

# **City Creditworthiness Academy**

Strengthening Cities' Readiness for Debt Financing

Seoul, Korea April 21-26, 2014

**Pre-Arrival Information** 

## Welcome

Dear Academy participants, the World Bank team together with KDI School would like to welcome you to Seoul, South Korea for the City Creditworthiness Academy.

We anticipate a vigorous 5-day academy, and it is certainly to be a week full of opportunities for knowledge sharing and networking to discuss the challenges and innovative solutions we have. Enclosed please find logistical information for the Academy.

#### For emergencies upon arrival in Korea, please call KDI School staff

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# **1. PROGRAM VENUE**

# KDI School of Public Policy and Managemet



The KDI School of Public Policy and Management was founded in 1997 as the educational arm of the Korea Development Institute (KDI), the country's leading economic policy think tank. The KDI School was established with a two-fold mission: to produce international experts with theoretic knowledge and practical skills in the field of development economics and public policy; and to foster future leaders who can cope with the rapidly changing international environment and

exercise global leadership in every sector of our society. Since its inception, the KDI School has cultivated over 3000 professionals from 92 different countries who have led positive change in their respective spheres of influence. The School has grown exponentially due to its unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, promoting a truly international learning environment, and by serving as a global hub for knowledge sharing. <u>http://www.kdischool.ac.kr</u>

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# 2. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION – LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

## Millennium Seoul Hilton





All participants will be provided accommodation for 6 nights starting Sunday April 20, 2014 (check out Saturday April 26, 2014).

* Check-in after	:	14:00
		10.00

\* Check-out by : 12:00

Millennium Seoul Hilton, located at the hub of Seoul's historical site, is within walking distance of many tourist attractions. It provides all service you need and operates the 24-hour security system for the safety for guests. <u>http://www.hilton.co.kr</u>

#### **Contact Information**

Millennium Seoul Hilton 395, Namdaemun-ro 5ga, Jung-gu Donghoro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea, 100-802 Tel: 82-2-753-7788	* Address in Korean 밀레니엄 서울 힐튼 서울특별시 중구 남대문로 5가 395 100-802 전화번호: 82-2-753-7788
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#### 1) From Incheon International Airport to Millennium Seoul Hilton

(Please note: Participants cover their own cost for this trip)

#### A. Cab

Take a cab from the international taxi counter, 1st (ground) floor of the airport, exit 4. It takes about 1 hour and 10 minutes (Maximum 80 minutes), and costs about 90,000KRW. Show the above Korean address to the driver.

# **B. Pick-up / Sending Service**

- ➢ Pick-up Service (Incheon Airport → Hotel): KRW 140,000
- Sending Service (Hotel  $\rightarrow$  Incheon Airport): KRW 130,000
- ➢ For Service Inquiries: Reservation center ((82)(0)2 317-3000)

#### **C. Limousine Bus (RECOMMENDED** – affordable and comfortable option)

Take bus **#6702**(KAL Limousine bus), from either exit(bus stop) **4B**or **11A**(please refer to the Map on the Bus Stop), 1st floor of the airport. Get off at **Millennium Seoul Hilton** bus will leave from the airport at the following times in the table below. A ticket costs 16,000KRW (About US\$15).

5:02	5:41	6:16	6:55	7:25	7:53	8:25	8:52	9:23
9:50	10:12	10:33	11:06	11:35	12:11	12:33	12:51	13:11
13:39	14:03	14:40	15:10	15:49	16:15	16:49	17:20	17:50
18:18	18:55	19:28	20:00	20:38	21:20	22:00	22:40	





#### **D. Airport Rail Express (AREX)** → Hotel Shuttle Bus (most affordable)

Travel between Incheon International airport to Millennium Seoul Hilton by using the AREX to Seoul Station followed by the hotel 's complimentary shuttle bus is available. The AREX fare is 4,050KRW (About US\$4) for a local train which takes 53 minutes, and 8,100KRW (About US\$8) for express train which takes 43 minutes. http://english.arex.or.kr/jsp/eng/information/use\_information.jsp

Hour	Minute	(E) : Express non-stop train to Seoul Station
05	<mark>20(E)</mark> , 24, 3	2, 38, 44, 50, 55
06	<mark>00(E)</mark> , 02, 0	9, 19, 25, <mark>30(E)</mark> , 32, 39, 50
07	<b>00(E)</b> , 05, 2	0, <mark>30(E)</mark> , 33, 44, 53
08	<b>00(E)</b> , 07, 2	0, <mark>30(E)</mark> , 33, 44, 53
09~20	<b>00(E)</b> , 07, 2	0, <mark>30(E)</mark> , 33, 44, 53
21	<mark>00(E)</mark> , 07, 2	0, <mark>30(E)</mark> , 33, 44, 57
22	09, 21, 33,	45
23	00, 15, 30, 4	45

#### <AREX departure times from Incheon Airport to Seoul Station>

Upon arrival at Seoul Station, *please find the Millennium Seoul Hilton Support desk to access the shuttle.* The hotel shuttle service operates every hour on the hour from 09:00 - 19:00.

# 2) Breakfast

Participants will have breakfast included in their accommodation.

The CILANTRO (1F), Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel serves buffet breakfast from 6:00 am to 10:00 am daily for guests staying at the hotel.

# 3) <u>Facilities</u>

- Business Center Open/Close: 06:00~22:00 (weekday) 09:00~18:00 (weekend/holiday)
- ➢ <u>Fitness Center</u> **Open/Close:** 06:00~22:00

# **3. ABOUT SEOUL, KOREA**

# 1) CULTURE AND CUSTOMS

Often referred to as the "Land of the Morning Calm," Korea is located at a major crossroads of Northeast Asia; it has also achieved the amazing economic development also known as "Miracle of the Han River." Seoul has been the capital city of Korea for about 600 years from the Joseon Dynasty. Seoul has developed into a bustling metropolis, acting as the hub for politics, economies and culture.

# 2) WEATHER

Korea has four seasons, with a wet monsoon/summer season in the middle of the year, and a cold winter from November to February. Spring lasts from March to May, and produces mild weather. It is the best season to visit Korea.

Average temperature and rainfalls during your stay are expected below.

Duration	Average Temperature	Average Rainfalls
April	11.4°C ~ 17.3°C	1.5mm

# 3) ELECTRICITY

Voltage in Korea is 220 volts. Adapters are required for 110/115-volt appliances.

# 4) CURRENCY

The unit of Korean currency is "won", usually written as  $\forall$ . 1 USD = 1,070.30 KRW (as of March 17, 2014)

#### 5) <u>TAXIS</u>



#### **General Taxi:**

Fares begin at  $\Im$ 3,000 for the first 2 kilometers and go up incrementally  $\Re$ 100 for every 144 meters beyond that. If the taxi is going less than 15 kilometers per hour, an additional charge of  $\Re$ 100 per 35 seconds is added to the fare.  $\square$  02-1644-2255 (English)

#### **Deluxe Taxi:**

They offer more passenger space and a much higher standard of service. Fares are  $\mathbb{W}4,500$  for the first 3 kilometers and  $\mathbb{W}200$  for each additional 164 meters or each 39 seconds if the speed drops below 15 kilometers per hour. Recognized by its black color.  $\square$  02-558-8000 (English)