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Biographies of Participants

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Amb. LEE Moonhee (李文熙) was inaugurated as the Senior Executive Director of Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, on March 2023. Prior to this responsibility, he had served as Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs, Office of National Security (2022).

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Perception between Future Oriented Cooperation and Historical Problem” (2023); “Japan’s Security Policy after the ‘3 Security Document’: Assessment and Implication” (2023), “Japan’s New Plan for FOIP: Analysis and Implication” (2023); “The War in Ukraine and Japan’s Foreign Policy” (2022), “The Yoon Suk Yeol Administration’s Policy toward Japan and ROK-Japan Relations: Assessment and Outlook” (2022); Dr. YOON received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Keio University.

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Origins of the Sino-ROK Cultural Clash amid the Pandemic, *Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies*, July, 2021”; “China’s Dilemma on the Korean Peninsula, *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, June 2013”, etc.

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