



## ICAO Legal Seminar in Seoul

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***2024 ICAO Legal Seminar in Seoul for 3 days starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss International Air Law including safety & security and new mobility, etc.***

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo), jointly with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)\*, is hosting the 2024 ICAO Legal Seminar in Seoul for three days from Tuesday 16 April to Thursday 18 April.

\* International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): A specialized agency of the United Nations (193 member states) established (1947) for the purpose of overseeing the policies and order of the global aviation industry to promote the peaceful and sound development of international civil aviation.

The ICAO Legal Seminar has been held in Korea every three years since 2006 in conjunction with the ICAO marking its seventh this year.

Initially started as a seminar discussing the International Civil Aviation Convention, it has become a representative occasion of ICAO that covers various topics related to global aviation policy such as aviation safety, security, and new technologies in line with the changing times,.



In particular, there was attended by key figures from ICAO and its member countries, including the Secretary General of the ICAO and the Qatari Minister of Transport, as well as legal experts from around the world, making it a more meaningful one.

In addition to the International Civil Aviation Convention, innovative technologies in the aviation field such as new mobility and recent important issues in the global aviation industry are also be dealt with.

MOLIT expects that the seminar will provide an opportunity to examine global aviation issues from a legal perspective, and to engage in heated discussions and active information sharing that can suggest the development direction and future vision of the aviation industry.

The ICAO Legal Seminar is taking five sessions to share the current status of ratification of major aviation agreements and its legal issues spanning 80 years of the International Civil Aviation Convention, and to discuss the implications in legal aspects related to aviation safety and security.

Also, the role of the International Aviation Convention in relation to standards for illegal acts on aircraft and data protection against cyberattacks on civil aviation are to be discussed as well.

Especially, the MOLIT shares the status of laws and regulations related to the demonstration and pilot projects for Urban Air Mobility (UAM) that has been promoted by Korea.



On the second day, the ‘High-Level Aviation Policy and Strategy Forum’ is holding with the participation of Aviation Ministers from major countries, Regional Civil Aviation Officers, and Chairs of Civil Aviation Authorities, etc.

Through this forum, Korea plans to introduce new technologies such as Korea's UAM and KASS\* as well as cooperative projects with ICAO such as education and training for developing countries and master's degree scholarship programs, and to promise close cooperation and support with ICAO member countries in the future.

\* Korea Augmentation Satellite System (KASS): Korean Global Navigation Satellite System officially registered in ICAO as the 7th in the world (Comprising reference stations, central processing/control stations, satellite communication stations, and geostationary satellites, etc.)

Director General for Aviation Safety Policy YOO Kyung-soo of MOLIT expressed, “This ICAO Legal Seminar will contribute to establishing Korea as a leading country in international aviation policy.”

Adding, “It is also expected to play positive roles both in maintaining Korea’s seat as one of the board member countries (9 consecutive terms) at the election for the vote during the 42<sup>nd</sup> ICAO Assembly (Montreal, September 2025) scheduled to be held next year, and upgrading its position among board member states in the future”.