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20th International Conference of Korean Educators Abroad Convened to Share Global Experience

- From August 16 to 20, the 20th International Conference of Korean Educators Abroad was held for five days at Hana Global Campus, National Jeongdong Theater of Korea, under the theme of "The Present and Future of Korean Education Abroad."
- Attended by 500 participants from 42 countries, including Korean language educators as well as administrators and officials of education authorities, the conference was a venue to discuss the future of Korean language education around the world.
- It was especially meaningful that this year's conference was held both in-person and online, unlike for the past two years, during which the conference was held only online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The conference was divided into three sessions designed to meet the needs of different participants: △ a session for Korean language experts and educators; △ a professional training session for Korean educators working at overseas primary and secondary schools or Korean education centers abroad; and △ a session for administrators and officials of educational authorities.

- The conference also included a session that Korean language experts from Mongolia, Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, China and Thailand made a presentation on the theme, "The Present and Future of Korean Education," which was followed by participant discussions.
 - Moreover, during the professional training session, Korean educators were informed of how to effectively use the Korean education textbooks developed in 2021, designed to be used in overseas primary and secondary schools.
 - Meanwhile, at the training session for administrators and education officials, they shared how Korean language education is promoted in their own countries and their ideas to proliferate it. They also had a chance to pay a visit to the Ministry of Education to discuss measures to advance bilateral cooperation with Korea.
- Considering the fact that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the conference, a celebratory event was held on August 18 at National Jeongdong Theater of Korea, focusing on looking back on both the progress made to date and the future way forward.
- Vice Minister Jang Sang-yoon said, "Over the past two decades, the International Conference of Korean Educators Abroad has contributed to enhancing the expertise of Korean educators and promoting relations between countries, effectively paving the way for Korean language to be introduced in more primary and secondary schools around the world as a formal subject."
- He added, "Going forward, the Ministry of Education will keep supporting this conference to encourage more Korean language educators from diverse countries to participate in this conference."