



## Ministry of Justice co-hosts the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian-Pacific Probation Conference

- First Director General level meeting of probation authorities from  
Asian and Pacific countries -

In collaboration with the Korean Association of Probation and Parole Services, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) is co-hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian-Pacific Probation Conference, a four-day event from Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at The-K Hotel Seoul.

The conference is gathering around 100 domestic and foreign public officials and scholars in the field of probation from nine countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The agenda includes various talks and discussions on the theme of “The Power of Synergy : Promoting Rehabilitation and Public Safety through Non-custodial Measures”

### **\* 1st Asian-Pacific Probation Conference, *APPC 2023***

- ▲ **Theme: The Power of Synergy : Promoting Rehabilitation and Public Safety through Non-custodial Measures**
- ▲ **Date and Venue: May 30 – June 2, 2023 (4 days), The-K Hotel Seoul (Crystal Ballroom)**
- ▲ **Co-Hosts: Crime Prevention Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Justice and the Korean Association of Probation and Parole Services**
- ▲ **Participants: Director Generals and delegations from nine countries\* in the Asia-Pacific region**

\* Korea, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand

The conference started off with a keynote lecture by Professor Jeff Mellow from the City University of New York, a distinguished scholar in the field of criminal policy related to the prevention of recidivism and rehabilitation of offenders, on the topic of “Reflections on the Power of Workplace and Technological Synergy

in Community Corrections.” Following the lecture, 21 presentations were held in five sessions by the participating countries.

In the U.S. and Europe, international exchanges are relatively active in the field of probation compared to the countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The conference is expected to serve as an opportunity for Korea to lead international cooperation in the field of community corrections to prevent recidivism in the Asia-Pacific region.

In her welcome speech, Vice Minister Lee Noh Kong encouraged “constructive development through in-depth discussions and information sharing on solutions to prevent recidivism and promote social adaptation.”

Vice Minister Lee also added that “various measures will be discussed to build a sustainable cooperation system, such as exchanging policies of each country accurately in a timely manner.”

MOJ will continue to share and reflect upon successful achievements in community corrections within society, such as the world-class electronic supervision system, with officials from the Asia-Pacific region. By doing so, MOJ will strive to “strengthen social safety through rehabilitation of offenders,” which is the key goal to MOJ’s crime prevention policy.

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