Serving as a bridge for foreign investors, Invest KOREA offers an ideal channel of communication for successful investments.
Invest KOREA has the skill to understand many different businesses and has a vast array of advisors to help adapt each business to the Korean circumstances. It is an invaluable service committed to help the foreign investors.

What sets Invest KOREA and the Office of Foreign Investment Ombudsman apart from other companies is the proactive, customized support they give to foreign business in order to help them overcome various obstacles while conducting business in Korea. They have been instrumental in solving key issues for U.S. companies in Korea.

Invest KOREA always helps us identify the right connections for support with their professional consulting services. It also provides us opportunities to have meetings with relevant authorities and business partners to resolve difficulties with comprehensive consulting and services.
3Cs

Invest Korea offers the 3Cs through its One-Stop Service

CONVENIENCE
We make it easy and convenient to invest in Korea!
• Consulting
• Support for Investment Projects
• Red Carpet Service
• One-Stop Service
• Invest Korea Plaza

CUSTOMIZATION
We provide services tailored to meet your investment needs!
• Project Manager System
• Finding Investors
• Managing Investment Projects
• Support for Administrative Affairs
• Post-Investment Service

CONNECTION
We help you get connected and build a business network!
• Investor Relations Events
• Promotion of Korea’s Investment Environment
• Policy Research for Investment Promotion
• Foreign Investment Week
• Support for Investment Promotion Activities of Local Governments
• Support for Commercialization of Foreign Investment Promotion Projects
• Global Alliance Project Series
• Job Fair for Foreign-Invested Companies
• Corporate Social Responsibility
Invest KOREA (IK), Korea’s national investment promotion agency, was established as part of the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) to support the entry and establishment of foreign businesses in Korea. We provide comprehensive services for foreign businesses, including consultations, assistance with investment notification and corporate establishment, support for business activities in Korea and grievance resolution. Invest KOREA also holds various investment promotion activities abroad.

KOTRA (Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency) is a state-run trade and investment promotion organization established in 1962. Since then, it has facilitated Korea’s rapid export-led economic development through various trade promotional activities such as overseas market surveys, SME export promotion, trade information services, and government-to-government export. Furthermore, KOTRA hosts a wide range of promotional events to spur foreign direct investment (FDI) in Korea through Invest KOREA.
Korea's Investment Promotion System

Our staff includes KOTRA employees, specialists and seconded officials from government ministries and agencies, and we work closely with our network of 36 overseas branches, known as International Offices of KOTRA. Invest KOREA implements foreign investment policies formulated by the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy and the Foreign Investment Committee.

Organization

Our headquarters is comprised of Invest KOREA, the Foreign Investor Support Office and the Office of the Foreign Investment Ombudsman.

There are two main departments at Invest KOREA: Investment Planning Department and Investment Promotion Department, along with the Global M&A Center. The Investment Planning Department establishes investment promotions strategies, promotes Korea’s advantages as an investment destination to potential foreign investors, and analyzes global FDI trends and proposes appropriate investment promotion policies. The Investment Promotion Department attracts foreign direct investments and manages investment promotion activities by dispatching government delegations and by dealing with projects and inquiries from investors together with related authorities. It also supports investment incentive processes such as cash grants. The Global M&A Center, meanwhile, executes strategies for outbound M&A support projects.

The Foreign Investor Support Office provides assistance with foreign-invested company registration, FDI notification and other administrative matters. Meanwhile, the Office of the Foreign Investment Ombudsman resolves grievances of foreign investors or foreign-invested companies in Korea.

Overseas Organizations

Invest KOREA has 36 International Offices of KOTRA in major industrial and financial hubs worldwide. These offices serve as a bridge between potential investors and KOTRA headquarters, promoting Korea’s investment environment abroad and providing information. They host investor-relations (IR) events and support investment promotion-related taskforces. The managers dispatched to the offices identify possible investment projects and communicate with headquarters to carry out projects.
SERVICES
We provide services that are tailored to support your needs specifically, making it easy and convenient to invest in Korea.

Consulting
Invest KOREA provides consultations regarding investment procedures, laws, taxes and accounting. Our experts also provide assistance with day-to-day matters related to healthcare, education and accommodations.

The Invest KOREA homepage (www.investkorea.org) provides specific and up-to-date information on investing in Korea.

Support for Investment Projects
At the request of potential investors, Invest KOREA provides a variety of services, including investment feasibility studies, support finding investment partners and projects and customized market research.

Invest KOREA designates a project manager for investment projects to offer customized support. Project managers provide information at every step of the investment process, execute administrative services as a proxy and develop and run taskforces to resolve client grievances. They also arrange meetings with government agencies, organizations and investment partners during a prospective client’s visit to Korea.
Support for Administrative Affairs

As of 2015, 22 government officials from 18 government organizations (nine central government agencies, seven local governments, two specified agencies) and nine consultants with expertise in various fields serve at the ICC (Investment Consulting Center), providing one-stop administrative services related to foreign investment.

Investment notification/arrival:
Issuance of certificate of foreign investment and registration certificate of a foreign-invested company
Establishment of foreign-invested company:
Support for corporate registration, various approvals and visa issuance

- In 2015, a total number of 1,281 consultations have been provided by Invest KOREA on areas including labor, taxation, law, FDI incentives, factory site selection and more.
- In 2015, the number of settlement assistance and administrative support provided was 16,535. Administrative assistance services (provided in English, Chinese and Japanese) include visa issuance, FDI notification and foreign-invested company registration, and the exchange of a foreign driver’s license to a Korean driver’s license.

Post-Investment Service
ombudsman.kotra.or.kr

The Foreign Investment Ombudsman and the Investment Aftercare Division help foreign-invested companies overcome obstacles in the course of doing business in Korea. Experts called Home Doctors are designated to provide one-on-one services for clients and rapidly identify and resolve problems.

- 5,806 grievances of foreign-invested companies have been resolved through the Home Doctor service from 2001 to 2015.

One-Stop Service Throughout the Investment Process

Pre-Investment Consultation
- Consultation on investment procedures/requirements, finding investors
- Consultation for investors
- Investment notification/arrival
- Establishment of foreign-invested company

Administrative Support
- Issuance of certificate of foreign investment
- Issuance of registration certificate of foreign-invested company
- Support for corporate registration
- Various approvals
- Visa issuance

Post-Investment Service
- Consultation on residential environment
- Grievance resolution for foreign-invested company
- Support for issues related to visas, banking, medical care, education
- Improvement of investment environment

Red Carpet Service for Foreign Investors

Potential foreign investors in Korea are provided with the following for a convenient stay.
- Immigration: CIQ pick-up, fast-track service
- Transportation
- Arrangement of consultations or on-site visits (by designated PM)
- Designation of PM/provision of interpreter
MAIN ACTIVITIES

We connect you with a network of companies and agencies in Korea, and the information you need to succeed.

Finding Investors and Managing Investment Projects

Invest KOREA provides potential investors with information on Korea’s investment environment and opportunities. The investment promotion managers at our International Offices of KOTRA and our project managers assist with investment projects with the support of government agencies and local governments until an investment is made.

Investor Relations (IR) Events

Invest KOREA hosts large-scale IR events including investment forums for a specific country or industry and dispatches taskforce teams to attract investment from target companies.

Promoting Korea’s Investment Environment

Invest KOREA promotes Korea’s appeal as an investment destination in a variety of ways. We distribute promotional brochures, host events at home and abroad and communicate with potential investors through our homepage and social media.

Honorary Ambassador of Foreign Investment Promotion for Korea

To maximize the effectiveness of our promotional activities, Invest KOREA appoints well-known figures in the United States, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Belgium, Japan, Hong Kong, India and United Arab Emirates who have a close network with companies in those countries as Honorary Ambassadors of Foreign Investment Promotion.
Main Activities

Foreign Investment Policy Research
Invest KOREA hosts investment forums and publishes Investment reports. Based on these forums and reports, we also provide policy suggestions to the government regarding foreign investment through our Foreign Investment Policy Center.

Foreign Investment Week (FIW)
As Korea’s largest foreign investment attraction event, the annually held Foreign Investment Week provides investors with opportunities to learn about Korea’s business environment, visit project sites and more.

Support for Investment Promotion Activities of Local Governments
Invest KOREA sends employees to local governments, free economic zones and relevant organizations to support investment promotion activities.

Support for Commercialization of Foreign Investment Promotion Projects
Invest KOREA selects effective investment promotion activities conducted by local governments or free economic zones to support their commercialization.

Global Alliance Project Series (GAPS)
GAPS is a program that supports joint ventures, technology transfer and joint research and development projects between domestic and foreign companies.

Job Fair for Foreign-Invested Companies
Invest KOREA hosts an annual job fair for foreign-invested companies to help them find outstanding employees. This also helps alleviate youth unemployment in Korea.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
Invest KOREA takes its corporate social responsibility seriously, engaging in joint volunteer activities with foreign-invested companies and hosting various CSR activities.

Regulatory Information Service for Foreign Investors (ombudsman.kotra.or.kr/eng/leg/intro.do)
Invest KOREA provides on-line information on regulatory legislations which affect foreign investors and allows the latter to submit their opinions regarding the legislations before they are made into law.
Invest Korea Plaza (IKP)

Invest Korea Plaza is Korea’s first business incubator for foreign investors. It is equipped with furnished offices and conference facilities, and experts here provide business consultations, administrative support and more.

Through the Investment Consulting Center (ICC), Invest KOREA has significantly expanded its range of services.

- The ICC provides support for the following in English, Japanese and Chinese: establishment of foreign-invested company, business registration, taxation consulting, visa issuance, purchase of health insurance, credit card issuance, etc.
- Officials from the National Tax Service, Korea Customs Service and Korea Immigration Service provide immediate assistance.
- Between the opening of the Invest Korea Plaza in 2006 and 2015, 164 foreign-invested companies have benefited from its services and invested a total of USD 37 billion in Korea, while 136 have moved on from the facility.
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