

## MOU on research & development of overseas Korean policy

Creating network to revitalize academic exchanges

The Overseas Koreans Agency signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Korea Political Science Association (KPSA) to work closely together to establish and implement effective overseas Korean policies.

Under the MOU, the two organizations will cooperate on ▲ Research, development and consultation on overseas Korean policy, ▲ Establish a network to promote domestic and international academic exchanges on overseas Korean policy, and ▲ Co-host academic seminars and forums on overseas Korean policy.

The OKA plans to establish a close cooperation system with the KPSA to exchange knowledge, information, and data for the effective formulation and implementation of overseas Korean policies.

The signing ceremony, held at the OKA headquarters in Songdo, Incheon, was attended by OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk, KPSA President Kim Bum-soo, KPSA Director of Research Kim Dong-soo and KPSA Secretary-General Hong Seok-hoon.



The OKA signs a business agreement with the Korea Political Science Association on Feb. 27 at its headquarters in Songdo, Incheon. From left to right, KPSA Directors Hong Seok-hoon and Kim Dong-soo, KPSA President Kim Bum-soo, OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk, OKA Director of Policy Lee Ki-seong, and OKA Director of Exchange and Cooperation Kim Min-cheol.

“It is important for us to cooperate with the Korean Political Science Association to prepare a variety of practical policies that can contribute to the development of Korea by pooling the resources and capabilities of the 7 million overseas Koreans,” Commissioner Lee said.

## OKA Commissioner Lee: ‘Companies in North Gyeongsang Province please participate in World Korean Business Convention’

Commissioner Lee and Gov. Lee Cheol-woo mutually agree to collaborate on domestic support projects for compatriots

Overseas Koreans Agency Commissioner Lee Sang-duk visited the North Gyeongsang Provincial Office on Feb. 25 and asked Gov. Lee Cheol-woo to allow local companies to participate in the 23rd World Korean Business Convention (WKBC) to be held in Atlanta, U.S., from April 17 to 20.

“At this convention, we plan to present a vision for the ‘Global Korean Business Economic Zone’ and provide practical support for our small and medium-sized businesses to enter the North American market through trade, investment and joint projects beyond the existing Korean business network,” Lee said. “This will be a great help for companies located in North Gyeongsang Province to enter overseas markets.”

Lee also explained the OKA’s customized project plans for overseas compatriots residing in Korea and proposed that they work together to support the overseas Koreans residing in the province.

“We will work harder to ensure that the major policies and projects implemented by the OKA can be tangibly felt and helpful to



OKA Commissioner Lee Sang-duk (L) meets with Gov. Lee Cheol-woo at the North Gyeongsang Provincial Office.

the lives of our compatriots,” he said.

In response, Lee said: “I hope that the WKBC held in Atlanta in the U.S. will serve as a bridge for companies in North Gyeongsang Province to enter the U.S. market. I will do my best to ensure that many companies participate.”

