



Growing Korean Drone Companies on the World Stage

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Export volume of KRW 14.4 billion in 2023 shows the excellence of Korean drone (K-drone) by shipping oversea to leading countries in drone technology such as the U.S., etc.

The excellence of K-drone technology is being recognized on the world stage.

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) and the Korea Institute of Aviation Safety Technology (KIAST, President LEE Dae-sung) announced that overseas exports of domestic drone companies has achieved KRW 14.4 billion this year, and the major export destinations were the countries with advanced drone technology such as the United States, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, and France, etc.

The export items include not only airframe, components, and software such as drone airframes for light shows, solar monitoring services, construction site management systems, drone stations and data platforms, and drone soccer equipment, but also services using drones.

* (Proportion of drone related export in 2023) 80% in Drone airframe, 8% in hardware such as components, 1% in software, 11% in service area



As the exporters are small and medium-sized enterprises that have been steadily developing related technologies by challenging new industrial fields, their achievements and significance more than distinguish.

MOLIT has been supporting outstanding companies through support projects on drone technology commercialization and overseas expansions, while hosting overseas drone roadshows four times this year alone with relevant companies and participating in the world-wide US Drone Expo (C-UAV EXPO)* by a K-Drone Delegation formed.

* (Drone Roadshows & International Expo) Uzbekistan in June, Colombia in July, Saudi Arabia in August, U.S. Drone Expo in September, and Czech Republic in October at each established PR center for the 7 to 9 participating companies

Director General for Aviation Policy of the MOLIT KIM Young-guk stated, "We have plans to invite a wide range of overseas moguls to the Korea Drone EXPO (May 2024) for further expansion of exports next year again."

Adding, "We will keep making efforts to ensure that drone products and services developed by domestic companies are sold through overseas drone roadshows and the entire excellent K-Drone systems are exported".