Outcomes of the Eleventh Round of Korea-Canada FTA Negotiations

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1. The eleventh round of Korea-Canada FTA negotiations was held from October 9 – 12 in Ottawa, Canada.

2. The Korean delegation was led by Choi Kyong-lim, the Director-General for FTA Policy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. 40 representatives from other ministries such as the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry also participated in this round of negotiations. The Canadian side was led by Ian Burney, the Director General of the Bilateral and Regional Trade Policy Bureau of the Department of International Trade in Canada, along with 50 other related representatives.

* Korea-Canada FTA negotiations were first initiated in July 2005.

2. During this round, issues concerning commodities, services (including finance, telecommunications, and the movement of labor), investment, sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade (TBT) was discussed and consensus was reached in many sectors.

3. The twelfth round of negotiations will be held in Seoul on the week of November 26th.

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