



Korea to Lead the Way of International Cooperation on Sustainable Smart Cities

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- Co-hosting the Roundtable with the OECD on July 3rd as leading international cooperation in the field of smart cities

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) announced that it would co-host the **Roundtable on Smart Cities and Inclusive Growth** (Roundtable) with the **OECD*** on 3 July in Paris, France (09:30 CET/ 16:30 KST).

* The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international economic organization founded in September 1961 to promote economic cooperation between member countries and discuss the global economic order.

The 3rd edition of the OECD Roundtable* as of this year is held under the theme of *'How can smart cities boost the net-zero transition?'*

* 1st (Jul. 2019) Smart Cities and Inclusive Growth, 2nd (Dec. 2020) How Can the Contribution of Smart Cities be Measured?

At the OECD Roundtable, around 20 experts from major advanced countries in smart city area such as the Netherlands, Germany, and Japan as well as key international organizations, including ITF (International Transportation Forum), IEA (International Energy Agency), and UN ESCAP (Economic and Social



Commission for Asia and the Pacific) gather to discuss the ways on how smart cities can contribute and promote for achieving the net-zero.

The MOLIT delegation (Headed by the Director OH Seong-ik) plans to share Korea's policies and experiences for sustainable smart cities with the international community, and suggest active participation of countries and cities around the world along with international organizations to expand and develop the OECD Roundtable.

Moreover, bilateral meetings among various organizations such as the Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40)*, IEA, and UN ESCAP will be held to seek for ways to strengthen international cooperation on the agenda of smart cities.

* (C40) A global network of the world's leading cities established in 2005 to actively confront climate crisis, consisting of megacities, including Seoul, London, New York, and Paris, etc. with other cities of innovators and observers.

YOON Young-jung, Director of the Urban Economy Division in MOLIT, expressed, "The OECD Roundtable this time is expected to be an opportunity for Korea to lead various urban policy agendas such as smart cities and net-zero cities among the international communities, while we will be expanding the international cooperation through the World Smart City Expo, which is scheduled to be held upcoming Sep. in Goyang City."