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ASIA & PACIFIC REGION WORKSHOP "THE PRESENCE AND THE FUTURE OF THE PES"

**Seoul, Republic of Korea
25/26 November 2009**

Programme & Practical Information
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Place, date & venue

Seoul, Republic of Korea
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Workshop venue: Hotel Lotte, Emerald Room (2nd floor)

Ph.: +82 2 771 1000 Fax: +82 2 752 3758

Web: <http://www.lottehotelseoul.com/index.asp>

Planning meeting venue (26 November):

Seoul National Job Center

Jang Gyo Building 1, Janggyodong, Joonggu

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Participation & Registration

Participation in the workshop is on individual invitation by MoLab and /or WAPES exclusively.

Registration deadline

Friday, October 30, 2009



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Languages & Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation in English will be available during the workshop. Other language interpretation may be prepared on your pre-request.

Costs

Participation in the workshop is free. Unless otherwise indicated all participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses, as well as for those meals not indicated in the official events. Accompanying persons will be charged extra.

Getting There

Incheon International Airport is located approximately 60 km from downtown Seoul, where the conference hotel is located. Participants will be welcomed at the [Incheon International Airport](#) and offered a free transfer to their respective hotel.

Public transport or taxi services are available as well.

Accommodation

Hotel Lotte Seoul (5*)

1, Sogongdong Junggu,
Seoul, Korea 100-070

C.P.O. Box 3500

Ph.: +82 2 771 1000

Fax: +82 2 752 3758

Web: <http://www.lottehotelseoul.com/index.asp>

Single room 217.800 WON (ca. 182 \$), double 242.000 WON (ca. 202 \$)

Hotel Royal Seoul (4*)

6, Myeongdong 1 ga Joong gu,
Seoul, Korea

Ph.: +82 2 756 1112

Fax: +82 2 756 1119

Web: <http://www.royal.co.kr>

Single room 145.000 WON (ca. 121 \$), double 155.000 WON (ca. 130 \$)

Visa

Any foreign visitors wishing to enter the Republic of Korea must have a valid passport and obtain a Korean visa before coming. However, people of 99 countries who want to visit Korea temporarily are permitted to enter without a visa according to visa-waiver agreements. For more information on the visa, please check [this webpage](#).



Currency

Korean currency is the Won (KRW). There are notes of 1000, 5000, 10000 and 50000 Won and coins of 10, 50, 100 and 500 Won.

Korea is one of the most convenient countries in the world as to the use of credit cards. Money exchange is provided at the airport and most of the banks. ATM are also easily available.

The approximate exchange rate as of middle of October 2009 was

1000 Won = 0.85 USD

1000 Won = 0.58 Euro

1 USD = 1190 Won

1 EURO = 1720 Won

*Buses and vending machines may only accept 1,000 won bills and coins.

Climate

The most ideal time to visit Korea is during the autumn months (September - November). During this time, the country mostly experiences warm, sunny weather, skies that are cobalt blue and spectacular foliage that is perhaps the biggest draw. In late November (which marks the end of autumn in Seoul) day temperatures may vary from -2°C to +11°C.

Additional Information on South Korea & Seoul

Statute: Presidential republic

Capital City: Seoul

Area: 99,200 sq km (38,301 square miles)

Population: 48,607,000 (as of 2008)

Language: The official name for the Korean language is 'Hangeul'.

GDP: Total \$929.124 billion, per capita \$19,136 (as of 2008)

Time Zone: Korea Standard Time (UTC+9)

Useful links

<http://www.visitkorea.or.kr/> Please visit the Korean national visiting informational web site for more information on history, geography, culture and society of Korea.

<http://www.visitseoul.net/visit2007en/> - The official Seoul website

<http://english.visitseoul.net/visit2007en/aboutseoul/fastfacts/fastfacts.jsp?cid=9>

<http://eng.keis.or.kr/> - The English homepage of KEIS

<http://www.molab.go.kr/english/main.jsp> - The English homepage of the Korean Ministry of Labor

[Incheon International Airport](#) - Seoul's major international airport

Programme

Tuesday, 24 November

18.00 h	Welcome dinner, Lotte Hotel, Peacock Room
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Wednesday, 25 November

09.30 h	Registration of participants & tea-time
10.00 h	<p>Opening session of the workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening address by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Chong Soo Chung, Vice Minister, Ministry of Labor, Korea • Welcoming speeches by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Christian Charpy, President of WAPES ○ Mr. Insoo Jeong, President of KEIS
10.30 h	<p>Workshop session 1:</p> <p><i>"Policy-direction and strategy of PES to weather the global economic downturn"</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Junmo Cho, Professor, Sunggyungwan University <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Patrick Venier, WAPES Executive Secretary <i>"PES orientations in crisis times"</i> • Mr. Myungsoo Park, Senior Director, KEIS <i>"Employment services policies of Korea"</i>
12.00 h	Lunch at the Hotel Lotte



Wednesday, 25 November (continued)

14.00 h	<p><u>Workshop session 2:</u></p> <p><i>"Linkage and cooperation between public and private employment services"</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sung Il Nam, President of PES Development Commission under the Economic and Social Development Tripartite Commission <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Graham Carters, Deputy Secretary Workplace Relations, DEEW, Australia <i>"Use of contracted providers to deliver public employment services"</i> • Mr. Mike Smith, General Manager, MSD, New Zealand <i>"Public-private partnerships in N.Z."</i> • Mrs. Hiromi Asano, Chief Senior Private Employment Service Inspector, MHLW, Japan <i>"The relationship between public and private employment services in the changing labor market in Japan"</i>
15.30 h	Coffee break
16.00 h	<p><u>Workshop session 3:</u></p> <p><i>"Enhancing PES functions through the cooperation between central and local governments"</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mike Smith, General Manager, MSD, New Zealand <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Guenther Schauenberg, Head of International Relations, BA, Germany <i>"Central & local governments partnerships in Germany"</i> • Mr. Hyoung-Woo Chung, Economist/Policy analyst, OECD <i>"Activation and PES in the OECD countries: cooperation between central & local governments"</i>
17.30 h	<p>Questions & answers / Any other business / Closing of the workshop</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dieter Baigger, Advisor Asia & Pacific Region, WAPES Executive Secretariat
18.15 h	Group photo, Cocktail
18.30 h	Dinner at the Hotel Lotte
~ 21.00 h	Guided night scenery tour

Thursday, 26 November

08.30 h	Transfer of participants (members of the Asia & Pacific Region and invited guests only) to the <u>Venue:</u> Seoul National Job Center Jang Gyo Building 1, Janggyodong, Joonggu
09.00 h	Opening of the internal meeting of the Asia & Pacific Region countries Chair: MHLW, Japan (as Vice-President of the Region) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the Chair • Introduction to a qualified planning process (necessities / time lines / contents / budgetary aspects, etc.) WAPES Executive Secretariat • Presentation of the "Frankfurt Process" by Mr. Guenther Schauenberg, Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany (How does the Europe Region of WAPES plan, monitor and follow-up its activities?) • Preparation and discussion of the WAPES Asia & Pacific Region activity plan 2010 and further on • Miscellaneous (including invitation to non-member countries of the Region to join WAPES; membership fee issues etc.)
10.30 h	Coffee break and transfer
11.00 h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Seoul National Job Center • Presentation of KEIS and WorkNet • Question and Answer • Touring Seoul National Job Center
12.30 h	Lunch at Insa-dong
14.00 h	Guided city tour
18.00 h	Transfer to Jung-dong
18.30 h - 20.00 h	Dinner at the "Korean House"