

The Grand AI Industrial Pivot: Navigating Hyper-Uncertainty for Korea’s Economic Resurgence

Dates _ April 22, 2026 (Wed)

Venue _ Harmony Ballroom, The Westin Seoul Parnas

LETTER OF INVITATION

The Institute for Global Economics (IGE), in collaboration with POSCO Holdings, is honored to host the 2026 International Conference on April 22, 2026 at the Harmony Ballroom, The Westin Seoul Parnas.

Under the theme “The Grand AI Industrial Pivot: Navigating Hyper-Uncertainty for Korea’s Economic Resurgence,” the conference will explore strategic responses to the challenges facing the Korean economy at a critical juncture marked by rising protectionism, geopolitical fragmentation, and global supply chain realignment.

The event will feature distinguished speakers including Kim Sung-joo, Chairman & CEO of NPS; Sung Yun-mo, Former Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy; Henry Fernandez, Chairman & CEO of MSCI; Haruhiko Kuroda, former Governor of the Bank of Japan and former President of the ADB; Marcus Noland of the PIIE; and Jessica Kim of Deloitte’s AI Governance division, among more than 30 eminent speakers from Korea and abroad.

We cordially invite you to join this important occasion, which will provide a meaningful platform to share insights and exchange perspectives on Korea’s future economic direction. Thank you.

Jun Kwang-woo
Chairman & CEO, Institute for Global Economics(IGE)

Time	Session / Content	Speaker / Affiliation
	Conference MC	Hannah Jun Prof., Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans Univ.
09:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony	Opening Address Jun Kwang-woo Chairman & CEO, Institute for Global Economics (IGE)
		Congratulatory Address Kim Sung-Joo Chairperson & CEO, National Pension Service (NPS)
		Distinguished Dialogue Henry Fernandez Chairman & CEO, MSCI
		Keynote Speech Dowson Tong Senior Executive Vice President of Tencent and CEO of Cloud and Smart Industries Group (CSIG) Marcus Noland Executive Vice President and Director of Studies, PIIE
10:10 - 12:00	Session 1 The New Geoeconomic Order: Turning Global Headwinds into Strategic Advantage for Korea	Moderator William Pesek Award-Winning Columnist, Nikkei/Forbes
		Keynote Speaker Haruhiko Kuroda Fmr. President of the Asian Development Bank/ Former Governor of the Bank of Japan
		Panelists Yukiko Fukagawa Professor, Waseda University Lee Jong-Wha Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics, Korea University Henny Sender Senior Advisor for BlackRock’s Chairman office Lim Ji-won President, POSCO Research Institute/Fmr. Board Member, Bank of Korea (Monetary Policy Board)
12:10 - 13:10	Luncheon	Special Speech Nobuo Tanaka Fmr. Executive Director, IEA Tarek Chouman Global Head of Aladdin Client Business, BlackRock
13:20 - 15:20	Session 2 Beyond Transformation: Accelerating the AI-Driven Industrial Revolution	Moderator Lee KyoungJun Professor, School of Business & Big Data Analytics, Kyung Hee University
		Keynote Speakers Kim Sung-yeol Deputy Minister for Industry and Growth, MOTIE Jessica Kim Partner, AI & Data Lead in Deloitte Consulting
		Panelists Hong Jong-ho Professor, Graduate School of Environmental Studies at SNU Julie Yoo Co-founder & CEO, Mintall Rebecca Chua Founder & Managing Partner, Premia Partners Philip Wong Head of Capital Markets, Sensetime
15:30 - 17:00	Session 3 Mastering Hyper-Uncertainty: National and Corporate Strategies for New Growth	Moderator Kim Dong-Jae Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University
		Keynote Speakers Sung Yun-mo Choong-Ang University Chair Professor/Fmr. Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Joongshik Wang Managing Partner, EY Parthenon Asia East
		Panelists Park Sung-Gyu Vice President & Head of Group, HMG Business Intelligence Institute Cho Sungwon Head of HPSI (Hanwha Philly Shipyard, Inc) Construction Project, Hanwha Ocean Bluefin Zhao Vice President of Tencent Cloud, Managing Director of APAC, Tencent Geoffrey Lai CEO, PIF Projects/Fmr. CEO, China Infrastructure Partners