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Deputy PM Yoo Visits Finland, Denmark and Germany to Advance Education Cooperation with European Countries

□ Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Yoo Eun-hae will visit Finland, Denmark and Germany, countries well-known for their outstanding education systems, from August 11 to 16, to expand bilateral cooperation in the field of education.

1. Visit to Finland (August 11-13)

- To discuss about social policies and education cooperation, and to visit the hub of Finnish higher education innovation

- Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will visit Finland from August 11 to 13, and she will be the first Korean education minister to visit Finland in 14 years since 2005.
- She will hold a bilateral meeting with Minister Li Andersson of Education and Culture to discuss about ways to promote bilateral education cooperation between Korea and Finland, and will sign a Memorandum of Understanding to advance cooperation in the field of primary and secondary education

between the two countries.

- Also, Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will pay a visit to Aalto University, which represents Finnish university innovation, to explore how universities can serve as hubs for regional communities to stimulate regional innovation to lay solid foundation for start-ups.
- Her visit will also include the Finnish National Agency for Education, as well as primary and secondary schools to explore Finnish vocational education and credit system.
- In particular, Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will meet with Former Finnish President Tarja Halonen on August 13 to not only share ideas about education, but also about more broad-ranging social issues, encompassing inclusive state, universal welfare, and human rights for women.

2. Visit to Denmark (August 14-15)

- To discuss about Danish education innovation, including the Free Semester and school space innovation.

- Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will visit Denmark on August 14-15 for the first time as Korean education minister.
- This visit to Denmark has been arranged, thanks to the invitation by the Danish government in the hope of advancing its education cooperation with Korea, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between Korea and Denmark.
- In Denmark, Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will hold bilateral meetings with Minister Ane Halsboe-Jorgensen of Higher Education and Science, and Minister Pernille RosenKrantz-Theil of Children and

Education, with whom she will sign a Memorandum of Understanding to further reinforce education cooperation.

- Also, she will visit several education institutions, including Technical University of Denmark and Efterskole, to discuss and learn about career education, school space innovation and university-industry cooperation to find measures to prepare for education innovation and cooperation in the future.
- It is expected that this visit will not only strengthen bilateral relations with Denmark, but also to learn more about school space innovation and democratic citizenship, which are some of the topics that Deputy Prime Minister Yoo has always emphasized from the very beginning of her term as education minister.
- On August 15, to celebrate the 74th anniversary of the National Liberation Day of the Republic of Korea, Deputy Prime Minister will meet with Korean expatriates living in Denmark to commemorate the restoration of independence and the reclaiming of sovereignty as a nation out of Japan's colonial rule, and to ruminate about the historical meaning behind the national liberation.

3. Visit to Germany [August 16]

- To visit secondary vocational education institutions, including community-linked vocational schools.

- In Germany, on August 16, Deputy Prime Minister Yoo will visit vocational schools and companies that operate apprenticeship-based education programs.

- These visits will allow her to experience first-hand cases of how local communities work together with vocational high schools, and how education and training on the ground should be improved further to increase learners' adaptability to work.
- Through this overseas business trip, Deputy Prime Minister Yoo plans to broaden bilateral ties with each European country by encouraging stronger cooperation, as well as to build international consensus about the importance of education policies that highlight inclusiveness and innovation, including free and student-centered education.
- It is also expected that more robust international solidarity will be built around imperative issues, such as universal welfare and improving human rights for the vulnerable members of society.

