

Our Vision:

A world in which government, politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption

Our Values:

Transparency: Accountability: Integrity: Solidarity: Courage: Justice: Democracy

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Inside 1. Forum: For a Transparent Society

On February 14th, 2005 TI Korea held a forum at the Conference Room in the National Assembly Building from 10:30 to 12:30. The following topics were discussed: Inspection Office for Public Officials; Anti-corruption Law Enactment; and Transparency Law System. Ten participants came from different sectors of the society to reflect the diverse and universal ideas. The political sector includes congressperson Eun Young Lee of the URI party, congressman Jae

Wan Park of the Hannara Party, and congressman Hoe Chan No of the Democratic Labor Party. The public sector includes Young Geun Lee of Korea Independent Commission against Corruption. The civil society includes secretary general Byung Chul Seo of Pohang YMCA, president Tae Bum Yoon of Minbyun-a lawyer for a democratic society, executive director Nam Joo Lee of HanKook University of Foreign Studies, In Hwan Park of Young Korean Academy Transparent Society Movement Headquarter, secretary general Geo Sung Kim of TI Korea, and professor Heung Sik Park.

Inside 2. K-PACT Steering Committee Meetings



The First Meeting

On 4 February 2005 the Steering Committee of the K-PACT had its first meeting at 11:30 at Press Center, Seoul. It is an important moment for TI Korea because it is a fruit of the proposal for a social pact with the disappointment of a low score in the CPI. The Steering Committee includes representatives from four sectors of the society: public sector includes public officials from KICAC; political sector includes congressperson Eun-Young

Lee of the URI Party and congressman Jae-Hwan Park of the Hannara Party; private sector includes vice president of Federation Korean Industries (FKI); and private sector includes secretary general Geo Sung Kim and planning committee member Jung Soo Kim etc. The meeting was very fruitful and participants decided to meet on 17th of February.

The Second Meeting

It took place on 17 February 2005 at a restaurant in a FKI building with executive director of HanKook University of Foreign Studies Nam-Joo Lee chairing. The important decision of choosing the first option for the Preamble of the K-PACT was decided during the meeting. The first option includes:

For public sector:

- develop and improve systematic anti-corruption mechanisms
- improve public sector transparency
- strengthen public sector ethics
- promote anti-corruption education
- ratify the UN Convention Against Corruption



Executive Director of HanKook University of Foreign Studies Nam Joo Lee is chairing the Meeting.

For political sector:

- work towards transparent politics
- improve National Assembly ethics
- promote clean lobbying

For private sector:

- strengthen ethical management
- enhance transparent accounting
- improve corporate governance
- support the UN Global Compact

For civil society:

- eliminate the cultural tolerance of corruption
- strengthen the accountability of civil society organizations
- strengthen anti-corruption education
- promote citizen participation

The Third Meeting

It was held on 23 February 2005 at a Youth Korean Academy building. The third meeting was to prepare for the Ceremony of the K-PACT on 9 March 2005. Even though TI Korea is only a part of the K-PACT, we were working very closely with the Steering Committee to make the K-PACT happen.

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Inside 3. Anti-corruption Efforts Evaluation of 2005



Secretary General Geo Sung Kim attended and participated Anti-corruption Efforts Evaluation of 2005 at the Blue House where President Roh Moo-Hyun is residing. The 180 representatives from legal, economic, labor, scholaric and religion community participated at the meeting. "I do hope for the success of anti-corruption movements. For the success the participation from the general public is very much desired," President Roh addressed. "As we evaluate

ourselves, it wouldn't be good for us to be too harsh on us," he added. He also mentioned about the problem in military recruitments as well as the need for a social pact on anti-corruption. Our secretary general Geo Sung Kim presented his view at the end of the evaluation series.

Inside 4. Anti-Corruption and Corruption News: February

TI-Korea announced top three anti-corruption and corruption news of February 2005

Rank	Corruption News	Rank	Anti-Corruption News
1	Fraud move-in notification of vice Prime Minister Hun-Jai Lee's wife on 5,800 pyeong (=1.4 square inches) lands in Kwang-Ju in Kyung-Ki Province	1	Active anti-corruption activity of public and private sectors and civil society
2	A systematic GPA manipulation of the principal and teachers (Moon III High School, Seoul)	2	Giving disadvantage to local members covering corrupt officials' deeds
3	Fraud loan of 1 trillion 3435 million won of public funds	3	"Attention": Expanding the code of ethics for a labor sector

THE KOREA TIMES

National Coalition Planned to Combat Corruption

Staff Reporter, Na Jeong-ju

Scores of social, business, political and religious leaders and government representatives will gather in Seoul on Friday to form a national coalition to fight corruption, officials said Tuesday.

The gathering aims to make South Korea the first nation to establish legal grounds for meeting the requirements of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption adopted in 2003.

"The gathering is an ambitious first step toward making the country to a more transparent society," said Kim Jong-soo, an official of Transparent International (TI) Korea, the local chapter of the international anti-corruption agency. "The leaders will sign a pact next month to make Korean society cleaner. We hope our efforts will be the starting point of a nationwide movement to root out corruption."

The efforts come after a series of high-profile bribery scandals that have led to the arrest of business and political leaders. As corruption often makes headlines in South Korea, it may take a long time to eliminate malpractice, but action should be taken now to bring change, Kim said.

TI Korea, the state-run Korea Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) have joined forces to raise public awareness for an anti-corruption movement. Representatives of different organizations along with some lawmakers and religious leaders will form a committee this week to lay the groundwork for making the country free of corruption, officials said.

The committee is expected to set various agenda and plans for reducing corruption. The leaders will meet President Roh Moo-hyun on Thursday to discuss different methods, the officials said.

Kim said the organizations will pursue a set of measures to make politics, the public sector and business circles more transparent and expand civil participation in the fight against corruption.

FKI said leading conglomerates such as Samsung Group, LG Group, Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group and SK Group, have agreed to toughen rules on accounting irregularities as part of efforts to promote transparency in business activities.

"Traditionally, businesses have provided illegal political funds during elections, but from now on we won't let that happen," an FKI official said.

The FKI said it will urge conglomerates to strengthen the role of outside directors to promote transparency in accounting. In addition, an "anti-corruption map" detailing various types of corruption in the business sector will be drawn up to effectively tackle the problem, it added.

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