Responsible Arctic Participation

Sustainable Business in the Arctic

Addressing the Arctic Challenges & International Contribution

Republic of Korea:
A Pioneer and Partner in opening the Future of the Arctic Together

Three Policy Goals

Four Strategies & Projects

Economic Opportunities
- Building foundation for economic cooperation
- Investigating opportunities in shipping/transportation
- Cooperation in energy/resource, and fisheries

Arctic Participation as a responsible observer
- Supporting the works of the Arctic Council
- Engaging in International fora
- Building multi & bilateral partnerships

Scientific Research
- Strengthening Env’tal monitoring
- Climate change prediction & responses
- Enhancing science capacities

Capacity Building
- Establishing polar vision and legislation
- Nurturing expertise in polar area
- Public outreach and communications

To address global needs
Vision

Policy Goal

Four strategic plans

Polar-contribution country

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Policy Goal

Korean Arctic Policy Model
2050 Polar Vision Statement by MOF (Korea): Dec. 2018

Korea's Polar Vision 2050

2050 Polar Vision Statement

The polar regions, a barometer of global climate and environmental changes, hold the key to the future of humanity. In recognition that they are also indispensable parts for national development, we have a commitment to usher the regions into a promising future by addressing challenges caused by human activities and expanding the scope for international communication and cooperation.

We, the Republic of Korea shall endeavor to:

• promote the policies to preemptively respond to the effects of climate change on the regions, acknowledging the connection between the Regions and the Korean Peninsula;
• cooperate in further sustainable development and rational utilization of resources in the regions;
• foster future-oriented industries for the shared prosperity with the regions of enormous potential;
• enhance our national science capacity through innovation-driven research on the regions and its result and production of practical applications;
• join international efforts to protect the environment of the regions, recognizing that the regions are a borrowed asset from the future generations;
• extend the scope of interactions and build trust with the local communities of the regions, including Arctic indigenous peoples, to preserve their social and cultural traditions as a common heritage of the humankind; and,
• strengthen the capacity for polar activities by expanding the research infrastructure, including the 3rd research station in the inner Antarctic and nurturing of promising researchers and experts.
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