

# KCLAC

## KOREAN COUNCIL ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



*KCLAC sirve como centro de cooperación a  
través de un amplio intercambio de información y  
humano entre Corea y América Latina.*



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# Message from president



Korean Council on Latin America and the Caribbean (KCLAC), was founded on August 21st, 1996, to improve and deepen mutual understanding in economic, social, and cultural realms between Korea and Latin America and the Caribbean Countries. As a promising emerging market, Latin America is taking up a growing share of the world economy. It is a trade and investment destination and serves as a partner by supplying raw materials and new technology cooperation.

The KCLAC has held several events to strengthen the economic, cultural, and academic exchanges between Korea and Latin America. Particularly, it has organized the Korea-Latin America Business Forum, the Expert Group Seminar on Latin American Market, and Latin American Film and Arts Festivals, as well as collaborating with international financial institutions like CABI and supporting B2B projects for expanding economic and trade partnerships. The KCLAC will make efforts to increase the cooperative relationship in different sectors, such as politics, economics and culture of the Latin American countries that already have a notable trajectory as commercial partners of Korea.

We appreciate your support and collaboration.

**Han Byung Kil** of KCLAC



## Executive Committee

Koo Cha-Hoon Honorary President	Former President of KCLAC Chairman of the Korea National Dance Center
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Kim Rai Hyug | Former Ambassador to Honduras

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- Director General, Latin American & the Caribbean Affairs Bureau of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
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- Director General, Bureau of Trade Policy of Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)
- Vice President for Africa, Middle East and Latin America Programs of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Executive Managing Director, International Affairs Group of Korea International Trade Association (KITA)
- Executive Managing Director, International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK)
- President, Latin American Studies Association of Korea (LASAK)





## Events with Latin American Leaders

KCLAC has organized special events to invite top leaders from Latin America region to share their insight and knowledge.

- Breakfast Meeting with H.E. Ernesto Zedillo, President of Mexico (Nov. 1996)
- Breakfast Meeting with H.E. Vicente Fox Quesada, President of Mexico (Jun. 2001)
- Luncheon Meeting with H.E. Gustavo Noboa Bejarano, President of Ecuador (Mar. 2002)
- Opening Ceremony of the 'Latin America Plaza' in Seoul (Oct. 2004)
- Luncheon Meeting with H.E. Tavaré Vazquez, President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay (Sep. 2008)
- Breakfast Meeting with H.E. Evo Morales, President of Bolivia (Aug. 2010)
- Breakfast Meeting with H.E. Alan García, President of Peru (Nov. 2010)
- Breakfast Meeting with H.E. Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia (Sep. 2011)
- Meeting with Dante Mossi, President of the CABI (Jul. 2022)
- Meeting with José Ramón Cabañas, Director of the CIPI of Cuba (Aug. 2023)
- Meeting with Miriam Nicado García, President of the National University of Havana, Cuba (Aug. 2024)



Meeting with Nicado, President of the University of Havana (Aug. 2024)



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## Korea-Latin America Business Forum

Since its establishment in 1996, KCLAC has held the Korea-Latin America Business Forum in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), and the Korea International Trade Association (KITA). The forum focuses on Latin American political and economic trends, country-specific issues, and promising sectors for Korean companies.



The 28<sup>th</sup> Korea-Latin America Business Forum (Dec. 2024)



The 27<sup>th</sup> Korea-Latin America Business Forum (Nov. 2023)



The 26<sup>th</sup> Korea-Latin America Business Forum (Nov. 2022)







## Latin Forum, Seminar, and Conference

Since the first 'Latin American Forum' held in September 1998 (Renamed as the 'Latin Forum' in 2008), KCLAC has invited domestic and international experts on Latin America to discuss a wide range of topics covering the region's politics, economy, and socio-cultural aspects. KCLAC has also hosted the Expert Group Seminar on Latin American Market, focusing on key economic issues related to the region.



Expert Group Seminar on Latin American Market (Dec.2024)



2024 Latin Forum (May. 2024)



Korea-Peru Forum (Jun. 2024)



Korea-Cuba Forum (May. 2024)



Korean Community in Latin America Forum (Oct. 2023)



World Calligraphy Jeonbuk Biennale (Sep.2023)

## Business Cooperation with International Organizations

To support Korean companies' investment and business in Latin America, KCLAC has organized B2B meeting for Korean and Latin American Small and Medium-sized enterprises and related forums in collaboration with Latin American international financial institutions such as the IDB and CABEL.



Korea-Ecuador Cooperation Forum (Nov.2024)



K-CAFTA Forum in Costa Rica (Nov.2024)



Korea-Panama Cooperation Forum (Oct.2023)



Korea-Dominican Republic Forum (Jun.2024)



Korea-El Salvador Forum (Nov.2022)



Korea-Honduras Forum (May.2022)



CABEL Forum in Seoul (Jul.2022)



Korea-Costa Rica Forum (Nov.2024)

## Cultural Exchange Program

KCLAC has participated in various cultural events to expand cultural exchange between Korea and Latin America.

- "2nd Latin American Film Festival", Busan Cinema Center (Oct 17, 2024)
- "The World Calligraphy Jeonbuk Biennale" (Sep. 22, 2023)
- "Travels in Latin American Cities" (Baeknyeoneo Seowon, Busan, Nov. 2022)
- "Havana International Book Fair", Cuba (Feb. 2013)
- "Buena Vista Social Club Performance" in Korea (Jun. 2007)



## Training and Education Programs

- \* Selected as an overseas employment training and placement agency by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea (2018~)
- \* Conducted KOICA training program for Cuban high-ranking officials (Aug. 2024)



## Publications & Research

KCLAC has published various materials and books, including the Korea-Latin America Business Forum Report, Spanish grammar textbooks, Korean Food Guide (Spanish edition), Korean Studies series on Korean history and pedagogy (Spanish edition), 60 Years of the Korean Economy (Spanish edition), a collection of poems by José Martí (translation), Rubén Darío's Azul (translation), and 60 Years of Korea-Latin America Friendship. Since 2020, it has also been publishing a quarterly magazine titled "K-amigo".



## Website

KCLAC provides updated information on Latin America and the Caribbean, including materials of Latin Forum, Annual Korea-LAC Business Forum, all seminars and Monthly LAC's trends through the KCLAC's homepage and the KOLAC (Korea-Latin America Economic Cooperation Network Center)'s website for the members.

- <http://www.latinamerica.or.kr/main/index.html> Homepage of KCLAC
- <http://kolac.kr/> Homepage of KOLAC



## Membership

### Member's Benefits

- You will always be welcome to our Korea-LAC Business Forum, Latin Forum, Special Lecture Series, and other cultural events.
- Waived participation fees for events hosted or sponsored by KCLAC.
- You can access the archive on the website of KCLAC to download various materials.
- Voting rights at the annual general meeting of KCLAC.
- Special privileges for Latin America-related inquiries, training, and education programs

### Type of Membership

- Individual Membership: restricted to 1 person only (annual fee: 50,000 won)
- Group Membership: available for officers and employees of Groups such as Co., Ltd. & Public Organizations (annual fee: 500,000 won)
- Lifetime Membership fee: restricted to 1 person only (500,000 won)

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