

MOTIE·ME·MOLIT Key Policy Discussion, Chaired by the President

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1. Overview

- MOTIE, ME and MOLIT held 「Key Policy Discussion」 chaired by the president at Sejong Convention Center in August, 2017.
 - Discussed the key challenges and promotion direction about energy & trade, strengthening the environmental assessment of water management-development project, housing welfare-traffic publicness, etc.
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
 - Conversion to safe and clean future energy
 - Active response to protectionism, strategic economic cooperation and strengthening tolerant growth support
- Ministry of Environment
 - Strengthening water management responding to algal bloom · drought, etc
 - Strengthening environmental review on development project
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
 - Carrying forward housing welfare support policy for the housing stability of common people
 - Strengthening publicness and safety in transportation

2. Major Aspects

- MOTIE

- 1) Conversion to Safe and Clean Future Energy

- Moves the reduction of nuclear power plant forward step by step such as no life extension of obsolete nuclear power plant, nullity of construction of new nuclear power plant, etc., and also arranges the measures to revitalize the economy and industry world support of existing nuclear power plant area.
- Secures the residential acceptability and economics by converting the supply area, principal agent and method of new renewable energy, and expands the proportion of power generation to 20% till 2030.
- Reduces discharge of pollutants 50% till 2030 through earlier abolishment of obsolete coal-fired power generation (7 power plants), improvement of environmental equipment, etc.
- Actively utilizes the conversion to future energy as fostering opportunity of future energy industry such as new renewable energy, new business, nuclear power plant dismantling industry, etc and creates 77 thousand good quality of jobs (~2 years) through this.

- 2) Active Response to Protectionism and Strengthening Strategic Economic Cooperation

- Fairly responds sticking to the position that examination-analysis-assessment on effect of Korea-U.S. FTA(Free Trade Association) against the demand of Korea-U.S. FDA amendment by USA.
- Against China, continuously negotiates that economic relationship between the two nations can be normalized through various channels such as government, local government, the private, etc and also strengthens the customizing support for the affected companies such as support of trade insurance, tourism fund, etc.
- Diversifies the market and expands the entry of our companies to the market through strategic economic cooperation with gigantic emerging market such as ASEAN, India, Eurasia, etc.
- Moves forward to the conversion from the trade policy which has focused on the quantitative expansion of FTA to new trade policy which embraces the profit of farmers & fishermen, SME, petty small business, etc.
- Centering around Korea's Trade Ministry, greatly reinforces the response capability to current trade problems and communication service function to the nation (Later in 2017, establishment·promotion of new trade policy of new government)

- ME

- 1) Strengthening Water Management Responding to Algal Bloom, Drought, & Etc.

- Responds to the drought occurring constantly and utilizes the limited water resource the most efficiently by converting large dam-centered water supplying system to sustainable development-usage system of water resource such as development of small water intake plant within the region, reduction of water leak, reuse, etc.
- Starts the maintenance of obsolete waterworks, reuse of sewage treatment water, additional development of underground water-reservoir, etc for Chungnam western 8 cities-counties (Seocheon·Taeahn·Hongsung·Cheongyang·Yesan·Seosan·Dangjin·Boryeong) where has recently suffered serious shortage of water step by step from later in 2017.
- Provides interagency urban flooding-prevention measures within the year to minimize the flood damage due to localized heavy rain such as in Cheongju(July, maximum rainfall per hour 92mm), etc.
- For the local water problem, builds up the basin governance and restores the trust of the nation in water management so that community can establish-fulfill the measures initiatively.
- Carries forward the unification of water management for the integrated management of water quality-water amount management and disaster prevention for the radical innovation of national water management system.

- 2) Strengthening the environmental review on the development project

- Arranges innovative measures for environmental impact assessment to minimize the environmental impact of development project and strengthen the environmental review from the upper planning stage. (October)(To be legislated in 2018)
- Business operator shall actively try to solve the uncertainty due to environment from the establishing stage of investment plan through spatial information associated with land in the government such as environment-cultural assets-coast-site control, etc, mutual contact-publication of big data between ministries.
- Builds up the system reviewing the sustainability from the establishing stage of policies and ground plans by ministries to reduce the social cost due to public disputes more than 82 trillion won annually such as construction of Milyang transmission tower, installation project of cable car, etc

- MOLIT

- 1) Carrying Forward Housing Welfare Support Policy of Housing Stability for Common People

- Establishes housing welfare road map and takes off the coat to the urban restoration New Deal to make 'country free of worry about house, livable village all together'.
- Supplies 170 thousand public rental houses a year and improves the supplying conditions of rental house by local government for the demand-customizing housing support.
- Provides revitalization measures in registration of voluntary rental business such as tax favor, national health insurance, expansion of incentive, etc to foster the multihousing owners as private public rental business operator.
- Strengthens the role of rental stability to connect the Housing Lease Protection Act and Commercial Building Lease Protection Act with housing welfare real estate policy to ease the sharp rise of rent giving big burden to non-homeowners and small business, and the gentrification, and
- Raises the sensitive effect and prevents the duplicate investment by organically connecting the relevant projects of ministries such as Ministry of Welfare-Culture-Environment-Industry for the restoration support to industrial decline area.

2) Strengthening Public Nature and Safety of Transportation

- Concentrates on reducing the transportation expenses of the nation and the convenient and safe transportation system by converting the investment method which has been concentrated on the construction of transportation infrastructure to the system focused on the operation of transportation facilities and safety.
- Waives highway tolls from this year's Cheseok and discounts 50% of tolls for green car to reduce the transportation expenses of the people.
- As the railway of which deterioration is being progressed after concentrated construction in 1980's~1990's is being operated in deficit due to free transportation of the elderly, transfer discount, etc, the local governments cannot afford the investment.
- Carries forward the research service for institutional improvement of metropolitan frugal transportation card scheduled to be introduced to lighten the burden of public transportation expenses of common people, and arranges the plan to establish metropolitan area regional transport administration scheduled to establish within this year in order to improve the traffic problem of metropolitan area.

3. Source

- Ministry of Environment (www.me.go.kr)