On-site Participants Guide

Asian Borderlands Conference 2022

Travel Checklist for Asian Borderlands Conference 2022

South Korea imposes arrival restrictions for safe travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge that you go through the procedure below carefully to ensure a successful entry to the country.

Isolation Exemption

The Central Disease Control Headquarters of Korea (CDCH) announced that all overseas entrants are exempt from isolation as of June 8, 2022. Travellers are still subject to undergo one pre-arrival COVID-19 Test and another PCR Test upon arrival.

Pre-departure

1. K-ETA (For Visa free/waiver)

At least 72 hours before boarding your flight, you must complete the K-ETA application online. The K-ETA is valid for 2 years from the approval date. The application fee is 10,000 KRW (approximately 8 euros).

- Please go to this website to apply for your K-ETA: https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/viewstep1.do
- Check if you are eligible to apply for a K-ETA: https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/guide/viewetaalification.do.

You will need the following documents for the application process:

- ✓ Your ID photo (digital file)
- ✓ Your passport information
- ✓ Your accommodation details, such as address and phone number
- ✓ Debit or credit card to pay for the fee
- ✓ Conference organizer contact information:
  Reconciliation and Coexistence in Contact Zones (RCCZ) Center
  tel. +82-2-822-6140

> **Important information 1**
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> The K-ETA website may not notify you of the application result. Please check the result manually on the K-ETA application result page. The results are generally available within 24 hours after successful applications. Although, it can take up to 72 hours in some circumstances. You will need your passport number and date of birth to view the result.

2. Pre-departure Covid-19 test

All travelers entering South Korea need to undergo either a pre-departure PCR test within 48 hours or a supervised Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours before the departure date. The 'Negative' test result must be available before departure. Please have the paper-based test result at hand.

Checklist for the Pre-departure Covid-19 test

- ✓ Either a supervised Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) taken at a hospital or clinic, or DNA amplification-based PCR test (RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA or NEAR, etc) is valid.
- ✓ All forms of self-administered tests <u>are not</u> valid regardless of test type.
- ✓ The test should be in English or Korean
- ✓ If the test is in other languages than English or Korean, a translated copy of the test result with a certificate of translation needs to supplement the test result.
- ✓ The name on the test result needs to match the name on the passport (the middle name can be omitted as long as the other names are identical)
- ✓ Passport number or national ID number is acceptable instead of date of birth
- ✓ More information, please see: https://www.airport.kr/ap_file/en/file/covid_quaranti_info.pdf

3. Q-Code Registration

To be exempt from the quarantine, you are required to apply for a Q-Code. The application applies to travelers who are vaccinated in South Korea and abroad. The Q-code registration will make your immigration process much more convenient. You will require the following documents to register. To apply for a Q-Code, please go to this website: https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr/cpassportal/

- ✓ Passport information
- ✓ Vaccination certificate (in English)
- ✓ Travel itinerary and accommodation details
- ✓ Pre-departure PCR or "supervised" Rapid Antigen Test result
- ✓ For Q-Code application guide, please visit: https://overseas.mofa.go.kr/viewer/skin/doc.html?fn=20220421093920026.pdf&rs=/viewer/result/202206 - Guide provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea.

Upon arrival

All passengers must take the arrival PCR test within <u>3 days</u> after entry. You either take the test at the airport or at a COVID-19 screening facility near your accommodation.

> **<u>Important information 2</u>**
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> You will have to remain in isolation at your accommodation until your PCR test result is <u>negative</u>.
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> We highly recommend taking the PCR test as soon as you arrive.

4. Airport test centers (recommended option)

The airport testing centers are located in both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The operation hours are 7.00 – 21.00 every day with a break between 17.30-18.00. After taking the test, you can leave the airport by the public transportation or taxi to your accommodation and wait for your test result there.

A PCR test at the Incheon airport test centers costs 80,000 KRW (approximately 64 euros)

- ✓ Please see this website for more information on the airport testing facilities and when to expect the test result: https://www.airport.kr/ap_cnt/en/svc/covid19/medica2/medica2.do
- ✓ To book your test appointment with the airport testing center, see this website: https://safe2gopass.com/

5. Other medical institutions

Aside from airport test centers, you can also visit various COVID-19 screening centers close to your accommodation. Below are the screening centers close to the conference venue.

- ✓ Chung Ang University Hospital
    - o Address: 102, Heukseok-ro, Dongjak-gu, Seoul (Google Maps)
    - o Telephone: +82 1800-1114
- ✓ **CLICK HERE** for the complete list of medical institutions that can perform the COVID-19 PCR Test (last updated on 12 April 2022).

6. On the 6th or 7th day since the arrival date

We recommend that the participants who plan to stay in South Korea longer than the conference dates take a Rapid Antigen Test (COVID self-test) on the sixth or seventh day following the arrival date.

Participants below 60 can choose to conduct the RAT test by themselves or at a medical or COVID-19 screening facility. Participants aged 60 and above should undergo a PCR test at a medical or COVID-19 screening facility.