

INCHEON DECLARATION FOR ‘IMPROVING KOREAN QUALITY OF LIFE’

We, the Korean Preparatory Committee for the 6th OECD World Forum, have been set up to ensure that the preparation and organisation, as well as the Forum itself, are successfully carried out. We express our sincere gratitude to the OECD that has long been a champion of research in statistics and policies concerning the quality of life with its mission, Better Policies for Better Lives.

The 6th OECD World Forum has taken a broad perspective to address the future of well-being, putting particular emphasis on three important trends – the digital transformation, the changing role of governance and the emergence of the private sector as an important actor for ensuring sustainable and inclusive well-being. We affirm that the main agenda for the 6th OECD World Forum is in line with the basis for the Korean government’s governance and policy direction which will be required to promote future economic growth and the quality of life of our people.

All central and local governments and ministries that belong to the Preparatory Committee recognise the significance of people’s quality of life and are committed to enhancing capabilities, at the whole of government level, in formulating and implementing related policies.

We affirm our commitment to take this work forward and state the following:

1. We recognise that enhancing the quality of life of individuals is crucial element in establishing a virtuous cycle of sustainable national economy and affirm our commitment to prioritising it in government policy decisions.
2. We recognise that joint efforts by all key stakeholders, including central and local governments, the private sector and civil society, are required to improve people’s quality of life and affirm our commitment to establish new modes of governance where all sectors are engaged in efforts to cooperate and interact with each other.
3. We affirm our efforts to establish a fair and inclusive society where no one is left behind, ensuring equal opportunities for all and establishing impartial distribution systems.
4. We commit to foster sustainable industrial infrastructure and ecosystem in tandem with the private sector, where digitalisation can contribute to improving the quality of life of people and help address social issues.

5. We affirm our commitment to give further impetus to cultivate a safe and pleasant residential environment, to promote sustainable land use and urban planning and to improve air quality by reducing fine particles. This pledge is to ensure that citizens do not have to be concerned about fine particles, thereby they can instead live a sound lives for generations to come.
6. We recognise that achieving work-life balance, encouraging active leisure activities, promoting gender equality, promoting a non-violence culture of peace and strengthening ties among members of society are fundamental to improve people's quality of life and will put them at the center of government decision-making.
7. We commit to ensure equal educational opportunities and lifelong learning experiences for all men and women alike and we will continue to make a commitment to fostering a safe and sound environment which ensures healthy and prosperous lives for children and adolescents.
8. We recognise the significance of measurement and statistics to develop *better policies for better lives* and commit to leverage statistical cooperation among government ministries, local governments and the private sector to advance statistical production, standardise administrative data, manage statistical quality and implement evidence-based policies.
9. We commit to foster global partnership for sustainable growth and expand Official Development Assistance (ODA). This will contribute to poverty eradication in developing countries and improving people's quality of life.

All Korean organisations which belong to the Preparatory Committee affirm their commitment to fulfill the Incheon Declaration with concrete policies and systems so that it can enhance the quality of life where citizens can personally feel changes in their lives in the near future.

The OECD welcomes and supports the Incheon Declaration for Improving Korean Quality of Life which has been announced at the 6th OECD World Forum.

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