**Fast Facts about Mekong-ROK Cooperation**

**(1) The Goals** : The Republic of Korea(ROK) has been strengthening cooperation with Mekong countries to establish “Partnership for People, Prosperity and Peace” and help narrow the development gap and enhance connectivity in the ASEAN region, and in turn, contribute to the integration of ASEAN.

**(2) Participating countries**: The Republic of Korea and the five Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam)

**(3) Format:** Annual inter-governmental meetings which include Senior Officials’ Meeting, Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and Summit Meeting, and public-private cooperation including the annual Mekong-ROK Business Forum and the projects funded by Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund.

**(4) Major events in the Mekong-ROK relations**

∙ ROK’s proposal on launching the ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the 13th Korea-ASEAN Summit (Oct. 2010)

∙ The 1st ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting hosted by Korea (Oct. 2011)

※ adopted the Han River Declaration of Establishing the Mekong-ROK Comprehensive Partnerships for Mutual Prosperity

∙ The 2nd ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Jul. 2012)

※ agreed to establish the ROK-Mekong Cooperation Fund

∙ The 1st ROK-Mekong Business Forum (May 2013)

∙ The 3rd ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Jun. 2013)

∙ The ROK-Mekong Exchange Year 2014 (2014)

∙ The 2nd ROK-Mekong Business Forum (May 2014)

∙ The 4th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting hosted by Korea (Jul. 2014)

※ adopted the ROK-Mekong Action Plan (2014-17)

∙ The 3rd ROK-Mekong Business Forum (Jul. 2015)

∙ The 5th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Aug. 2015)

∙ The 4th ROK-Mekong Business Forum (Jun. 2016).

∙ The 6th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Jul. 2016)

∙ The 7th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting hosted by Korea (Sept. 2017)

※ adopted the ROK-Mekong Action Plan (2017-20)

∙ The 5th ROK-Mekong Business Forum (Oct. 2017)

∙ The 8th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Aug. 2018)

∙ The 6th ROK-Mekong Business Forum hosted by Korea (Dec. 2018)

∙ The 9th ROK-Mekong Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Aug. 2019)

∙ President Moon’s announcement of the ROK-Mekong Vision during his visit to Laos (Sept. 2019)

∙ The 7th ROK-Mekong Business Forum (Oct. 2019)

∙ The 1st ROK-Mekong Summit hosted by Korea (Nov. 2019)

※ adopted the Han-Mekong River Declaration for Establishing Partnership for People, Peace and Prosperity

**(5) Economic Exchange (as of 2019)**

∙ Trade volume: around USD 57.3 billion (ROK→Mekong region)

around USD 27.3 billion (Mekong region→ROK)

※ Source: the Korea International Trade Association

∙ Investment volume: around USD 54.6 billion (ROK→Mekong region)

around USD 300 million (Mekong region→ROK)

※ Source: the Export-Import Bank and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the ROK

**(6) Human Exchange (as of 2019)**

∙ Number of visitors: about 6.77 million (ROK→Mekong region)

about 1.34 million (Mekong region→ROK)

※ Source: the tourism authority of each country and the Korea Immigration Service