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GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



14th Plenary Meeting
UN-GGIM-AP

24-26 Sept 2025 | KINTEX 2, Republic of Korea

Information Note



Introduction

The 14th Plenary Meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP, hosted by the National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of the Republic of Korea, will take place at KINTEX in Goyang-si, Republic of Korea, from 24 to 26 September 2025.

UN-GGIM-AP is one of the five regional committees under the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. It represents the National Geospatial Information Authorities of 56 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. UN-GGIM-AP aims to promote the use of geospatial information in identifying problems and finding solutions, so that the economic, social and environmental benefits of geospatial information will be maximized in the Asia-Pacific region.

The 14th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP will focus on the strategic use of artificial intelligence and geospatial information to strengthen data-driven decision-making and enhance resilience in times of crisis. The meeting will also promote intergovernmental cooperation to address a wide range of global challenges, including natural disasters, climate change, and public health emergencies. In alignment with the vision of “Geo-Innovation & Geo-Solutions: Shaping the Future” participants will work toward building an integrated geospatial information management framework across the Asia-Pacific region, thereby maximizing economic, social, and environmental benefits while advancing progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Conference Overview

Title The 14th Plenary Meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP

Date 24–26 September 2025 (Wednesday–Friday)

Venue KINTEX, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea

Participants Member states of UN-GGIM-AP

Host & Organizer The Republic of Korea(NGII) & the UN-GGIM-AP Secretariat





Program Outline

Time	DAY1 9/24 (WED)	Day2 9/25 (THU)	Day3 9/26 (FRI)
09:00-10:00	Registration	IGIF Workshop < Geo Forum for ASIA and The PACIFIC >	Registration
10:00-11:00	Opening Ceremony	Break Time	14 th Plenary Meeting
11:00-12:00	Global Seminar < Geo Forum for ASIA and The PACIFIC >		
12:00-13:00	Lunch	IGIF Workshop < Geo Forum for ASIA and The PACIFIC >	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Global Seminar < Geo Forum for ASIA and The PACIFIC >	Lunch	14 th Plenary Meeting
14:00-15:00		Break Time	
15:00-16:00		EB Meeting	Break Time
16:00-17:00	Coffee Break	Working Group Meeting	Working Group Meeting
17:00-18:00	Global Seminar < Geo Forum for ASIA and The PACIFIC >		14 th Plenary Meeting
18:00 -	Break Time		
	Gala Dinner		

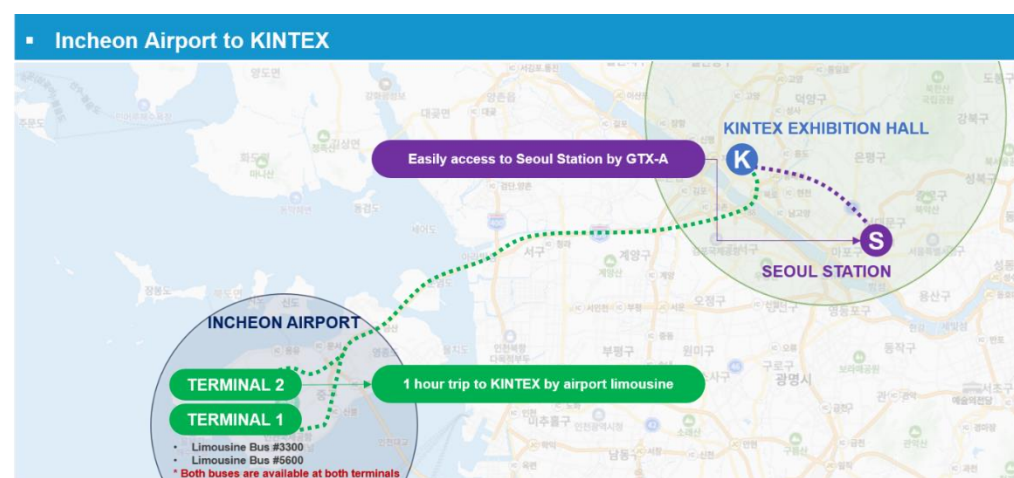
Venue / Korea International Exhibition Center

KINTEX is an international exhibition and convention center with the largest exhibition area in Korea, jointly funded by the central and local governments. **Take a VR tour of the KINTEX facility on the official [website](#).**

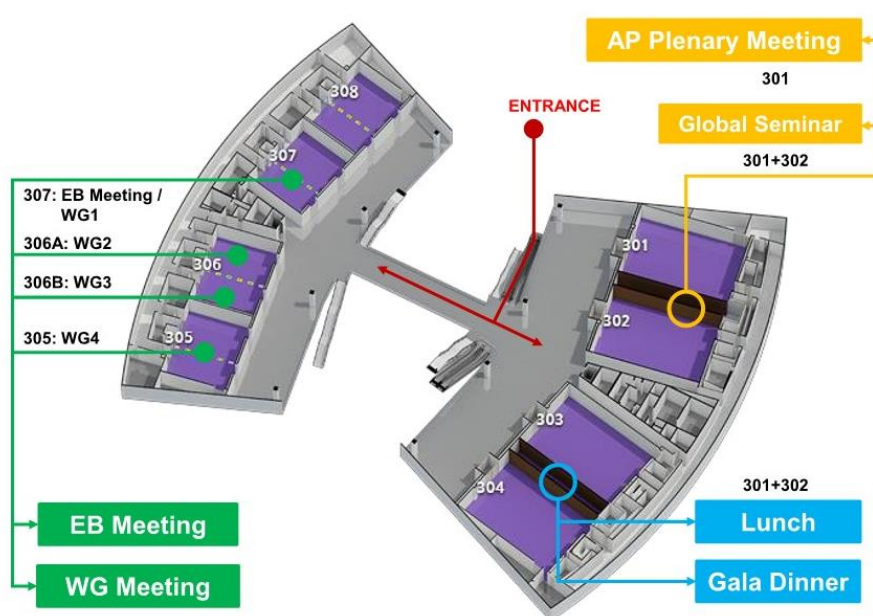
Location. 217-59, Kintex-ro, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea, 10390

Tel. +82 (31) 995-8114

For directions, please kindly refer to [Google Maps](#). (You can also find information on transportation from Incheon International Airport to the venue [here](#).)



The conference will be held at **KINTEX, specifically in Exhibition Hall 2**. Please ensure that you go to **KINTEX 2**, as there are two separate exhibition halls within the KINTEX complex.



Language

The 14th Plenary Meeting of the UN-GGIM-AP will be conducted in English, with synchronized translation service provided.

Registration

The registration desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. on September 24 at the 3rd floor lobby of KINTEX Exhibition Hall 2. As 'Geo Forum for ASIA and The Pacific (Global Seminar)' *begins at 10:00 a.m.*, please arrive at least 30 minutes early to complete registration and receive your ID badge and welcome kit.

Gala Dinner

Date	Place	Time	Contents
9/24 (Wed)	KINTEX 2 303/304	18:00-18:10	Welcoming Remarks
		18:10-19:10	Gala Dinner
		19:10-19:30	Cultural Performance
		19:30-	Closing and Announcements

A Welcome Banquet, featuring a cultural performance, will be held on 24 September.

The banquet will consist of a full-course dinner and will be accompanied by wine, cocktails, soft drinks, and traditional Korean liquors.

[Cultural Performance] Gugak B-Boys, S-FLAVA

S-FLAVA presents a new Korean cultural experience by blending the globally recognized Korean b-boying culture with Korean traditional music (Gugak), showcasing dynamic and unique performances that fuse tradition and modernity.

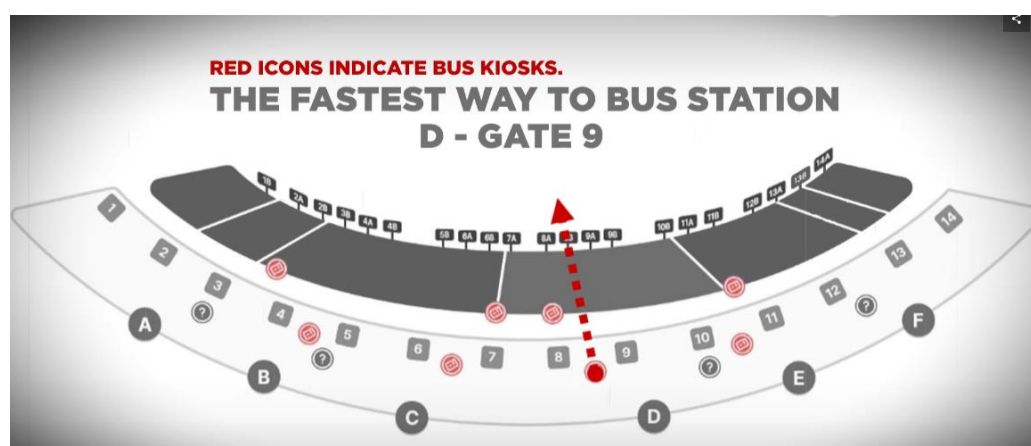


GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting There

Traveling to Goyang, where KINTEX is located, is easy and convenient from anywhere in the world. Incheon International Airport, just a 50-minute drive away, is a major hub for airlines like Korean Air, Asiana Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Emirates, and Singapore Airlines. These airlines offer extensive direct routes to major cities worldwide, ensuring convenient and efficient travel to and from Korea. Incheon's state-of-the-art facilities and streamlined transfer processes make it a preferred transit point for both passengers and cargo. Comprehensive transportation options are available at the airport, connecting you to key locations throughout Korea.

Incheon Airport to Hotel



Meeting place: Our staff, wearing a vest with the UN-GGIM-AP logo, will be stationed at Incheon International **Airport Terminal 1, Gate D-9 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on September 22–23** to assist you with boarding the shuttle bus. We will also provide instructions on how to get from the KINTEX drop-off point to your hotel.

If you require any assistance, please kindly contact the designated point of contact below.

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Staff's vest design for your reference



Ride Sharing, Taxi and Parking

Taking taxis in Korea is very convenient, and they can be easily hailed on the street. Major taxi services, such as KakaoTaxi and TADA, are also available through mobile apps. While ride-sharing services are limited, options like Uber are available in certain areas.

K-GEO Festa (Docent Tour)

The **2025 K-GEO Festa**, now in its 17th year, is Korea's largest geospatial information technology exchange expo, developed in tandem with the growth of the geospatial information industry. The event, hosted by the **Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT)**, will take place from **September 24 to 26**.

It will present the future of the geospatial information industry, highlighting cutting-edge technologies and cross-industry convergence.

Under the theme of the latest technologies and convergence trends in geospatial information, a key infrastructure of the Digital Platform Government, the event will feature exhibitions, conferences, and various side programs.

Docent Tour: Two guided tour sessions will be offered on **Thursday, September 25**,

- **First session:** 13:30–14:30
- **Second session:** 14:30–15:30



LOCAL INFORMATION (Including Travel and Weather)

Connectivity & Free Public Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available in public places frequently visited by citizens, such as community centers, welfare facilities, traditional markets, and city buses. This service is provided in collaboration with Korea's three major telecommunications companies: KT, SKT, and LG U+.

To connect, search for available Wi-Fi signals in your wireless network settings and select the 'Public WiFi Free' SSID. Then, launch a web browser (using the default browser on your device is recommended). On the public Wi-Fi connection screen, click the button on the right side of 'Use Public WiFi' to access your desired service.

Currency & Banking

The Korean currency is the won, with denominations of 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, and 50,000 won bills, and 10, 50, 100, and 500 won coins. The exchange rate fluctuates with the market, with KRW 1,393 equaling US\$ 1 as of September 4, 2025.

Foreign currency can be exchanged for KRW at most banks and authorized money changers. Banks are generally open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. ATMs are available 24 hours a day.

Foreign exchange services are also available at Incheon International Airport, designated hotels, and local banks, though commission fees may vary.

Emergency Services

If you need urgent medical assistance or are in a life-threatening situation, call the national emergency number 119. For police assistance, please dial 112.

Language

The official language of Korea is Korean. However, a growing number of Koreans speak English. Feel free to ask for assistance from locals, who are usually happy to help.

Most tourist destinations provide information in multiple languages, including English.



Power Plugs

The standard voltage in Korea is 220 volts. Outlets have two round holes, the same type used in countries such as France, Germany, Austria, Greece, Turkey, and others.

Time Zone and Daylight Saving Time

Seoul is nine hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+9). South Korea does not observe Daylight Saving Time (DST) and follows Korea Standard Time (KST) year-round.

Tipping

Tipping is not customary in Korea. However, a 10% service charge may be added to the bill in tourist hotels and some large restaurants.

Tax Refund

Overseas travelers can receive a 10% VAT refund for purchases made at certified 'tax refund' or 'tax free' stores. To qualify, the purchases must be between 15,000 and 1,000,000 won per purchase, and you need to present your passport at payment. You must keep your receipt and the goods must be taken out of Korea within 3 months to claim the refund.

Weather

Early September in Korea is the beginning of autumn, with temperatures becoming cooler and more comfortable. Average temperatures range from **20°C to 30°C**. Days are generally mild and pleasant, but mornings and evenings can feel cool. The skies are often clear, though occasional rain is possible, so bringing a light jacket and umbrella is recommended

Getting Around Goyang and Seoul

Seoul and Goyang City in Gyeonggi-do are well-connected by an efficient public transportation network, including multiple subway lines (Line 3 and Gyeongui-Jungang Line) and buses, making travel quick and easy. Well-maintained roads and frequent services ensure stress-free commuting to major attractions and business districts.

Taxis can easily be hailed on the streets and are clean, safe and affordable. There are standard, deluxe, and international taxis (with English, Japanese, and Chinese services). Since drivers may not speak much English, it's recommended to carry a hotel card or have your destination written in Korean.

Attractions near KINTEX

For more information, please visit the website, '[Visit Goyang](#)'.



Culture Station SEOUL 284

A cultural space that has been meticulously restored to its original form as Seoul Station, a significant landmark in Korea's modern history and a pivotal transportation and exchange hub.

1, Tongil-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul

(Distance) 30km, 17 minutes by GTX-A



Ilsan Lake Park

It is the largest park in Korea, with a total of 9.1 km of trails, including 4.7 km of bicycle paths and the Metasequoia Trail. Of particular interest is moonrise island, located in the center of the lake.

731, Hosu-ro, Ilsandong-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do

(Distance) 4.5km, 17 minutes by local bus (Bus 91 or 33 from KINTEX)



Western Dom & Ilsan Garosu-gil

The dome-shaped building is designed with a European flair and evokes the charm of Santorini, Greece. It features a variety of cafes, restaurants and shopping malls.

80, Juyeop-ro, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do

(Distance) 4.2km, 15 minutes by local bus (Bus 66 or 11)



Hyundai Motorstudio Goyang

South Korea's largest mobility theme park, where visitors can learn about the mechanics of cars and the manufacturing process.

217-6, Kintex-ro, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do

(Distance) 1.4km, 12 minutes on foot from KINTEX



Starfield Goyang

A substantial shopping and entertainment complex, offering a range of global brands, dining options, a cinema, and leisure facilities.

1955, Goyang-daero, Deogyang-gu, Goyang-si- Gyeonggi-do
(Distance) 3.5km, 16 minutes by local bus from KINTEX (Bus 9700 or 058)



Paju Book City

A cultural and publishing hub with numerous publishing houses, design studios, and art spaces set in a planned city focused on books and creativity.

145, Hoedong-gil, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do
(Distance) 16km, 35 minutes by intercity bus (Bus 200 or 2200 from Daehwa Station)



Ilsan Traditional Market

A local market that is both vibrant and authentic, offering a selection of fresh produce, street food, and a glimpse into Korea's traditional marketplace culture.

9, Ilcheong-ro 12beon-gil, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si
(Distance) 6.7km, 18 minutes by local bus from KINTEX (Bus 56 or 33)



Aqua Planet Ilsan

One of Korea's largest aquariums located near KINTEX, showcasing diverse marine life, animal shows, and interactive exhibits.

282, Hallyuwoldeu-ro, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do
(Distance) 0.3km , 5 minutes on foot from KINTEX Exhibition Center II

Attractions in Seoul Metropolitan City

For more information, please kindly visit the [‘Visit Korea’](#) and [‘Visit Seoul’](#) websites.

Gyeongbokgung Palace: This iconic palace from the Joseon Dynasty offers a glimpse into Korea's history and traditional architecture. Visitors can enjoy the regular changing of the guard ceremony and at nearby hanbok stores, experience wearing traditional Korean hanbok for photos.



Insa-dong: Insa-dong, located in the heart of the city, is a vibrant area where traditional goods are displayed and sold. The main road is lined with galleries, traditional restaurants, teahouses, and cafes, with many more hidden in the surrounding alleys.



Namsan Seoul Tower: Namsan Seoul Tower is one of Seoul's most famous landmarks, offering a 360-degree view of the city from its observation deck. It's particularly known for its stunning night views and the 'Locks of Love,' where couples leave padlocks as symbols of their love.

Seong-su Street: Located on Seoul's east side, Seongsu-dong has become one of the trendiest cultural hotspots in the city. Once an old industrial area filled with shoe factories, it has transformed into a stylish neighborhood filled with pop-up stores, flagship shops of famous Korean brands, and unique fashion boutiques. Visitors can explore the latest trends in **K-fashion**, discover creative lifestyle items, and even get a closer look at the influence of **K-pop culture**. The streets are lined with renovated warehouses turned into chic cafes, art galleries, and concept spaces, making it a must-visit destination for anyone wanting to experience the cutting edge of Seoul's style and creativity.



Dongdaemun Design Plaza

Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) stands for Dream, Design, and Play. It hosts various exhibitions, fashion shows, forums, conferences, and other domestic and international events.



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