



Korea-UAE Agree to Increase Flight Rights from 15 to 21 times

A Week for the First Time in 14 Years

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- *Aviation talks between Korea and the United Arab Emirates (12~13 Oct.) to compromise on increasing air traffic rights between the two countries*
- *Expected to enhance the convenience of travel between the two countries and significantly expand people and logistics exchanges*

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) held an Aviation Talks* with the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Seoul on 12~13 October to agree on the increase of international air traffic rights** between the two countries.

* (Chief Delegate) Director General for Aviation Policy in MOLIT & Deputy Director General in GCAA, and more

** (Traffic rights) The right to determine the number of weekly flights set by agreement between the two governments.

The UAE is a key partner country in the Middle East with active economic exchanges, such as a \$30 billion investment commitment in Korean companies made last January and the second largest cumulative amount of overseas construction orders (\$83.5 billion), and through this meeting, the bilateral cooperation will be expanded to the air transportation sector.



With this bilateral agreement, the number of flights between Korea and the UAE will be increased from 15 times to 21 times a week, which is a total of 6 flights increased per week being expected to expand opportunities for people and logistics exchanges between the two countries.

For reference, the increase in the traffic rights this time between the two countries has been 14 years since the agreement on the increase of 7 more flights a week (from 8 to 15 times a week) was made back in 2009.

[Details of Increased Traffic Rights]

Routes	Past per week	Currently per week	Increase per week
All Korean Airports - All UAE Airports	8 flights	14 flights	+ 6 times
All Korean Airports - Abu Dhabi Airport, UAE	7 flights	7 flights	-
Total	15 times	21 times	+ 6 times

MOLIT Director General for Aviation Policy KIM Young-guk expressed, "Through this agreement, expansion of fresh booming in the Middle East region such as more Korean companies' entering into the market, and increase in the convenience and selective options for people to travel long distances, including Europe and Africa, are expected to enhance".