresid		+82 2-753-3131	Twin Room	112
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11.	L7 Myeongdong	4	1,600m	https://www.lottehotel.c		+82-2-6310-	Standard Twin	190
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				<u>l7/en.html</u>				

12.	Fraser Place	4	820m	https://www.frasershospi	reservations.namdae	+82 2 2098 0888	Superior Twin	121
	Namdaemun Seoul		15min	tality.com/en/south-	mun@frasershospitalit		Room	
				korea/seoul/fraser-place-	<u>y.com</u>			
				<u>namdaemun-seoul/</u>				
13.	Shilla Stay Seodaemun	4	1,200m	https://www.shillastay.co		+82-2-6388-	Standard	232
	Seoul Station		20 min	m/seodaemun/index.do		9000	Double Room	
14.	Shilla Stay	4	850m	https://www.shillastay.co		+82-2+6060-	Hollywood	232
	Gwanghwamun		15 min	m/gwanghwamun/index.		9000	Double Room	
				<u>do</u>				
15.	Sotetsu Hotels The	4	900m	https://sotetsu-		(+82) 2-772-	Standard Latex	98
	Splaisir Seoul		15min	hotels.com/en/splaisir/m		0900	Twin Room	
	Myeongdong			yeong-dong/				
16.	Amid Hotel Seoul	4	1,100m	http://www.amidhotel.co		+82 2 731 1000	Standard Twin	136
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				_LANG_CODE=ENG				
17.	ibis Styles Ambassador	4	1,800m	https://all.accor.com/hot	Contact	02-6020-8888	Standard	123
	Seoul Myeong-dong		30min	el/9771/index.en.shtml	emailstylemres@amb		Double Room	
					atel.com			
18.	Ibis Ambassador	3	1,000m		ibismres@ambatel.co	02) 6361-8888	Standard	135
	Myeongdong		20min		<u>m</u>		double Room	
19.	Line Hotel Myeongdong	3	970m	http://www.line-	rsvn@line-hotel.co.kr	02-3789-8111	Economi	78
			19min	hotel.co.kr/			double	
20.	Artravel Myeongdong	3	1,300m			0507-1312-3522	Double room	81
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