

# 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 Beena Ammanath of the Global Deloitte AI Institute, 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)

## PROGRAM

09:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony	Opening Address	<b>Jun Kwang-woo</b> Chairman & CEO, Institute for Global Economics (IGE)
		Congratulatory Address	<b>Kim Sung-Joo</b> Chairman & CEO, National Pension Service (NPS)
		Distinguished Dialogue	<b>Henry Fernandez</b> Chairman & CEO, MSCI
		Keynote Speech	<b>Marcus Noland</b> Executive Vice President and Director of Studies, PIIE
10:10 - 12:00	Session 1 The Geopolitical Perfect Storm and the New Trade Order	Moderator	<b>William Pesek</b> Award-Winning Columnist, Nikkei/Forbes
		Keynote Speaker	<b>Haruhiko Kuroda</b> Fmr. Governor, BOJ & Fmr. President, ADB
		Panelists	<b>Yukiko Fukagawa</b> Professor, Waseda University <b>Lee Jong-Wha</b> Professor, Korea University <b>Lim Ji-won</b> President, POSCO Research Institute/ Fmr. Board Member, BOK
12:10 - 13:10	Luncheon	Special Speech	<b>Nobuo Tanaka</b> Fmr. Executive Director, IEA
13:20 - 15:20	Session 2 Accelerating the AI-Driven Industrial Revolution	Moderator	<b>Lee KyoungJun</b> Professor, Kyung Hee University
		Keynote Speaker	<b>Kim Sung-yeol</b> Director General, Industrial Growth Office, MOTIE <b>Beena Ammanath</b> Executive Director, Global Deloitte AI Institute
		Panelists	<b>Hong Jong-ho</b> Professor, Graduate School of Environmental Studies at SNU <b>Rebecca Chua</b> Founder & Managing Partner, Premia Partners <b>Julie Yoo</b> Co-founder & CEO, Mintall <b>Senior Executives, POSCO Group</b>
15:30 - 17:00	Session 3 Pragmatic Strategies for Sustainable Quantum Growth	Moderator	<b>Kim Dong-Jae</b> Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University
		Keynote Speakers	<b>Sung Yun-mo</b> Fmr. Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy <b>Joongshik Wang</b> Regional Managing Partner, EY Asia-Pacific
		Panelists	<b>Kim Dong-Wook</b> Executive Vice President, Hyundai Motor Group <b>Cho Sungwon</b> Head of HPSI Construction Project, Hanwha Ocean <b>Senior Executives, POSCO Group</b>