

# **East Asia Climate Dialogue 2026 & 2026 Korea – China – Japan Youth Low-Carbon Forum**

## **Official Invitation**

**FROM: KOREA SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS ASSOCIATION(KSCA)**

**TO: Relevant and participating organizations from Korea, China, and Japan**

**SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THE 『East Asia Climate Dialogue 2026 & 2026  
Korea–China–Japan Youth Low-Carbon Forum』**

1. We extend our sincere appreciation for your institution's continued dedication and invaluable efforts toward achieving carbon neutrality and sustainable development.
2. Sustainable development and climate action represent a shared mission and a key area of cooperation among the three East Asian countries. The Korea–China–Japan Youth Low-Carbon Forum, which has been included in the list of outcomes of the Korea–China–Japan Trilateral Summit and established itself as a key platform for green transition and low-carbon innovation, celebrates its third edition this year.
3. In collaboration with the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences (CSES), the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), and other organizing and participating institutions, the KOREA SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS ASSOCIATION will host the East Asia Climate Dialogue 2026 & 2026 Korea–China–Japan Youth Low-Carbon Forum. The event aims to deepen cooperation on green and low-carbon development in East Asia and facilitate in-depth discussions on pathways for decarbonizing greenhouse gas-intensive industries in light of the outcomes of COP31, as well as potential approaches to linking emissions trading systems (ETSs).

4. It is our great honor to formally invite distinguished delegates, experts, and young scholars from your institution to attend this event as VIP guests and participants. We sincerely hope that you will join us and contribute your valuable insights and expertise toward achieving carbon neutrality in East Asia.

Attachment: A Copy of Program.

KOREA SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS ASSOCIATION

President Sung-Jong Kang



## *East Asia Climate Dialogue 2026 & 2026 Korea-China-Japan Youth Low-Carbon Forum*

(Venue) Shinhan University, Republic of Korea / (Date) 25-27 November 2026 (KST)

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### Concept Note

#### 1. Background and Objectives

- **(Date)** 25-27 November 2026 (KST)
- **(Venue)** Shinhan University(Uijeongbu)
- **(Forum Theme)** Youth-Driven Net-Zero East Asia: Low-Carbon Innovation and Policy Synergy for 2026–2030
- **(Hosts)** Korea Sustainable Campus Association(KSCA), Chinese Society for Environmental Science (CSES), Japan Science and Technology Agency(JST)
- **(Organizers)** Korean Society of Environmental Engineers (KSEE), Uijeongbu Carbon Neutrality Support Center, Climate Change Foundation, DMZ Peace, Shinhan University RISE Project Center, University Innovation Support Project Center
- **(Participating Organizations)** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), International Green Energy Association (IGEA)
- **(Sponsor)** Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment, ESAN Co., Ltd., TAEYOUNG ENG Co., Ltd.
- **(Participant)** China (80~100), Japan (40~50), and Korea (150~200), total 270~350.

#### 2. Introduction

In 2025, the Climate Change Foundation hosted the East Asia Climate Dialogue to mark the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement, under the theme “Assessing 10 Years of the Paris Agreement and Strengthening NDC Implementation Capacity.” The dialogue provided a regional platform to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the Paris Agreement and to discuss ways to strengthen East Asia’s cooperation for the implementation of 2035 NDCs. Building on this foundation, the 2026 East Asia Climate Dialogue will be jointly organized in cooperation with the China-Japan-Korea Youth Low-Carbon Forum, with the aim of further empowering youth as key actors in advancing regional climate action.

As Korea, China, and Japan face similar challenges in decarbonizing high-emitting and hard-to-abate industries, the 2026 dialogue will focus on practical pathways for industrial decarbonization in line with the outcomes of COP31. It will also explore transitional and long-term cooperation strategies among the three countries, while seeking to strengthen East Asia’s industrial competitiveness and leadership in global climate diplomacy.

### 3. Program

#### (1) 25<sup>th</sup> November 2026 / Arrival and Welcome Day

| Event        | Time  | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registration | 18:00 | <b>Welcome Dinner and Drinks Reception</b><br>With guest speaker<br><b>-Jai-Chul Choi, Chairperson of Climate Change Foundation</b> (Former UN Ambassador for Climate Change & Ambassador to France) ) |

#### (2) 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026 / Day 1: East Asia Climate Dialogue

| Event        | Time  | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Registration | 09:00 | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Networking   | 09:30 | Introduction and icebreakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Opening      | 10:00 | <b>[Remarks]</b><br>VIPs from host countries and organizations(including prospective key figures; TBD)<br>- <b>Sung-Jong Kang</b> (President of Shinhan University / Chairman of Korea Sustainable Campus Association / Member of the 17th & 18th National Assembly)<br>- <b>Ki-Moon Ban</b> (Chair of Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); Former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Final Attendance Confirmed)<br>- <b>Ji-Hye Park</b> (Member of the 22nd National Assembly; Secretary of the Special Committee on the Climate Crisis of the 22nd National Assembly)<br>- <b>Sung-hwan Kim</b> (Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment, Republic of Korea)<br>- <b>Mi-ae Choo</b> (Governor of Gyeonggi-do)<br>- <b>Leadership from Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences (CSES)</b><br>- <b>Executive Director of Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)</b><br>- <b>Regional Director of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific -</b> |
|              | 10:40 | Commemorative Photo Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|              | 10:50 | <b>[Keynote speech]</b><br>(Reference Agenda) AI-Driven Carbon Neutrality and Industrialization of Net-Zero Technologies<br>1. Linking Carbon Footprint and Carbon Labeling Schemes across Korea, China, and Japan<br>2. Net-Zero Enterprises, Eco-Industrial Parks, and Supply Chain Decarbonization<br>3.Climate Adaptation and Resilient Communities1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Lunch</b>            | <b>12:30</b> | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Session1</b>         | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Pathways for Industrial Decarbonization (Reduce Pollution And Carbon Emissions)</b><br><b>[Key Topics]</b> Net-Zero Roadmaps for Key Industries; Zero-Carbon & Negative Emission Technologies (NETs) and Commercialization; Climate Finance and Investment for Industrial Decarbonization<br><b>Korea \ China \ Japan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Session2</b>         | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Regional Carbon Market Cooperation (Carbon Footprint&amp;Carbon Labelling)</b><br><b>[Key Topics]</b> Development of Emissions Trading Schemes (ETS) in East Asia and Prospects for Carbon Market Cooperation; Harmonization and Linkage of Carbon Footprint and Carbon Labeling Systems<br><b>Korea \China\Japan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Session3</b>         | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Environmental Information-Based Management Technologies for Carbon Neutrality: Focused on Outstanding R&amp;D Projects of the National Institute of Environmental Research(NIER) in 2025</b><br><b>[Key Topics]</b> Integrated Climate Crisis Adaptation Information System; Environmental Pollution Source Tracking Using Stable Isotopes; Production and Validation of Geostationary Environmental Satellite Products; Real-Time Remote Monitoring of Algal Blooms Based on Spectral Characteristics<br><b>Korea \China\Japan</b> |
| <b>Session4</b>         | <b>14:00</b> | <b>Youth Innovation: Low-Carbon Technology Roadshow</b><br><b>[Call for Projects]</b> Roadshow Open Call for Climate Action and Low-/Zero-Carbon Technology Projects from Korea, China, and Japan (10 Teams), ISO 14001 Environmental Practice (Group Training / 1-to-Many Hands-on Session)<br><b>Korea \China\Japan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Special Workshop</b> | <b>14:00</b> | 1. Seminar on Carbon Footprint Technology Cooperation<br>2. Preparatory Meeting for the Asian Youth Low-Carbon Cooperation Network                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Closing</b>          | <b>17:30</b> | <b>Wrap up and closure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### (3) 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026 / Day 2: Site Visit

| Event             | Time        | Details                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Site Visit</b> | <b>9:00</b> | <b>Seoul Water Recycling Corporation</b><br>Invitation Only (RSVP)<br>Enterprises related to hydrogen energy and waste management, among others |

#### (4) Keynote Speakers

| NO | Name          | Affiliation & Position                                                                                                       |
|----|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Ki-Moon Ban   | Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); Former Secretary-General of the United Nation(Final Attendance Comfirmed) |
| 2  | Jai-Chul Choi | <b>Chairperson of Climate Change Foundation</b> (Former UN Ambassador for Climate Change & Ambassador to France)             |
| 3  | (TBD)         | President of the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences (CSES); Secretary-Level Official                                 |
| 4  | (TBD)         | President of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST); Secretary-Level Official                                         |
| 5  | (TBD)         | Representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)                                                            |

#### (5) VIP Guests & Honored Attendees

| NO | Name            | Affiliation & Position                                                                                                                                   |
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| 1  | Ki-Moon Ban     | Chair of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); Former Secretary-General of the United Nation                                                         |
| 2  | Mi-Ae Choo      | Governor of Gyeonggi Province (expected to attend; may be replaced by a video message)                                                                   |
| 3  | Sung-Hwan Kim   | Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment (expected to attend; may be replaced by a video message)                                                     |
| 4  | Won-Ki Kim      | Mayor of Uijeongbu (attendance to be confirmed)                                                                                                          |
| 5  | Ji-Hye Park     | Member of the 22nd National Assembly; Secretary of the Special Committee on the Climate Crisis of the 22nd National Assembly                             |
| 6  | Jae-Kang Lee    | Member of the 22nd National Assembly; Senior Vice Chair of the World Korean Democrats Convention of the Democratic Party of Korea                        |
| 7  | Deuk-Gu Kang    | Member of the 22nd National Assembly; Supreme Council Member of the Democratic Party of Korea                                                            |
| 8  | So-Hee Kim      | Member of the 22nd National Assembly; Member of the Climate, Energy, Environment and Labor Committee during the first half of the 22nd National Assembly |
| 9  | Seung-Yong Yoon | President of Namseoul University                                                                                                                         |