PROGRAM AGENDA



Canada-South Korea Critical Mineral Supply Chain Co-operation

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Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver

Canada-South Korea Roundtable on Critical Mineral Supply Chain Co-operation

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time (PCT)

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Pender Room, 1066 W. Hastings St, Vancouver

Co-hosted by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver and APF Canada

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

	10:00-10:30	**Registration and Coffee**
	10:30-10:45	**Opening and Welcoming Remarks**
		 **Opening Remarks:** Ms. Erin Williams, Acting Vice-President, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
		 **Welcoming Remarks:** Mr. Kwangsuk Lee, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Vancouver
SESSION 1	10:45-12:00	**Critical Minerals in a Changing Geopolitical Landscape** Introduction & Comments (25 min); Discussion and Q&A (50 min)
		 **MODERATOR:** Dr. Sun Park, Senior Research Specialist, APF Canada
		 **DISCUSSANTS:** **Dr. Soo Hyun Oh,** Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
		 **Dr. Yonggi Kim,** Directorate for Global Strategy, Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI)
		 **Mr. Sam Lee,** President and CEO, Northisle Copper and Gold
	12:00-13:00	**Networking Lunch**

SESSION 2	13:00-14:15	**South Korea-Canada Co-operation: From Partnerships to Projects** Introduction & Comments (25 min); Discussion and Q&A (50 min)



MODERATOR:

Dr. Jeehye Kim, Senior Program Manager, APF Canada



DISCUSSANTS:

Colonel Jin Ki Lee, Republic of Korea Air Force; ROK Military Liaison Officer to U.S. Strategic Command



Mark Tory, President and CEO, Defense Metals Corporation



Garth Thomson, BC Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals

	14:15-14:30	**Closing Remarks and Note of Thanks**



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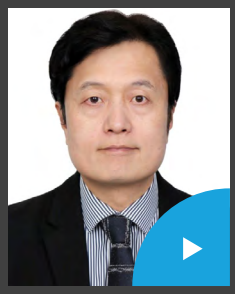
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Roundtable Participants



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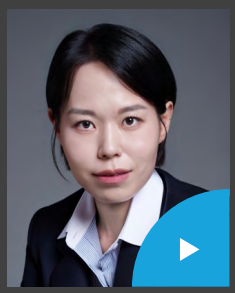
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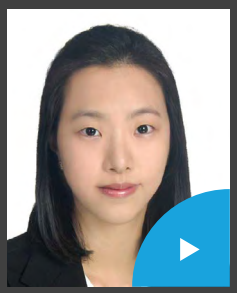
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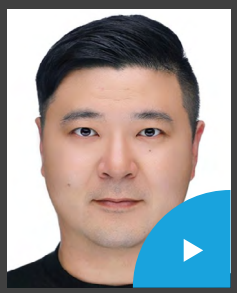
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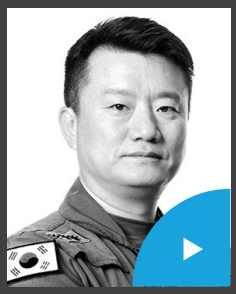
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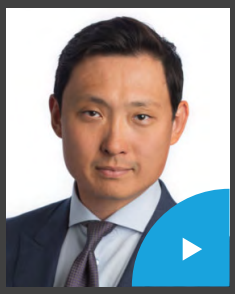
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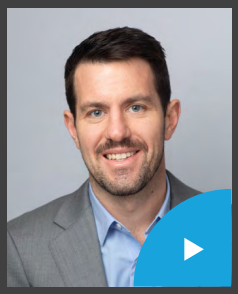
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