

Action Plan
for the Implementation of the Strategic Partnership
between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Korea
for years 2016-2018

The Czech Republic and the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “Sides”), recalling the Strategic Partnership between the Republic of Korea and the Czech Republic that was declared by the President of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Park Geun-hye, and the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, H.E. Bohuslav Sobotka in February 2015 in Seoul, wish to adopt this Action Plan that outlines specific measures for the implementation of the Strategic Partnership, for the years 2016-18 as follows;

Political and Security Cooperation

1. Both Sides will make efforts to intensify political dialogues at all levels. Based on the Memorandum of understanding on cooperation and policy consultation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, the two Sides will seek holding of Foreign Minister meetings, taking advantage of bilateral visits as well as multilateral frameworks, and reinforce political consultations at the level of Deputy/Vice Foreign Ministers or other senior officials.
2. Both Sides will encourage strengthening of parliamentary cooperation and exchanges through various means including visits of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups.
3. The Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea will develop defense cooperation through exchanges among various personnel on each side, including high-level officials on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of Korea concerning Cooperation in the Field of Defense.
4. Both Sides confirm their commitment to hold the Czech-Korea Joint Defense Industry and Logistics Committees as agreed in Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) of the Republic of Korea concerning Cooperation in Defense Industry and Logistics.
5. Relevant governmental organizations will set up regular contacts and cooperation in international cyberspace issues including cyber security and cyber-crime, considering positively the possibility of holding bilateral consultations on cyber security issues.

6. Both Sides will promote and support deepening of cooperation within the Visegrad Group plus the Republic of Korea format.
7. Both Sides will share transitional experience and will consider, inter alia – establishing a platform for sharing transitional experience.

Economic Cooperation

8. Both Sides will promote regular communication and cooperation between Ministries and other public and private bodies dealing with economic cooperation, including trade and investment with the aim to further promote a dialogue between them on related areas of mutual interest, business cooperation and macroeconomic policies and trends.
9. Both Sides will seek ways to further promote cooperation in the field of nuclear energy, using relevant existing frameworks, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea in the energy field from 4 June 2014.
10. Both Sides encourage meetings of bilateral Business Forums which create favorable conditions for promoting bilateral cooperation in fields of, inter alia -automotive industry, machinery and engineering and ICT, and agree to support private cooperation between both countries.
11. Both Sides will continue to support the biennial meetings of the Czech-Korea Science and Technology Joint Committee as a platform for cooperative activities in the areas of science, technology, creative economy and innovation. Furthermore, the two Sides welcome the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Deputy Prime Minister for Science, Research and Innovation of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning of the Republic of Korea which will provide a framework for strengthening cooperation in R&D and innovation in the field of ICT including a possibility to organize Czech-Korea R&D Forum.
12. Both Sides will intensify cooperation in research, development and innovation in industrial technologies with the main emphasis on support and development of innovative companies, KETs, space applications and technologies, smart and green technologies as stated in the main areas of cooperation in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea. Furthermore, the Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT) and Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TACR) will aim at collaborating in technological areas such as green cars, automobile parts, nanotechnologies and biotechnologies, and so forth: and provide necessary support for bilateral R&D projects. Strategic cooperation will also include exchange of information, know-how and best practices regarding the support in applied research and innovation.

13. Both Sides wish to hold Czech-Korea Infrastructure and Transportation Meeting on regular basis to discuss ways for facilitating bilateral cooperation in the fields of connectivity such as railway and road infrastructure, logistics, and intelligent transport systems. The potential for jointly entering into thirdmarkets can be also discussed.
14. To further strengthen bilateral cooperation, both Sides will make efforts to conclude ongoing negotiation to revise existing bilateral agreements on the promotion and reciprocal protection of investments and on the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

Cultural and Tourism Cooperation, and People-to-People Exchanges

15. Acknowledging the increasing trends of cultural and people-to-people exchanges that contribute highly to the promotion of bilateral relations of the two countries, both Sides will continue to make efforts to exchange cultural events and to encourage tourism in both countries.
16. Both Sides are ready to explore ways to promote youth mobility between the two countries using the relevant frameworks, namely the possibilities offered by the Working Holiday Program and Erasmus+ Programme.

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