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Brussels Korea Forum 2024

The Korea Chair at the **Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy** (CSDS) successfully held the fourth edition of the Brussels Korea Forum on 9 October 2024. Over 80 attendees drawn from EU institutions, NATO, European and Asian governments and the expert and student communities joined the event for a discussion on Europe-Korea security, economic security and trade relations and cooperation. The forum was generously supported by the Korea Foundation.

Republic of Korea Ambassador to the EU, Belgium and NATO **Ryu Jeong-hyun** delivered the opening address. In his remarks, Ambassador Ryu noted: **“I am proud to witness the Korea-EU partnership reaching new heights across trade and investment, security and innovation while addressing global challenges”**.

In a panel focusing on bilateral and global security relations between Europe and South Korea, **Yoon Young-kwan**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and current Chairman of The Asan Institute for Policy Studies indicated: **“The increasingly serious challenges to the rules-based international order have underscored the growing interconnection between the Korean Peninsula and European security, making it imperative for the ROK and the EU to enhance their cooperation”**.

Speaking in a panel discussing economic security and trade relations between Europe and South Korea, **Woo Jung-yeop**, former Director General for Strategy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and current Senior Vice President at the Global Policy Office of Hyundai Motor Group, explained: **“It is important to discuss the possible areas of cooperation to lead to further prosperity in the future that will benefit the people in Korea and the EU”**.

In his remarks closing the forum, **Ramon Pacheco Pardo**, CSDS Korea Chair, indicated: **“The high turnout for this year’s Brussels Korea Forum symbolises the growing importance of Europe-South Korea ties. As developments in the transatlantic and Indo-Pacific theatres become increasingly intertwined, it is crucial for the two sides to develop new channels of communication and understanding. This forum has now become the platform of choice for the two sides to engage in an open dialogue here in Brussels”**.

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