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## The Fourth Korea-Mongolia Joint Education Committee

- The Joint Education Committee will discuss the promotion of Korean language learning in Mongolia and bilateral digital education cooperation.

The Ministry of Education (headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Lee Ju-ho) announced that it would convene the Fourth Korea-Mongolia Joint Education Committee on October 15, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The Korea-Mongolia Joint Education Committee, a consultation body established following the meeting of the Korean and Mongolian education ministers in October 2015, has been held alternatively in both countries since its first meeting in 2016.

Its forth meeting will review the outcome of previous meetings\* and discuss new avenues for educational cooperation between the two countries. Key agenda items include "Promoting Korean language education in Mongolia" and "Digital education cooperation between Korea and Mongolia."

\* Implementing teacher exchange programs with partner countries for multicultural families in Korea

Specifically, given the growing demand for Korean language learning in Mongolia, the Korean Ministry of Education will request Mongolia's continued interest and support to promote Korean language education, including the adoption of Korean as a second foreign language through the "Korean Language Education Promotion Project in Overseas Elementary and Secondary Schools\*."

\* A project supporting the expansion of Korean language education in overseas elementary and secondary schools to attract international students and create a foundation for fostering Korea-friendly global talent.

Moreover, the two countries will reaffirm their shared interest in digital education innovation and explore ways to introduce educational information technology (edtech) to advance Mongolia's educational environment and revitalize cooperation in AI-powered education. They will also discuss Mongolia's participation in the Global Education and Innovation Alliance\* (GEIA), a network for knowledge sharing

and collaborative projects in digital-empowered education innovation.

\* Operation of a network to share knowledge among members, identify and promote collaborative projects based on core principles of digital-empowered education innovation.

In addition, the Korean delegation will visit the National University of Mongolia, which operates the Department of Asian Studies (Korean Major) and the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK), and a high-tech demonstration classroom\* supported by the Korean Ministry of Education.

\* High-tech Demonstration Classroom: To support partner countries' digital education transformation, the Korean Ministry of Education provides classroom construction and teacher training based on Korea's digital education experience and technology, taking into account partner countries' conditions and needs.

At a school adopted a Korean language education class, the Korean delegation will observe Korean language classes, learn about the current status of Korean language learning among Mongolian students, and interact with students and teachers to discuss Korean culture, life, and potential exchange and cooperation opportunities.

Ha Yu-kyung, Director General of the Global Education Planning Bureau of the Korean Ministry of Education, emphasized "This committee is vital in fostering collaboration between the two countries to innovate education in various fields." She added, "The Korean Ministry of education's commitment to ensuring that the discussions lead to tangible outcomes."

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